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**“DAVID HENNING MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
PHD SCHOLARSHIP” INVESTIGATING
DEPRESSION**

**Forward Application Form to:
Bridget Moore
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Australian Rotary Health
PO Box 3455, Parramatta NSW 2124
&
BridgetMoore@australianrotaryhealth.org.au**

Closing date for applications: 11th December 2015

Applicants for this scholarship must be eligible to undertake a PhD program in a University or Research Institute in New South Wales.

GUIDE TO APPLICANTS

PhD Scholarship investigating Depression

Australian Rotary Health

Australian Rotary Health is a multi-district project for Rotary in Australia, with over 1,150 Rotary Clubs and 38,000 Rotarians supporting it. Australian Rotary Health has channelled more than \$33 million in Australian research projects over its 33 year history. Australian Rotary Health's emphasis has been on community health and has previously invested in research projects looking at Cot Death, Adolescent Health, Family Health as well as the Ross River Virus, Malaria, Bowel Cancer screening, First Aid and Emergency Care Research. Australian Rotary Health's Funding Partners Program has invested in over \$1 million in the best and brightest minds in fields as diverse as Heart Disease, Child Wellbeing, Suicide, Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neuron Disease, Alzheimer's and most of the Cancers.

Objectives of Australian Rotary Health

- To provide financial support for research projects conducted in Australia which have the potential to enhance the health of the community.
- To stimulate research activities within Australia by facilitating communication between participants in specified fields.
- To support specific research fields for a minimum of three years.

Applications will be evaluated on the following

- Academic Record.
- Scientific excellence of the application.
- Feasibility of the proposed research.
- Quality of the intended supervisor/s
- Relevance to Community-Based Interventions.

Information for Applicants

- It is intended that Australian Rotary Health will provide stipend and incidental support for a postgraduate student who is undertaking **full time** research in Depression.
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, or New Zealand citizen, and not be under bond to any foreign government in order to be eligible. Evidence of citizenship (citizenship certificate, birth certificate, passport) or residential status must accompany this application.
- Only applicants **about to commence a PhD** in early-2016 are eligible to apply.
- Applicants enrolled in a combined degree are not eligible to apply (e.g., PhD/ Masters).
- The annual value of the "Australian Rotary Health/David Henning Memorial Foundation Scholarship" is **\$29,000**. The award will be made for one year in the first instance but can be extended for a maximum of three years (total) upon receipt of satisfactory annual progress reports.

- Payments are restricted by Income Tax authorities to entities endorsed as a deductible gift recipient under subdivision 30-Ba of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.
- To qualify, projects must be undertaken within a university, public hospital, research institute or other body within Australia approved under Section 78 of the Income Assessment Act.
- Applicant's receiving additional stipend funding, such as an APA or NHMRC scholarship, are **not eligible to apply**. If you have not yet received confirmation of additional funding, you may still apply for this scholarship, but must notify Australian Rotary Health immediately if an offer is made, in which case your application will be withdrawn.
- Additional salaried work must not exceed NHMRC guidelines.

Scholarship Conditions

- Successful applicants will be required to address Rotary groups on certain occasions over the term of the scholarship, in particular Rotary Club of Parramatta City. These functions will be arranged at mutually accepted times, and travel expenses will be covered by Australian Rotary Health.
- All publications or presentations emanating from an approved project must acknowledge Australian Rotary Health and David Henning Memorial Foundation, and copies must be forwarded to Australian Rotary Health.
- The Funding Partner scholarship will be funded for one year in the first instance and will be extended for up to three ½ years dependant on the receipt of satisfactory annual progress reports. Interim reports are required in November of each year and are to be submitted on a prescribed form. These reports will be used to assist the Research Committee to determine if further funding should be sought.
- A final and/or annual report is to be submitted on completion of the project period.
- The content provided in these reports will be used to publicise the work of Australian Rotary Health, which may include newsletters, social media, annual reports, advertising, public relations and other promotional material. It will also be published on the Australian Rotary Health website and distributed to affiliated partners, including Rotarians, Research Committee members and the Australian Rotary Health Board of Directors.
- A bound copy of your thesis is to be submitted to Australian Rotary Health on completion of the project.

How to Apply

Failure to follow these instructions concerning the application form could prejudice the success of your application.

- The application should be complete in itself. Do not assume that the person reading it will have access to any of your previous applications.
- It is in your interest to be precise concise in your application. Applicant's who are able to describe their project in plain and simple English will be highly regarded.
- Do not add annexes or other documents to this application except those requested.
- The minimum size typeface to be used is 12pt (any font).

