

2020



# ASMIRT

Guidelines

**Research Scholarship**

*Your profession. Your future.*



There are a number of protected titles for medical radiation practice. They include:

Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP)

Diagnostic Radiographer (DR)

Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT)

Radiographer

Nuclear Medicine Scientist (NMS)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT)

Radiation Therapist (RT).

For the purposes of our documentation we use the broad descriptor Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP) recognising that it covers a range of areas of practice.



[info@asmirt.org](mailto:info@asmirt.org)  
[www.asmirt.org](http://www.asmirt.org)  
PO Box 16234,  
Collins Street West,  
VIC 8007, Australia  
+61 3 9419 3336



## Introduction

To enhance the research base within Medical Radiation Science, the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) will award up to two research scholarships per year in the fields of medical imaging, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy. Applications from nuclear medicine technologists will be assessed under the medical imaging category. Each of the reimbursement scholarships will be for up to a maximum of \$10,000 (including GST). The scholarships are designed to encourage researchers to develop projects which will add to the evidence base of the Medical Radiation Science professions.

The emphasis of this scheme is on broadening the research base in the profession and to aid the development of research within the membership. The Research Committee of the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy calls for applications from the voting membership involved in research or who are planning to conduct research within the next two years. These ASMIRT scholarships provide an opportunity for voting members to develop the skills and experience needed to compete successfully for funds from other sources, such as external funding bodies.

## Application procedure

Completed applications must be forwarded to the Research Committee (details below).

The applications will be assessed and ranked in order of merit by the Research Committee using a scoring matrix. The Research Committee will then recommend to the Board of Directors (BoD) of ASMIRT the successful proposals and applicants who have been awarded the research scholarships.

It is the responsibility of the Research Committee to ensure that projects recommended to the BoD for the award of a scholarship are of an appropriate standard and will contribute to the evidence base within the Medical Radiation Science professions. The Research Committee may recommend to the BoD that no application is suitable for the award of a scholarship, even when this may be the only application.



## Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed and ranked using the following:

- eligibility of the applicant(s) – Principal Investigator must be an ASMIRT Voting Member for a minimum 12 months prior to application. For the duration of the scholarship the Principal Investigator must remain an ASMIRT voting member
- quality of the research proposal (originality, literature review, clear detailed plan, collaborative, feasibility & timeline, grammar & formatting, budget justification)
- suitability of the project to enhance the research base of the medical radiation science professions
- likelihood of the work leading to a publishable outcome and follow-up research grants
- potential of interprofessional collaboration

## Timescale

Each year the following will occur:

- July through September the Research Scholarship will be advertised
- A closing date of September for applications. Applicants will receive an acknowledgement within two working days of receipt of their application.
- In October applications will be reviewed and recommendations will be forwarded to the ASMIRT Board of Directors at their November Board meeting.
- Recipients will be advised of outcome in December.
- Recipients of scholarships for the coming year will be announced in Spectrum. Successful recipients will be asked to provide a photograph (head shot) for inclusion in the announcement and a summary of the project.

## Submission details

This application form must be filled in electronically.

Email the completed application as a single PDF document to the research committee at [research@asmirt.org](mailto:research@asmirt.org)

An email will be sent to confirm receipt of the application.



### **Use of research funds**

Funds awarded under this grant can be used for any research costs with the exception of capital equipment (including university overheads), conference and travel expenses.

Claim for reimbursement for funds awarded must be made within 2 years of approval date. All claims received after the deadline will not be awarded.

### **Ethics approval**

Research that involves human subjects or materials of human origin must be carried out in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the NHMRC Code of Practice.

Research that involves animal experimentation must be carried out in accordance with the Animal Research Act (1985) and accompanying Code of Practice.

Applications for this research scholarship may be made before ethics approval has been granted, but funds will not be released until evidence is provided to ASMIRT that ethics approval is granted. Most hospitals, universities and health authorities have animal care and ethics committees and/or ethics in human research committees. Applicants are advised to discuss their proposal with the chairperson of the appropriate ethics committee before submission. Applicants are also advised to prepare and submit applications for ethics approval at the earliest possible opportunity as the process often takes some time.

### **Scholarship Outcome**

The successful applicant in their bid for this research scholarship will publish their results in the ASMIRT publication Journal of Medical Radiation Science or other appropriate peer-reviewed journal and present the research and results at an ASMIRT conference.

