



Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society (ANZBMS)

in conjunction with

Bone Health Foundation (BHF)

Research Grants-in-Aid

The Australian and New Zealand bone and mineral research community has a proven track record of producing internationally competitive research outcomes which have a meaningful impact on individuals with poor bone health. Together the ANZBMS and the BHF are committed to ensuring this track record of excellence and impact, continues and thrives in the current climate of complex national funding conditions.

As such, the ANZBMS is delighted to announce a new initiative. Jointly, the ANZBMS and BHF will support high quality unfunded bone and mineral-related research applications. The purpose is to enable mid-career researchers who have been unsuccessful in a major research grant application to continue to generate data to strengthen their application and enhance their competitiveness in subsequent major grant rounds.

The Awards:

ANZBMS and BHF will co-fund up to 2 x one-year Grants-in-Aid of up to AUD\$25,000 (GST exclusive) in 2021.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must have been a financial member of the ANZBMS for at least 12 months prior to, and for the duration of the award period.
- The project must be focused on bone and mineral research and must not be currently funded from a major National or International funding body (e.g. NHMRC, ARC, or similar scale funding), or by any other industry-sector funding.
- Applicants must be mid-career researchers, defined as being 5 to 15 years full-time equivalent since first post-graduate research or medical qualification, at the grant application close date.
- The proposal must be a 12-month feasible project, which is a bone and mineral research-related component of a recent unsuccessful application considered by a National or International funding agency.
- The proposed project must be located, and funds managed within a University, hospital, or registered research institution based in Australia or New Zealand.
- The applicant must reside in Australia or New Zealand, and be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, have resident status, or have the appropriate visa to work in Australia or New Zealand for the duration of the funding period.

- The applicant must be available to support philanthropic activities of the Bone Health Foundation during the grant tenure and for 12 months following as required.

How to apply:

Eligible applicants must submit a completed 2021 Grant-in-Aid Application Form (<https://www.anzbms.org.au/award-anzbms-bone-health-foundation-grant.asp>), including:

- The proposal, detailing the background and preliminary data, hypothesis, aims and methods for a research project that can be completed within a 12-month period.
- A statement of how the Grant-in-Aid will strengthen future project applications and improve competitiveness for future funding.
- Evidence that the project directly relates to the core objectives of the BHF and ANZBMS.
- A detailed budget to support direct research costs related to the project (i.e. resources, sample maintenance, consumables and equipment, partial salary for support personnel, as required). "Indirect" costs, including institutional overheads and infrastructure costs, plus PhD stipends will not be covered.
- A bio-sketch (three pages maximum) including funding obtained, publications accepted, and relevant highlights of conference presentations during the past five years (adjusted for career disruptions).
- A copy of the larger funding application that was submitted to a major National or International funding round (the most recently competed round of the particular scheme), and a copy of the formal decision letter from that funding body.

Applications must be submitted through the RAO of the applicant's administering institution, by email to:

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Application deadline: 5pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on March 12.
No late applications will be accepted.

Assessment: Applications will be assessed by an independent research panel of experts with both clinical and basic science experience from the ANZBMS and BHF.

If the applicant is awarded funds to carry out the described work prior to notification of the outcome of this grant-in-aid they must notify the ANZBMS and withdraw their application immediately.

For further questions please contact Ivone Johnson ijohnson@anzbms.org.au.

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