


# Avant Doctor in Training Research Scholarship Program 2020

## Information pack



**Dr Georgia Carroll**  
2019 part-time  
scholarship recipient

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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 109 scholarships worth nearly \$3 million. These scholarships have supported research across a wide range of topics, including organ transplantation, epidemiology, hepatology, oncology, obstetrics, cardiology and general surgery, with 73 research projects completed to date.

In 2020, 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), usually conducted over a 12-month period.



### Grants

Grants providing financial assistance (\$12,500) for short-term research projects.

## Key dates

Applications open	2 March 2020
Applications close	31 August 2020
Review of applications	September-December 2020
Scholarship recipients notified	December 2020

# Scholarship categories

Category and definition		<b>New fellows</b> First year post gaining specialty fellowship	<b>Accredited trainees</b> Trainees who are currently enrolled in an accredited specialty training program with an Australian college	<b>Pre-vocational doctors</b> 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 \$12,500	3 x \$12,500
Criteria		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be engaged in post fellowship research as part of a fellowship position</li> <li>Cannot be working as a private consultant</li> </ul>	<b>Full-time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cannot be working full time in a clinical capacity</li> <li>Can do locum or shift work</li> <li>Can do teaching or tutoring</li> </ul>	<b>Full-time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cannot be working full time in a clinical capacity</li> <li>Can do locum or shift work</li> <li>Can do teaching or tutoring</li> </ul>
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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 site specific (i.e. ward or clinic) and relate to a domain of quality		

Find out which scholarship or grant you may be eligible for at [avant.org.au/scholarships](http://avant.org.au/scholarships)

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# 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 a 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 2021.

For all eligibility requirements, see the terms and conditions at [avant.org.au/scholarships](https://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](https://avant.org.au/join). Once your membership is confirmed you can then complete a scholarship application.

## Application process

Applications must be made through the online form at [avant.org.au/scholarships](https://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.



**“Thank you Avant, for providing the key that is the Doctor in Training Research Scholarship, and giving us lucky few the freedom to chase those ideas, unshackled for the first time.”**

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**Dr Kiri Gates**  
2019 part-time scholarship recipient

**Applications close Monday 31 August 2020**



**“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.”**

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**Professor Nadia Badawi AM**  
2020 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



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## Further information

### Judging

An independent panel of leading medical practitioners will review all the 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	10%
Relative importance	10%
Supervision	10%

View the full evaluation criteria at [avant.org.au/scholarships](http://avant.org.au/scholarships)

### Presentation dinner

Successful recipients will be advised via phone in mid-December, 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.

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**“The support from Avant’s Doctor in Training Research Scholarship makes it possible to balance the demands of intensive research time with a reduced clinical workload. This is so important for doctors pursuing research degrees in our junior years.”**

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Apply today at  
**[avant.org.au/scholarships](https://avant.org.au/scholarships)**

**Applications close 2am (AEST) Monday 31 August 2020**

 **1800 128 268**

 **[scholarship@avant.org.au](mailto:scholarship@avant.org.au)**

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