

Dr Sarah Scheuer
2018 full-time
scholarship recipient



**Avant
Doctor in Training
Research Scholarship
Program 2019**

Information pack

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About the program

Since its inception in 2012, the Avant Doctor in Training Research Scholarship Program has supported life-changing research to promote better patient outcomes and advance the careers of some of Australia's promising medical researchers.

Started in response to the difficulties young doctors face in securing research funding, the program has so far awarded 91 scholarships worth nearly \$2.5 million. Scholarships have supported research across a wide range of topics including; organ transplantation, epidemiology, hepatology, oncology, obstetrics, cardiology and general surgery, with 60 research projects completed to date.

In 2019 Avant will offer up to \$450,000 in funding across a total of 19 scholarships and grants for full-time, part-time and short-term research projects.



Full-time scholarships

Full-time scholarships (\$50,000) must be conducted on a full-time basis, usually over a 12-month period.



Part-time scholarships

Part-time scholarships (\$25,000) are usually conducted over a 12-month period.



Grants

Grants providing financial assistance (\$12,500) for short-term research projects usually less than 12-months duration.

Key dates

Applications open	4 February 2019
Applications close	31 May 2019
Review of applications	June – September 2019
Scholarship recipients notified	September 2019

Scholarship categories

Category and Definition		New fellows	Accredited trainees	Pre-vocational doctors
		First year post gaining specialty fellowship	Trainees who are currently enrolled in an accredited specialty training program with an Australian college	Doctors at any level who are not enrolled in a specialty training program, regardless of their post graduate year level
Scholarships	Full-time		2 x \$50,000	2 x \$50,000
	Part-time		3 x \$25,000	2 x \$25,000
	Grants	4 x \$12,500	3 x \$12,000	3 x \$12,500
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be engaged in post fellowship research as part of a fellowship position Cannot be working as a private consultant 		Full-time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot be working full time in a clinical capacity Can do locum or shift work Can do teaching or tutoring 	Full-time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot be working full time in a clinical capacity Can do locum or shift work Can do teaching or tutoring
			Part-time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work restriction 	Part-time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work restriction
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Scholarship types	Advancement of medicine	Research which contributes to developing improved health and medical practices – e.g. diagnostics, drug therapies, biological processes, quality of life and health promotions		
	Quality in medicine	Projects designed to improve quality in healthcare that must be site specific and relate to a domain of quality		

Find out which scholarship or grant you may be eligible for at avant.org.au/scholarships

Who can apply?

Applicants must be:

- ▶ an Avant member with one of the following professional indemnity insurance policies with Avant Insurance Limited:
 - Intern
 - Resident Medical Officer
 - Doctor in Training
 - Practitioner (first year post-fellowship)
- ▶ an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- ▶ registered with the Medical Board of Australia
- ▶ enrolled in
 - a specialist research training program recognised and approved by the relevant Australian/Australasian college and accredited by the Australian Medical Council (Specialist in Training); or
 - a research program with a recognised academic institution working towards a post-graduate degree such as a masters or PhD; or
 - be in their first year post specialty fellowship and employed in a post-fellowship sub-specialty or research position; or
 - a formal research program with at least one appropriately qualified research supervisor, with research commencing on or before 30 March 2020.

For all eligibility requirements, see the terms and conditions at avant.org.au/scholarships

Non-members

Non-members cannot apply for a scholarship or grant but if you join Avant before the application close date, you will be immediately eligible. Check which category is best for you and join online at avant.org.au/join. Once your membership is confirmed you can then compete a scholarship application.

Application process

Applications must be made through the online form at avant.org.au/scholarships

Please ensure the information provided is detailed and complete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The application form requires the following information:

- ▶ personal details
- ▶ education
- ▶ previous work experience
- ▶ past research
- ▶ research project
- ▶ supervisor

You will need to indicate your research category and type, and whether you are applying for a scholarship or grant. There is a word limit for each section.

A young man with dark hair, wearing a light blue and white striped button-down shirt, is looking towards a microscope. He has a slight smile and is engaged in conversation. The background is a laboratory with various glassware and equipment. The lighting is bright and even.

“Receiving a research scholarship from Avant gave me great encouragement to continue devoting time to research as a clinician, despite the many challenges faced.”

Dr Jeremy Tan
Ophthalmology Trainee
2018 Grant recipient

Applications close Friday 31 May 2019



“The Avant Doctor in Training Research Scholarships are important because they invest in young researchers, and facilitate their growth so they will not only become the research leaders of tomorrow, but will adopt rigorous excellence in practice in their future clinical work.”

Professor Nadia Badawi AM
2019 Doctor in Training Research Scholarship Judge
Medical Director, Grace Centre for Newborn Care
Macquarie Group Foundation Chair of Cerebral Palsy,
Cerebral Palsy Alliance, University of Sydney

Further information

Judging

An independent panel of leading medical practitioners reviews all information provided on your application form. An interview may also be requested.

Assessment of applications

Esteem	15%
Previous research outputs	15%
Project/research plan and design	20%
Significance and expected outcomes	20%
Translatability	5%
Relative importance	10%
Supervision	15%

View the full evaluation criteria at avant.org.au/scholarships

Presentation dinner

Successful recipients will be advised via phone in mid September, followed by written confirmation.

All scholarship and grant recipients must be willing and available to attend a presentation dinner and agree to be photographed and be included in articles for marketing and promotional purposes.

Payment of scholarships and grants

Payment of full-time and part-time scholarships will be in three instalments:

- ▶ first instalment of 50% paid on commencement of the research
- ▶ second instalment of 25% paid midway through the research
- ▶ third instalment of 25% paid on completion of the research.

Payment of grants will be in two instalments:

- ▶ first instalment of 50% paid on commencement of the research
- ▶ second instalment of 50% paid on completion of the research.

For full details, see the terms and conditions at
avant.org.au/scholarships

“The support Avant provides to doctors wanting to undertake both full and part-time research is a testament to the investment they’re making in medicine itself, empowering physicians and surgeons to use basic science in a tangible way to improve our understanding and treatment of the diseases that affect our patients.”

Dr Sarah Scheuer

Cardiothoracic Research Fellow

2018 full-time scholarship recipient



 **Victor Chang**
Cardiac Research Institute

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 **1800 128 268**  **scholarship@avant.org.au**

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