

Over the past decade, Australian Rotary Health has funded research relevant to the promotion of mental health and the treatment and prevention of mental illness. This decision was made by the Australian Rotary Health Board in recognition of the adverse effect mental illness has on the lives of many Australians and their families. Mental illness causes high levels of personal and family distress. It also imposes substantial financial costs on individuals, families and the community. Research in the area of mental illness remains greatly underfunded.

WHAT WE FUND

Australian Rotary Health funds research programs and also provides scholarships for PhD students and postdoctoral research students. The specific programs supported by Australian Rotary Health are:

- Research grants –Mental Health
- PhD Scholarships – Mental Health
- Post-doctoral Fellowships – Mental Health
- Funding Partner PhD Scholarships – All areas of health

Funding Partner PhD Scholarships are part-funded by a Rotary Club, Rotarian, corporate entity or individual who have applied to Australian Rotary Health to become a Funding Partner. The scholarships require the funding Club or partner to provide a donation of \$11,000 per year to fund a PhD student for three years. This donation is matched by an \$11,000 commitment from the University and a \$7,000 grant from Australian Rotary Health.

THE FUNDING PROCESS

Mental Health Research Grants, PhD Research Scholarships and Post-doctoral Fellowships - Applications open in May each year and must be submitted on the appropriate application form, by the stated deadline (see <http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au> for details). Funding is awarded on a competitive basis following assessment by the Australian Rotary Health 'Research Committee'. The committee is comprised of 12 health professionals with expertise in research and research training. It makes recommendations for funding to the ARH Board which provides funding to the most highly rated applicants for one year for research grants, three years for Post-doctoral Fellows and up to 3.5 years for PhD scholars. Research grants can be extended for a maximum of three years, provided that the Research Committee and the ARH Board are satisfied at the end of each year that sufficient progress has been made.

Funding Partner Research Scholarship - Applications are open year round and are initiated by a Club or partner that has an interest in supporting a specific area of health. Once this commitment has been made, the Club or partner may specify the State or Territory in which the scholarship should be undertaken, and also the area of research. Australian Rotary Health then advertises the Scholarship and an expert panel selects the best applicant available based on this criteria. The scholarship may be named after the partner.

WHAT WE DO WITH YOUR DONATION

When you donate to Australian Rotary Health your donation goes into an accumulative pool that provides the majority of our research funding. If you make a major donation, or become a Funding Partner, you may choose the program or health area you wish to support.

Requests for donations into specific health areas can be taken into consideration, however due to the nature of the funding we provide your request may not always be possible.



WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT FUND

Australian Rotary Health sometimes supports activities that are run externally. Each request is reviewed on an ad hoc basis.

As a general rule we will consider applications for:

- Donations or sponsorship of promotions, activities and events that have a direct relationship to a program that is being currently run by Australian Rotary Health.
- Donations or sponsorship for conferences organised by Australian Rotary Health.
- Promotional assistance for events or programs that are run to support Australian Rotary Health.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide funds for promotions, activities or events that are unrelated to our established programs.

***Supporting healthier minds, bodies
and communities through research,
awareness and education***

Questions?

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RESEARCH FUNDING GUIDELINES

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent health research funds in Australia.

Since its establishment, Australian Rotary Health has provided more than \$24 million to fund health research in Australia, across a broad range of topics.