



asa research grant scheme

Expressions of interest | 2020 Funding round

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Background

Through the 2020 ASA Research Grant Scheme, funding is available to support one or more research projects in 2021. Total funding of AU\$30,000 is available to **support and facilitate new research that contributes to the sonography practice.**

This aligns with the ASA strategic intent. Specifically, this funding supports members to undertake quality research which will then lead to publications and contribute to the evidence base of sonography.

ASA Accredited Medical Sonographer members are invited to apply for funding by completing this Expressions of Interest (EOI) document. The EOI and attachments must be submitted via email to cpd@sonographers.org by **5.00 pm (AEST) 30 September 2020.**

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their EOI by **2 December 2020.**

Grant assessment

1. A review panel will convene, composed of three ASA Accredited Medical Sonographer members who have relevant research experience and an ASA Office representative. The panel may co-opt an additional member if experience in a particular field is required.
2. The following criteria will be used to assess EOIs for grant funding.
 - a. The proposed outcomes/findings of the project will significantly contribute to the evidence base of sonography.
 - b. The proposed outcomes/findings of the project apply to sonography practice.
 - c. The project is judged to be feasible, of appropriate design, and likely to be completed within the budget and time frame suggested (i.e. within the 2021 calendar year).
 - d. The principal researcher is an ASA Accredited Medical Sonographer member and has a proven research track record (grants and publications) or can show evidence of being supervised or mentored by a researcher with a proven track record.
 - e. The principal researcher is not a previous recipient of an ASA Research Grant.
 - f. The quality of the budget included, with funds available for:
 - i. consumables and equipment
 - ii. salaries/personnel (paid at gazetted research assistant or sonographer rates)
 - iii. travel related to data collection
 - iv. travel (up to AU\$1,000.00 for travel to a conference) to present findings
 - v. publication costs (reputable peer reviewed journal).
3. If applications are not of a high enough standard to offer a grant, the panel reserves the right not to offer a grant.

Conditions of the grant

1. The recipient will present a subject review and their rationale and findings at an ASA webinar (Note: This will not exclude participants from presenting their findings at other scientific meetings). Recipients are also encouraged to submit abstract(s) of their research for presentation at the ASA Annual International Conference or the Special Interest Group Days.
2. Recipients that receive funding of 50% or more of the grant pool are required to submit at least one manuscript to the ASA journal *Sonography* for publication within two years of receiving the funding.

Recipients who receive less than 50% of the grant pool are required to provide evidence within two years of receiving the funding that they have submitted a draft manuscript on their research to a peer reviewed journal. They are encouraged to consider submitting a manuscript to the ASA journal *Sonography*.
3. At the conclusion of the grant, the recipient will provide a grant report that includes statements on the progress and outcomes of the research, including successes and challenges, and budget adherence.
4. All presentations or publications must acknowledge the support of the ASA as a grant funding body.

Payment of the grant

There are two ways to accept a funding offer. Please note the GST implications associated with either option.

1. If the funding is to be held by an educational institution or other organisation on your behalf, you will be required to arrange for them to provide the ASA a Tax Invoice for the amount of the grant + GST.

OR
2. If the funding is to be paid to you as an individual, you will be required to provide an invoice with your ABN and bank account details for payment of the grant. Note: there may be tax implications for you with this option, and you are encouraged to have obtained financial advice on this.

Expression of Interest

SECTION A – OVERVIEW	
Chief investigator (applicant):	
Title and salutation:	
ASA Member number:	
Host organisation: <i>Please include a contact name and contact details</i>	
Project title:	
Project summary (max. 300 words): <i>Summarise your research question(s) and methodology. Outline how this project will add to the sonography evidence base and/or improved patient outcomes</i>	

SECTION A – OVERVIEW

<p>List sites at which the project will be conducted:</p>	
<p>Total amount requested \$AUD (including GST if applicable):</p> <p><i>Total not to exceed AU\$30,000</i> <i>To be detailed at Section D – Budget</i></p>	<p>\$</p>
<p>Project duration:</p> <p><i>Up to 12 months</i></p>	
<p>Submissions to other funding sources for this project:</p> <p><i>Include planned, submitted or approved applications.</i> <i>List the funder, expected date of notification of success and the amount(s) requested/granted</i></p>	
<p>Has the chief investigator been the recipient of monetary awards/grants issued by the ASA in the past?</p> <p><i>If so, please provide details including the year of grant/award</i></p>	

SECTION B – RESEARCH TEAM

B1 Chief Investigator (Applicant) Details

Please attach your CV including qualifications, publications and grants previously received

Full name: <i>Please include title/salutation</i>	
Position:	
Organisation:	
Contact phone number:	
Email:	
Postal address:	

B2 Associate Investigators (Up to 5)

At least one mentor must be identified if the applicant does not have a proven research track record

Attach the CV of all investigators including qualifications, publications and grants previously received

	Full name and title:	Contact details (email and phone)	Position:	Organisation:	Contribution:
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

SECTION C – RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Describe the problem and outline the existing evidence that you have considered in developing this proposal:
(*max. 300 words*)

What is the research question? (*max. 100 words*)

SECTION C – RESEARCH PROPOSAL *cont*

Describe the research (*max. 800 words*)

Include details such as study design, sampling methods and selection criteria, primary and secondary outcomes, data sources/research tools, data collection methods, sample size and power calculations, statistical analysis

SECTION C – RESEARCH PROPOSAL *cont*

Provide the rationale for the approach and any potential barriers and risk mitigation strategies (*max. 200 words*)
List key approvals that are needed before the commencement of the project i.e. ethics and governance approvals

Describe consideration given to scalability and value for money of your research project and outcome
(max. 150 words)

What new or relevant evidence will the research project generate for sonographic practice/policy or patient outcomes? What are your plans for promoting the research outcomes? (*max. 300 words*)

SECTION D – BUDGET

- Provide here the detail of requested funds and co-contributions.
- For salaries, please specify the salary level, on-costs and FTE allocation.
- Applicants are reminded to include GST costs where relevant.
- Please note the budget must be expended within one year of provision.

Budget item: e.g. Salary (research assistant)	Funding requested (\$):	Description: (<i>< 100 words per item</i>). Please indicate all cash and in-kind contributions
TOTAL		

Declaration

Please attach a letter from the host organisation verifying that:

- they have read and understood the implications of this project to the organisation
- they support the project.

Save your form and attachments as a PDF file using the following naming convention:

Your surname ASA EOI.pdf
e.g. Smith ASA EOI.pdf

and email the form to cpd@sonographers.org

Signature of Applicant (Chief Investigator):

Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Checklist for ASA Research Grant Scheme Applicants

Task	✓
1. You are ASA Accredited Medical Sonographer members	
2. All sections of the EOI form are complete	
3. You have complied with the document instructions, including any word limits where indicated	
4. CVs for all people listed in Section B are included	
5. A letter from the host organisation is included	
6. The EOI is signed and dated	
7. The form and attachments are saved as a PDF file using the naming convention	
8. The EOI and attachments are submitted electronically before the deadline	