



Avant Foundation

Supporting
quality, safety and
professionalism in the
practice of medicine

Our vision

Safer practice of medicine for both
doctors and patients.

Our mission

To invest in research, education,
capability development and leadership
programs to improve quality, safety
and professionalism in medicine.



Dr Matt Doane
Avant Foundation Board member

Background

What is Avant?

Avant is a mutual organisation owned by our doctor members. We offer medical indemnity insurance, medico-legal advice and assistance to over 77,000* health practitioners and students.

Why has Avant established a Foundation?

As a mutual, our members are at the centre of all we do, which is to protect, defend, advise and support them.

We are driven to make a difference to the future of medicine in Australia. By supporting research, training, education and investment that improves quality, safety and professionalism in medical practice, we will achieve this aim – leading to better outcomes for doctors and the community.

The Foundation strategy is built around the guiding principle of supporting Avant's mission of "making a difference through investment into research, training and education in quality, safety and professionalism in the practice of medicine in our communities", and to leverage the experience and expertise of our members, through a Foundation Board, to assist in decision making on Avant's investment in this area.

The Foundation's goals

- Supporting academic research that will ultimately influence quality, safety and professionalism in the practice of medicine.
- Seeding an interest in quality, safety and professionalism improvements at a private practice level.
- Engaging the profession in the broader objectives of quality, safety and professionalism.
- Supporting doctors to develop capabilities in quality improvement, safety and professionalism.
- Support doctors to develop as leaders who can lead change in the healthcare system, with a focus on quality improvement.

We develop our profile through

- Communicating the Foundation's goals and outcomes.
- Implementing high quality processes to support robust grant making decisions.
- Selecting projects for funding that have a high likelihood of success and will make a difference to quality, safety and professionalism.
- Forming partnerships with organisations to enhance our reach and promote program outcomes.



Inspired by an ongoing need to support improvements in healthcare and patient safety initiatives, the Avant Foundation provides an invaluable resource to both emerging and experienced researchers across Australia."

Dr Matt Doane, Avant Foundation Board member

Our approach

We will focus our investments on highly applicable projects across the healthcare system, that can be readily translated into changes in the clinical environment and can influence health policy. We will report on the outputs and outcomes of the projects we fund over time to demonstrate both short and long-term value.

We utilise a competitive grants process that is across two stages, allowing applicants to hone and refine their application.

Focus areas for 2021

- Initiatives that develop and support leadership capability, especially those focused on quality improvement in medicine.
- Academic research in the domains of quality and professionalism that drive towards a reduction in medico-legal and clinical risk.
- Quality improvement initiatives in the clinical setting.
- Education initiatives focusing on quality, safety and professionalism.

Priority research topics

- prescribing, including drugs of dependence and e-prescribing
- telehealth
- genomics
- COVID-19
- health and wellbeing
- fragmentation of care
- medical leadership/quality improvement leadership.

Full details of the Foundation's funding focus, timings and eligibility are available on our website
avantdifference.org.au/avant-foundation

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