# Australian POTS Foundation PhD Top-up Scholarships

# The Australian POTS Foundation (APF) is committed to supporting a brighter future for people with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) through advocacy, support, and research. We strive to improve awareness and education of those with POTS, their families, clinicians and support services.

# APF is offering PhD top-up scholarships to Australian researchers whose primary research project, directly targets Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS).

To be eligible applicants must be:

* Enrolled fulltime in a PhD program at an Australian University
* Residing in Australia for the tenure of their PhD program
* A recipient of an Australian Government RTP grant, NHMRC scholarship or similar
* No more than 18 months into their PhD program at the time of application. (Pro-rata payments will apply accordingly)

# The scholarship:

* Comprises $5,000 per year for a maximum of three years. A total commitment of up to $15,000 per successful candidate
* Will commence no earlier than the date of receipt of application and will finish no later than the end of the underlying PhD. A maximum of three years from the start of the underlying PhD grant.
* Applications will be assessed, and successful candidates selected by the Australian POTS Foundation Medical Advisory Panel. Assessment will be based on the academic record of the applicant, the recommendation of their supervisor with regards to their suitability for research training and the research track record of the primary supervising institution.
* APF Medical Advisory Panel will recommend the successful candidate(s) to the APF Board for ratification.
* Candidates will be encouraged to disseminate their work through peer reviewed journals and any such publications will be publicised on the Australian POTS Foundation website.
* Applicants will be required to provide annual progress reports to the AFP Board.

**Application review criteria**

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| 1. | Contribution to understanding of aetiology, prevalence, lived experience, diagnosis or treatment of POTS that provides direct patient benefit | 40% |
| 2 | Scientific merit / innovation, soundness of methodology | 20% |
| 3. | Feasibility of achieving outcomes | 10% |
| 4. | Applicant, supervisor and institutions track record. Including the ability of the research environment to facilitate rigorous and effective research outcomes. | 30% |

**Applicant details**

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| Application Date |  |
| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |
| Citizenship / Residency Status |  |

**PhD Details**

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| Project Title |  |
| Institution Name |  |
| Institution ABN |  |
| Faculty |  |
| Department |  |
| PhD Commencement date |  |
| Expected PhD completion date |  |
| PhD Primary Supervisor Name |  |
| Supervisor Position |  |
| Supervisor Phone |  |
| Supervisor Email |  |
| Does the project currently have ethics approval | Yes / No |
| If yes, which ethics committee and what is the ethics approval number |  |
| Research project address\* |  |

\*The location where the applicant will work.

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# Project Title

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# Academic Qualifications

*Include copies of your qualifications and academic record*

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# Publications

*List any publications that have been published, or accepted for publication, in a peer reviewed journal in the past 5 years.*

*Maximum 15*

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# Awards

*List your top 5 awards or achievements. Include description, provider, and the year.*

*Maximum 400 words*

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# Currant financial assistance

*Provide details of PhD scholarships you are currently receiving or have an application in progress for, including the amount and start and finish dates.*

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# Other financial assistance

*Provide details of any other awards or financial assistance you have received or are receiving or have an application in progress for, including the amount and start and finish dates.*

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# Research Environment

*Provide a summary of your research environment, including quality and experience of you supervision team, international standing of lab facilities, infrastructure and funding that is available to support your proposed research.*

*Maximum of 400 words*

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# Project summary

*Provide an outline of your research proposal. This should be written in a way that can be understood by the Australian POTS Foundation Medical Advisory Panel.*

*Including the following*

* *Background including identified gap in knowledge (max 600 words)*
* *Methodology (max 800 words)*
  + *include aims, purpose, outcomes and relevance to POTS*
* *Project milestones and GANTT chart (max. 200 words)*
* *The expected outcomes of your project including the impact it will have on those with POTS (max. 400 words)*

*Maximum total 2,000 words*

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# Lay project summary

*Use simple language to be used for marketing purposes by the Australian POTS Foundation. Explain the purpose of your project, how it relates to POTS, the expected outcomes and how this will benefit those with POTS.*

*Max 200 words*

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# Supporting documentation

*The following documents must be submitted with the application to complete the process:*

* *1 x copy of your academic transcript*
* *Confirmation of approval of your PhD RTP grant or similar*
* *Letter of recommendations by proposed / current PhD Supervisor*
* *Evidence of letter of offer or enrolment in a PhD program at an Australian University*

**Please send your application and any related documents to** [**research@potsfoundation.org.au**](mailto:research@potsfoundation.org.au)

**Applications close 14/05/2022**

**Applicants will be notified by 01/07/2022**