- Do not change page divisions. **In no situation should the page limits be exceeded.**
- Important references to other publications in the field should be quoted so the assessors can relate the importance of the application to the field in general.
- Applicants and supervisors should list their own publications over the past five years. Quote only those references that have been accepted or have been published in refereed journals.
- The **original** plus **one** copy of (i) the typed application, (ii) original or certified copy of academic transcript (including an institutional key to the grading system), (iii) curriculum vitae and (iv) three referee reports (see Section 9) should be sent by mail to Australian Rotary Health, through the Administrative Office of your Institution. Please ensure that the complete application form (including all supporting documentation) is stapled or bulldog clipped.
- Please also email **one** copy of the above to Bridget Moore at BridgetMoore@australianrotaryhealth.org.au through the Administrative Office of your Institution. Please ensure that the complete application form (including all supporting documentation) is compiled into one Word or PDF document. Thus, we require **three** applications in total.
- The electronic copy and mailed copies of your application form and supporting documentation must be received by Australian Rotary Health no later than **Friday, December 11th**. Late applications will not be considered.

Funding Source

- The Funding Partners scholarship offered here relies on a funding partnership between Australian Rotary Health and your administering University or Institute.
- Australian Rotary Health provides \$18,000 per annum and your University/Institute, Department/School or Laboratory provides \$11,000 per annum for the duration of the 3 year scholarship.
- Confirmation that University funds are available to commit to this scholarship should accompany this application (Section 9). If confirmation cannot be received before the application close date, it must be emailed to Bridget Moore at BridgetMoore@australianrotaryhealth.org.au before appointment is made. Note – electronic signatures are permissible for the purposes of application only. If awarded the scholarship, signatures will be required before funding can commence.

Notification

- Applicants, whether successful or unsuccessful, will be notified by **email** in January 2016.
- Applicants who are successful with another funding source (e.g., APA / NHMRC) must advise Australian Rotary Health immediately, and your application will be withdrawn.

All correspondence and enquiries should be addressed to:
 Bridget Moore,
 Research Administration Manager
 Australian Rotary Health
 PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124
 Ph: 02 8837 1900 E: BridgetMoore@australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Checklist

- Has Section 9 been signed by the Department Head and Head of the Institution?

Are the following documents attached?

- Certified Copy of Australian Citizenship (certificate of citizenship, birth certificate or passport), Australian Permanent Residency, or New Zealand Citizenship.
- Original or Certified Copy of Academic Transcript and grading system
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three Referee Reports
- Ethics Approval (if received)

**SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO
AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH THROUGH THE
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER OF YOUR UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTE & VIA EMAIL.**

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ALL ENTRIES ON THIS FORM SHOULD BE TYPED CLEARLY IN BLACK INK.
MINIMUM FONT SIZE SHOULD BE 12PT TYPE FACE.

DO NOT EXCEED PAGE LIMITS

If possible, please print double-sided

Forward the original plus 1 copy by post to:

Bridget Moore

Research Administration Manager

Australian Rotary Health

PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124

OR

Level 2, 43 Hunter Street, NSW, 2150

Also email 1 copy of these documents to:

BridgetMoore@australianrotaryhealth.org.au

DO NOT FAX APPLICATIONS

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**REMOVE THE “GUIDELINE TO APPLICANTS AND CHECKLIST”
FROM THE APPLICATION FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING
YOUR APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH**



**AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH/
DAVID HENNING MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**
PhD Scholarship Application
- DEPRESSION -

1. TITLE OF PROJECT

2. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT AND SUPERVISOR DETAILS

Name:

Proposed commencement of PhD (month/year):

Administering University/Institute:

Proposed Department:

Academic Qualifications:

Year of Birth:

Postal Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Australian Citizen (Y/N):

Permanent Resident of Australia (Y/N):

New Zealand Citizen (Y/N):

Supervisor 1

Name:

Department and Institute of research:

Academic Qualifications:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Supervisor 2

Name:

Department and Institute of research:

Academic Qualifications:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Supervisor 3

Name:

Department and Institute of research:

Academic Qualifications:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

3. PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

Please provide details of any relevant research experience e.g. research electives, full/part time research employment or any additional qualifications. (Max ½ page)

4. SUMMARY OF PROJECT (In plain English/lay language.) (Max ½ page)

5. RESEARCH PROJECT PLAN, AIMS, POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE & BACKGROUND

List the specific aims of the project. If hypotheses are to be tested, they should be clearly stated. Provide a description of how you selected the project and how the results from your study will help to improve the health of Australians. (Max 2 pages).

