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## Call for applications – 2025 Research Fund Grant

Applications are now open for applications for grants up to a maximum of \$5000 from The Royal Society of Queensland Research Fund, **closing on 28 February 2025**. The Royal Society of Queensland is the senior generalist scientific institution in Queensland. It traces its origin through the Philosophical Society of Queensland, founded in 1859, back to the Royal Society of London, founded in 1660.

The scope of its mission is “science and the application of science”, including science-related education and policy. It publishes original research and scientific opinion through the peer-reviewed *Proceedings* approximately annually since 1884. It encourages original research and the application of scientific method and knowledge to policy and decision-making. It aims to overcome the limitations of specialisation by sharing knowledge across discipline areas. Further information about the Society is available on <http://www.royalsocietyqld.org/research/>

The Research Fund is used to sponsor Queensland-based studies within the natural, physical and biomedical sciences excluding clinical medicine. The focus is on applied studies with practical or policy implications, particularly projects of a scale that does not attract support from mainstream grant bodies such as the Australian Research Council. The Fund will support projects by community organisations and early career researchers, under experienced scientific direction.

Grants may not be used for environmental campaigns, opposing development projects or other forms of political advocacy, although reports may include recommendations for advocacy or policy.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Successful applications will demonstrate the following to the satisfaction of the Trustee.

#### A. RSQ mandatory COMPLIANCE Requirements:

- (1) Has the applicant clearly demonstrated:
  - (a) No corporate overheads have been included in funding requested.
  - (b) Only direct costs associated with the original research appear in the budget.
  - (c) That experienced researchers will guide the project where the applicant does not have personal extensive research experience.
- (2) Does the applicant's proposal indicate a connection with an eligible DGR Type 1 entity (e.g., a university).

#### B. ASSESSABLE CRITERIA

##### SUSTAINABILITY of proposed RESEARCH PROJECT

- (1) Is the proposed research activity within the Fund's scope, as described above.

- (2) How well has the applicant identified any evidence that suggests the proposed approach:
- (a) would be conducted by a researcher based in Queensland; or
  - (b) would be effective at improving research in Queensland; or
  - (c) constitutes research about Queensland; or
  - (d) investigates phenomena particularly relevant to Queensland?
- (3) Has the applicant identified a plan to sustain grant activities or research activity after the grant period?
- (4) Has the applicant identified donors (which may be in-kind) or sources of funds that can leverage funds to help to ensure the project is sustainable beyond the grant period?

**C. Overall EVALUATION of Research Proposal**

- (1) How well has the applicant clearly described measurable goals, performance benchmarks, and outcomes from the study?
- (2) Overall, how well does the application support creative and innovative, locally driven solutions to respond to the challenge of the research questions raised?
- (3) Overall, to what degree does the application represent a project that will be something fundamentally different from what is already occurring?

**D. Research Proposal (template attached)**

Applicants should address the following items, to inform evaluation of the selection criteria. Applications should be as brief as possible and focused on the following areas:

- Aims of the study; specific research question(s);
- Significance of the topic, including reference to key background literature
- Study design and research methods;
- Timelines for undertaking the project and expending the grant;
- Proposed budget;
- Capability of the applicant to achieve the outcomes;
- Signature of applicant; and supervisor, if applicant is a student; or office bearer if the application is in the name of an organisation.

**Further information**

Potential applicants requiring further information are invited to contact the **Research Coordinator Dr Nelson Quinn** 0428231591 n.quinn@griffith.edu.au

**Send your application to: [admin@royalsocietyqld.org.au](mailto:admin@royalsocietyqld.org.au)**

**or**

**Royal Society of Queensland,  
P.O. Box 6201, St Lucia Brisbane, Qld, 4067**

**(must be postmarked not later than 28 February).**

# The Royal Society of Queensland Research Grant Application 2025



## A. APPLICANTS PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications and Position:  
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Institution/Organisation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Department & Departmental Head (if relevant):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor(s) (if relevant):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/s Contact email (if relevant):

## B. PREFERRED CONTACT DETAILS:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## C. PROJECT TITLE

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATE**

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

*(try to keep the total length of proposal to under 1500 words):*

**(1) Aims of study; research question**

**(2) Significance of project; background literature**

**(3) Study design; research methods**

**(4) Timelines for grant expenditure**

**(5) Budget requested (maximum of \$5,000)**

**(6) Capability of the applicant to achieve the outcomes**

**(7) Value of grant in connection with larger project; future sustainability**

**Note:**

**When detailing the budget, describe the item details and amounts requested, and give a weighting to their significance for the success of the project.**

**Checklist:**

I have included a reference from my supervisor (one page) (if relevant).