



Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy & Surgery Society Limited

AGES CLINICAL RESEARCH FUND

GRANTS TO AGES MEMBERS – TRAINEES & YOUNG FELLOWS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: 2011 GRANTS

AGES has established a Clinical Research Fund with major contribution from Stryker Australia, Platinum Sponsor of AGES. The Society has undertaken to make available a total of up to \$300,000 over three years for research into gynaecological surgery and its impact on improvements in women's health.

In 2010, a maximum of up to \$30,000 in total will be specifically available for grants to trainees and young Fellows. Each grant will be for up to \$10,000 over a 12 month period.

Preference will be given to trainees and young Fellows (up to 5 years post-FRANZCOG)

An AGES Subcommittee, chaired by Professor David Healy, will assess applications and allocate grants.

Applications are invited from AGES members and should include:

1. A clear and comprehensive project outline, supplemented by a detailed protocol
2. Clear indications of how the project will improve women's health
3. A specific timeline for progress of the project
4. Information about the process for obtaining Ethics Committee approval
5. Comprehensive costings and a detailed project budget: the grant is expected to be supplemented by other sources of research funding eg NHMRC and these should be stated.
6. A current curriculum vitae from all applicants

Preference will generally be given to applications from Trainees rather than young Fellows. Trainee grants will only be awarded for RANZCOG approved projects. The trainee will need to demonstrate a major role in the study, and will need a FRANZCOG supervisor. Grant criteria are:

- The project will preferably be surgically orientated, and preferably primarily involving research into endoscopic surgery
- The project can be part of a larger study, and can be for a pilot trial of feasibility for a larger study
- Protocol can be simple, but must cover all usual important aspects
- A clear hypothesis or research question is required, together with a well described research plan, assessment of expected outcomes and calculation of the expected "power" of any clinical trial. A research flowchart may be helpful
- The grant can be used for any legitimate laboratory or personnel costs (including statistical advice)

Successful applicants will be required to submit an interim report, and may be required to present during a Clinical Research Grant Session at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting. Failure to fulfil these conditions may result in cancellation of further funding.

A comprehensive package with advice on preparation of applications can be obtained from the AGES Secretariat. The closing date for submissions is Friday 10 September 2010.

All submissions (*by electronic submission only*) & enquiries:

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