**5. RESEARCH PROJECT PLAN, AIMS, POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE & BACKGROUND
CONTINUED**

6. REFERENCES

List all references identified in this application. (Add additional pages as required)

7. PUBLICATIONS OF APPLICANT (IF APPLICABLE) + SUPERVISOR(S) DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS

Please list only published papers and papers accepted for publication in refereed journals from the past five years here. (Add additional pages as required)

8. FUNDING RECEIVED FOR OTHER PROJECTS BY THE APPLICANT'S SUPERVISOR(S) DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS

TITLE OF GRANT	INVESTIGATORS	FUNDING ORGANISATION	TOTAL FUNDING	YEARS

**please add additional pages to this section as required*

9. CERTIFICATION OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTION

I certify that the project is appropriate to the general facilities in my Department and that I am prepared to have the project carried out in my Department. Further the University/Institute, Department/School or Laboratory have committed an amount of \$11,000 p.a for the duration of this scholarship (3 years in total).

Signature of Department Head:

Printed Name:

Department:

Date:

I certify that this request satisfies all the requirements of the Institute.

Signature of Head of Institution:

Printed Name:

Date:

We agree that it is our intention to publish the results of this project in peer reviewed publications and we agree to provide details and copies to Australian Rotary Health of such publications and presentations.

We agree that we accept the responsibility to give credit to Australian Rotary Health in all publications which result from the research funded by the scholarship, all conferences, presentations and proceedings and in any associated publicity or media coverage of the project.

Scholarship Applicant Degree, Discipline, Department & University:

Scholarship Applicant

Signature:

Date:

Supervisor 1 Signature:

Date:

Supervisor 2 Signature:

Date:

Supervisor 3 Signature:

Date:

10. OTHER AWARDS

Have you applied for additional stipend funding (e.g., APA/NHMHRC)? **Yes** **No**
You must notify Australian Rotary Health immediately if an offer is made.

10. ETHICS APPROVAL

Approval by an Institutional Ethics Committee is required for any research on human subjects. Please note that "research" in this context includes any trial experiment, clinical or community based intervention, collection of blood samples or other biological materials, questionnaire or survey, review of case notes or access to medical records.

If the agency or institution which will be responsible for administering the grant does not itself have an Ethics Committee set up according to NHMRC guidelines, it should arrange for research proposals to be reviewed by a local institution which does have such a committee.

Is Ethics Approval enclosed within this application? **(Y/N)**:

If not, when will Ethics Approval be sent to Australian Rotary Health? _____

Does this project involve the in vitro production of recombinant DNA molecules? **(Y/N)**:

*****PAYMENT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL ETHICS CLEARANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

11. CONTACT DETAILS OF REFEREES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

Please provide below the contact details of THREE referees. We suggest either 3 academic (supervisors permitted), or 2 academic and 1 non-academic (ie., past/present employer). Please do not include relatives or friends as your referee.

A pro forma is attached to send to the referees. **Please note it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the referee reports are received by Australian Rotary Health. Please ensure that the referee reports are attached to the application form or emailed to Australian Rotary Health by the application close date.**

REFEREE 1

Name:

Employing Department and Institution:

Email Address:

Phone:

REFEREE 2

Name:

Employing Department and Institution:

Email Address:

Phone

REFEREE 3

Name:

Employing Department and Institution:

Email Address:

Phone



12. Referees Reports

Dear **Referees name**,

Applicants name is applying to Australian Rotary Health for a PhD scholarship in depression. Please provide a report as a referee for this application.

Selection criteria for assessment are based on the applicant's academic record, the scientific excellence of the application, feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the intended supervisor/s and the relevance to community-based interventions.

Please provide a report outlining the key achievements and attributes of the applicant and/or research project that may influence the outcome of their application. In particular and where able, please comment on the applicants academic record, the scientific excellence of the application, feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the intended supervisor/s and the relevance to community-based interventions.

Non-academic referees should comment on applicant's qualities and character.

Please also include your contact information: employing department and institution, appointment, academic qualifications, email and telephone contacts.

Referees reports need to be attached to the scholars application form, or emailed to Australian Rotary Health, and received no later than the closing date of the application: **Friday 11th December, 2015.**

Thank you for your comments and assistance in preparing this application.

Sincerely,

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