



## **PKD Australia Research Grants 2023 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions**

### **Guidelines**

#### *1.1 Scope of Grants*

PKD Australia invests in Australian research that aims to provide a deeper understanding of PKD and/ or improves the outlook and quality of life for PKD patients.

Grants are available for:

#### **1. Discovery (basic scientific) research**

This research:

- a) Is fundamental in nature
- b) aims to understand the genetic, biological and mechanistic processes that lead to PKD and the overall disease presentation
- c) may not have an obvious clinical endpoint

#### **2. Clinical research**

Including research involving humans and/or pre-clinical animal models

#### **3. Translational research**

Research that may accelerate the development of potential therapies for use in PKD clinical practice e.g. development of treatments and interventions, testing the effectiveness of treatments, population studies and outcome studies.

#### **4. Psychosocial and Public Health Research**

This research:

- a) Is centred on patient care
- b) Is qualitative or quantitative in nature
- c) Has the potential to impact policy and practice

## 5. Other

Alternatively, research may be targeted at specific issues relevant to the disease manifestation of PKD (these may fall under any of the four categories above, depending upon who is doing the research). This may include:

- a) Transplantation research
- b) Cardiovascular research
- c) Hypertension research
- d) Dietary support research

### 1.2 Ethics

- a) Research must be conducted in accordance with the *“Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (the Code).”*
- b) For research involving Human participation, investigators must be familiar with the *“National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) (National Statement (2007)”*
- c) For research involving the use of animals, investigators must be familiar with the *“Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes, 2013 (the Code).”*
- d) Funding will be subject to approval by the appropriate Ethics Committees.

### 1.3 Incomplete, False or Misleading Information

All information submitted to PKD Australia must be complete, current and accurate at the time of submission. Examples of misleading information:

- a) providing a dishonest statement regarding time commitments to the research for which support is being sought.
- b) providing incomplete or inaccurate facts regarding other sources of funding.
- c) providing fabricated track records or misrepresenting publication records (such as describing a paper as accepted for publication when it has only been submitted).

### 1.4 Review Procedures

The scientific merit of each proposal will be judged by PKD Australia’s Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), and additional ad hoc reviewers as needed. PKD Australia’s Board will consider the recommendations of the reviewers and will determine the number of awards to be granted, based on the availability of funds.

## **Terms and Conditions**

Please be advised the following Terms and Conditions apply to your receipt of the PKD Australia grant. **Please note: no indirect costs or GST are paid on this grant.**

1. If applying for an Early Career Research Grant the applicant must ensure that they meet ECR criteria, viz. It has been no more than five years since they completed a PhD or obtained an FRACP.
2. Funding will be subject to approval by the appropriate Ethics Committees.
3. PKD Australia may request that the grant recipient take part in in-person or virtual presentations and discussions to talk broadly about their research connected with PKD.
4. PKD Australia requires a progress report every 6 months into the project and reserves the right to terminate the grant if PKD Australia's SAB determines there has been inadequate progress. Any outstanding research reports due to PKD Australia must be submitted before the awarding of a fresh Grant will be considered.
5. Within 60 days of expiration of the grant, the grant recipient is required to submit a final research report including:
  - a) Summary that can be easily understood by the lay public (maximum 500 words)
  - b) Detailed explanation of all research outcomes
  - c) Financial status report
  - d) Copies of all publications, presentations and/or news related to the research.
6. Grant recipients must acknowledge PKD Australia in all work arising and related to the Grant, including publications, conference presentations and where possible on the grant recipient's research profile.
7. Dissemination of Results (Open Access, Data Sharing and Intellectual Property)
  - a) We encourage the broad dissemination of findings and/or publications arising from research supported by this grant and encourage "open access" publications, where possible.
  - b) Where the utilisation of the grant results in the development of commercial Intellectual Property, PKD Australia may negotiate an appropriate arrangement to share in the income generated by that intellectual property.
8. Upon award of the grant, PKD Australia may use information provided to us in the grant application to secure additional funding for the project through philanthropic channels. This may require some collaboration from the grantee. Our aim is to provide additional funding to the research project in line with our foundation goals.

9. Any unspent funds must be returned to the PKD Australia within 90 days of the conclusion of the grant.

10. Responsibility for all liability, regulation and reporting requirements reside with the researcher, not the PKD Australia.

**I am applying for an Early Career Research grant, and I am eligible to do so.**

**I signify that I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions outlined above:**

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Name

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Signature