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# PhD Scholarship (AOA Fellows)

PhD Scholarship Applications (AOA Fellows Only)

AOA Affiliate members, Associate members (i.e. trainees) and honorary Fellows are not eligible to apply

Applications for the 2026 grant and scholarship round open at **1 April 9:00am AEDT** and close at **5.00pm AEST on 30 April 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Important: Applications are only open to AOA members (full, affiliate or associate/AOA trainees). Please ensure the person listed under the "Applicant Full Name" field is an AOA Member and Lead Investigator.**

[2026 Grant Application Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria](#)

[John Owen PhD Pathway Scholarship Guidelines \(AOA Trainees\)](#)

[AOARF PhD Scholarship Guidelines \(AOA Fellows\)](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us on (02) 8071 8021 or email [research@aoa.org.au](mailto:research@aoa.org.au)

Applicant Full Name

AOA Member ID

Please enter your AOA Member ID. If you have forgotten your ID, please contact [research@aoa.org.au](mailto:research@aoa.org.au)

I confirm that I meet the eligibility criteria for this grant/scholarship

Application Guidelines are updated annually, please ensure you have carefully checked the eligibility criteria and guidelines as applicable here: <https://aoarf.org.au/aoarf-research-grants/>

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## Applicant information

Applicant email address

Applicant phone number

H-score

H-score proof

Please provide a link to your H-score on Google Scholar.

Qualifications

Degree/course title	Institution	Completed?	Year awarded (if completed)
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CV  


Please upload a PDF copy of your CV, including research experience, publications, presentations and qualifications.

Hours per week devoted to this project

Hours per week devoted to other research projects

If you are involved in other research projects, please list those projects here. (optional)

Proposed FTE for PhD

John Owen PhD Pathway Applicants: Trainees undertaking the PhD pathway may work a maximum of 0.5 FTE clinical load during the scholarship period.

AOARF PhD Fellow Applicants: Recipients must work at a reduced clinical load during their scholarship period.

Do you hold an existing scholarship or other funding for your PhD?

Yes

No

Please note: failure to disclose existing scholarships or other funding may result in the application being deemed ineligible.

Do you grant permission for the AOARF or VOF to make your grant application available to view on the AOARF or VOF website?

Yes

No

The AOA Research Foundation maintains an online repository of high quality applications to help new researchers develop grant-writing skills. Applications are only accessible to AOA members and all contact information is removed prior to upload.

# Project description

Project title

**Please note:** To ensure a fair and transparent assessment process, applicants must not submit the same or a substantially similar project under multiple applicants during the grant round.

Duplicate or overlapping submissions will be deemed ineligible.

Project type

  
  
  

Administering Institution

Please enter the institution that will be administering the grant if successful.

Institution at which the research will be conducted (optional)

If different to administering institution

Department/Faculty (optional)

Please select the status of your PhD application:

  
  
  

Project start date

Estimated project end date

Aims of the project

500 words

Project background

1500 words

Research plan

1500 words

Please ensure that your research plan includes participant inclusion/exclusion criteria and a plan for identification and mitigation of potential risks.

Relevant references

1000 words

Supporting documentation may include figures, charts and other visual materials. (optional)



Applicants may upload graphical material here to support their application (i.e. figures, charts and other visual materials). Please do not upload any further written material as the reviewers will not consider it. The written component of your application should be fully explained within the provided form fields. Please do not exceed 1 page. Maximum file size is 5MB.

## Supervision

Please provide details for all nominated supervisors. A letter of support from each supervisor must be included in your application.

Supervisors

Supervisor name	Supervisor role (primary, co-supervisor, associate)	Supervisor title	Relevant expertise	Email address	AOA member?
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Letter of support - primary supervisor



Letters of support - co/associate supervisors, if applicable (optional)



## Ethics and Intellectual Property

Does this project involve experiments on human subjects?

Yes

No

Please upload proof of ethics approval (optional)



Please note that provision of funding is contingent on provision of proof of ethics approval for the project.

**Important: Evidence of ethics approval will need to be supplied by the grant recipient within one year of receiving the grant offer.** If approval is not supplied within one year, the grant offer will be referred to the AOA Research Foundation Board for review and may be withdrawn.

Does this project involve experiments on animal subjects?

Yes
No

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## Supporting Material

Material may be supplied as follows:

1. Upload JPEG or PDF files. Maximum file size is 5MB per piece. A maximum of five pieces can be uploaded with your application. Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
2. Please do not upload any further written material as the reviewers will not consider it. The written component of your application should be fully explained within the provided form fields. Supporting documentation including figures, charts and other visual material should be uploaded under the section titled: "Project Description".



Other supporting material (optional)



Please do not upload any further written material as the reviewers will not consider it. The written component of your application should be fully explained within the provided form fields. Figures, charts and other visual material should be uploaded under the section titled: "Project Description".

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## Applicant Declaration

In submitting this application, I declare that:

- The information submitted in this form is true and accurate.
- I have read, understood and agree to abide by the [AOARF PhD Fellow Scholarship Guidelines](#) or [John Owen PhD Pathway Guidelines](#) (as applicable).
- If and where any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for, those details to appear in this application.
- I give consent to the AOARF to publicise the name of the applicant and the research project, should this application be successful.
- I acknowledge that if successful in being awarded a scholarship by the AOARF, I am required to submit two annual progress reports to the Foundation (required every six months).

- I acknowledge that if successful in being awarded a scholarship by the AOARF that I am required to present my research project at the Australian Orthopaedic Association Annual Scientific Meeting or Australian Orthopaedic Association Branch Annual Scientific Meeting or other such forums/meetings, as deemed appropriate by the Foundation.

I have read and agree to the terms above