

RACGP Foundation PhD Top-Up Scholarship 2025

The RACGP is pleased to offer two PhD top-up scholarships to support outstanding GPs and GPs in training to undertake PhD research in 2025. These scholarships are offered in partnership with university departments of general practice to facilitate the pursuit of rigorous research in general practice.

Before you start

Please note: This application form must be read in conjunction with the [Information for Applicants](#). Please ensure you have read this information before completing and submitting your application to ensure that you have fulfilled all requirements.

Scholarship details

Two top-up scholarships are available. Each scholarship provides:

- A stipend of \$25,000 per annum for a maximum 3.5 years for full-time PhD candidates, or pro-rata for a maximum 7 years for part-time candidates.
- A bursary of \$5,000 per annum (or pro-rata for part-time candidates) provided for use towards professional development and research translation activities.
- A peer cohort experience and opportunities for networking and industry placements within the RACGP, where possible.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a GP who has attained FRACGP or FACRRM, a GP in training, or accepted into the GP training program for commencement in 2025.
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Applicants must undertake the PhD at an Australian university.
- Applicants must have applied for or received a primary scholarship or other salary support from their university.
- Applicants are eligible to apply if they are commencing the first year of a PhD by 31 March 2025, or if they commenced their PhD during 2024. The duration of the top-up scholarship will be reduced by the amount of time already undertaken towards the PhD prior to commencement of the top-up.
- The applicant must undertake a research project that is directly relevant to general practice and RACGP priorities and [strategic objectives](#). The primary context of the research must be based in or on general practice. Medical education research must be situated in general practice.
- An academic GP must be actively involved in the supervision of the applicant's research.

Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Suitability of the applicant 40%
- Quality and relevance of the proposed research 30%

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- Suitability of the academic supervision 30%

Applications will close at **5pm (AEDT) on Friday 1 November 2024**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

For more information, please email foundation@racgp.org.au.

Using this form

You may begin anywhere in this application form. Please ensure you save as you go. If you need more help using this form, download the [Help Guide for Applicants](#) or check out [Applicant Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#).

On every screen (page of the form) you will find a Form Navigation contents box, this links directly to every page of the application. Click the link to jump directly to the page you want. You can also click 'next page' or 'previous page' on the top or bottom of each page to move forward or backward through the application.

If you wish to leave a partially completed application, press 'save' and log out. When you log back in and click on the 'My Submissions' link at the top of the screen, you will find a list of any applications you have started or submitted. You can reopen your draft application and start where you left off. You can also download any application, whether draft or completed, as a PDF. Click on the 'Download' button located at the bottom of the last page of the application form.

You will find a **Review and Submit** button at the bottom of the Navigation Panel. You need to review your application before you can submit it, by clicking on 'Submit' at the top of the screen or on the navigation panel. You will not be able to submit your application until all the compulsory questions are completed.

Once you have submitted your application, no further editing or uploading of support materials is possible. You will receive an automated confirmation email with a copy of your submitted application attached. This will be sent to the email you used to register.

If you do not receive a confirmation of submission email then you should presume that your submission has NOT been submitted.

For queries about the guidelines, deadlines, or questions in the form, please contact us on (03) 8699 0335 during business hours or email foundation@racgp.org.au, quoting your application number.

Application form - RACGP Foundation PhD Scholarship

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Applicant contact details

Applicant Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Must be an Australian postcode.

Phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant eligibility & enrolment details

Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Which of the following applies to your clinical status? *

- ☐ FRACGP
- ☐ FACRRM
- ☐ Enrolled in an AGPT training program as a GP registrar
- ☐ Commencing AGPT training program in 2024

RACGP membership number (if applicable)**AHPRA registration number (if applicable)**

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>

Which of the following applies to your academic status? *

- ☐ I have applied for a PhD program at an Australian university to commence by 31 March 2025
- ☐ I am currently enrolled in a PhD program at an Australian university

Name of university and campus ***What is your current or expected enrolment status? ***

- ☐ Full-time
- ☐ Part-time

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If currently enrolled in a PhD program, when did you commence your candidature?

Must be a date.

Research project & applicant suitability

Provide a summary of your research project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 1000 words.

If you have cited any references in your project summary, you may list them here.

Describe how the research project is directly relevant to general practice and the RACGP's priorities and strategic objectives *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

View RACGP's priorities and strategic objectives here: <https://www.racgp.org.au/the-racgp/about-us/operating-plan>

Provide details of any relevant research experience *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

How do you anticipate that your PhD research will contribute to your future career aspirations? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

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Primary supervisor details

Name of Primary Supervisor *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Email ***Link to academic profile / staff directory listing on the university website *****Is the Primary Supervisor a GP? ***☐ Yes☐ No

Co-supervisor details

Please provide the names (incl. titles) of any co-supervisors *

If there are no co-supervisors, write "none".

Are any of the co-supervisors a GP? *☐ Yes☐ No☐ Not applicable**Please provide an email address for any GP co-supervisor, as well as a link to their academic profile / staff directory listing on the university website****Please describe the expected nature and extent of the GP co-supervisor/s' involvement in the research project**

Supporting documentation

* indicates a required field

Academic transcript

Please upload your most recent academic transcript in PDF (.pdf) format.

Upload academic transcript *

Attach a file:

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Curriculum vitae

Please submit a current curriculum vitae in PDF (.pdf) or Word (.doc) format, including details of any relevant:

- academic and professional qualifications
- clinical experience
- research experience and/or training
- publications and presentations, including posters and seminars
- medals, prizes and awards

Upload CV *

Attach a file:

Primary Supervisor's statement

Please submit a signed statement from your Principal Supervisor on official university letterhead. PDF (.pdf) or Word (.doc) format accepted. The statement should include:

- mentoring and training arrangements
- research support systems
- collaborative opportunities for the applicant
- opportunities to extend the applicant's knowledge and skills
- details of primary scholarship or equivalent salary support from your university for which the applicant has applied for or has been awarded

Upload statement *

Attach a file:

Declaration

* indicates a required field

I have read the questions in this form and the Information for Applicants carefully *

☐ Yes ☐ No

All information contained within my application is complete and accurate *

☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand that the RACGP may contact any relevant institutions and individuals to verify my eligibility, qualifications and suitability for a scholarship *

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Name *

Date of declaration *

Must be a date.