



Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. MSRA may provide Postdoctoral Fellowships to enable young scientists with appropriate research experience to undertake independent research relevant to MS. Such fellowships will normally be awarded only within the first four postdoctoral years.
2. Only Australian citizens or permanent residents should apply.
3. Fellowships, to be held in an Australian university or research institute with appropriate research facilities, will normally be awarded for two years, with the possibility of an extension for a third and final year. The application for an extension should be submitted by the closing date for fellowship applications in the second year with a written progress report and recommendation from the fellow's head of department.
4. The prestigious Betty Cuthbert Fellowship is funded for 4 years.
5. The fellowship application should incorporate a project for MS-related research.
6. The project is to be consistent with the aims of the MSRA and the work is to be approved by the host institution (including relevant ethics committees where applicable).
7. The award of the fellowship in November will depend on evaluation of both the applicant and the project and must be taken up by 1 July the following year at the latest.
8. A fellowship will fund the salary, related on costs and may include a small sum for maintenance. The institution is responsible for administration of the fellowship. No person funded by the MSRA can be regarded as an employee of MSRA.
9. In a unique partnership arrangement, the NHMRC and MSRA have agreed to jointly fund a number of postdoctoral fellow ships and scholarships. To be eligible, interested persons must submit fellowship applications to both to the NHMRC and MSRA. This will give the applicant more chance of being funded.

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Award and Termination of Grants

1. MSRA grants are made for specified periods. All grants are subject to funds being available. A Fellow who intends to relinquish the fellowship should give one month's notice in writing to the Society.
2. When a grantee leaves an institution to which a grant is paid before the normal expiration of that grant, the grant may be terminated or transferred at the discretion of MSRA. MSRA shall give notice in writing to the institution and the grantee of such termination or transfer.

Payment of Grants

1. Payment of any grant shall be upon the terms and conditions specified in the grant and shall be made to the authorities of the institution at which the work is being performed, normally half yearly in advance.

Use of Grants

1. Funds offered are a grant-in-aid and will not be supplemented. MSRA does not provide extra money to meet national salary awards or those given by the NHMRC.
2. The grantee is responsible for the management of salaries and other expenditure within the limits of the grant.
3. In accepting a MSRA grant each institution remains responsible for overhead expenses and institutional maintenance charges and the grant shall not be used for such purposes without agreement in writing by the MSRA.
4. Grants shall be used solely for the purposes specified in the awards i.e. for items listed in the application under the heading 'Budget', except where permission has been obtained in writing from the MSRA to vary the use of the grant.
5. Equipment purchased with a MSRA grant will normally become the property of the host institution subject to the following conditions:
 - The Fellow will have free use of it during the tenure of the grant from MSRA or any subsequent grants in connection with research relevant to multiple sclerosis.
 - If the fellow moves to another institution during the tenure of the grant MSRA has the right to require that the equipment is transferred with the fellow following discussion with the institutions concerned.

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- The institution will be responsible for installing, accommodating, maintaining and insuring equipment.
- In particular circumstances, and as specified at the time of purchase, MSRA may retain ownership of equipment.

Accounting for Grants

1. Grants for periods not exceeding one year that are not spent or committed at the end of the specified period shall be refunded by the institution, except where MSRA approves funds to be carried forward in writing.
2. Grants for periods exceeding one year which are unspent and uncommitted at the end of each calendar year may be carried forward into the following year in amounts not exceeding 50% of the grant for the purposes specified (see 6), except where MSRA approves in writing a greater amount to be carried forward.
3. The responsible officer of the institution receiving each grant shall certify for each year not later than 1 March of the year following that:
 - The grant has been expended solely upon the work and for the purposes specified in the award of the grant;
 - All funds allocated in the grant for each year not expended or carried forward under these conditions have been returned.
4. The account for each yearly grant shall be closed on 31 December of the year following the grant.

Publication of Results

1. Importance is attached to the publication of results funded by MSRA grants. The support of MSRA shall be acknowledged in publications. A copy of each published paper shall be sent to the Research Coordinator of MSRA as soon as possible after publication. This is essential in assisting in fundraising for future research funds.

Intellectual Property

1. Intellectual property resulting from MSRA funded research normally belongs to the responsible officer of the host institution who must immediately notify the MSRA in writing of any patentable discoveries, inventions, processes or improvements arising from MSRA supported research.
2. The institution is authorised to conduct all necessary negotiations concerning the patent proceedings. Any revenue derived from commercial exploitation of inventions arising from MSRA funded research must be disclosed (in confidence,

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if required) to MSRA at the time of submission of progress reports and may be taken into account when funding of subsequent grants is being determined.

Project Report

1. The fellow must furnish a progress report (scientific) and a short lay summary not later than 31st March of the year following that for which the grant was awarded.
2. The report should list the aims of the project and address each one describing the progress (or otherwise) made during the previous year. Further funding for any grant will be withheld unless these reports are received.
3. The lay reports are published on the MSRA website and are also used in fundraising initiatives.