Melbourne Dental School

Melbourne Dental School Research Grants for Students | 2024 Research Funds Policy

Policy Summary and Conditions

The Research Committee welcomes applications from Melbourne Dental School research students to apply for research grants.

Eligible students:
- Research Students undertaking a PhD, MPhil, BSc Hons, BOH Hons, BBMed Hons and Coursework Specialist Students undertaking the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry
- Bachelor of Oral Health Third Year students to support their final year project
- Doctor of Dental Surgery students to support their research project

Ineligible students:
*Current Melbourne Dental School academic and professional staff who are currently undertaking graduate research or Research Higher Degree studies are not eligible to receive this particularly source of funding.

1. Funding

Students can apply for funding to cover the following claimable expenses, example are provided below. However please note that non-claimable expenses will not be funded. Please consider this table carefully before applying for funding.

Claimable Expenses	Non-Claimable Expenses
Small equipment*, maintenance, and consumables to support the current research project.	Travel, accommodation and conference registration costs*
Use of Equipment and research platforms	Printing and binding of thesis, posters, laminating
Computer software of a specialised nature used for conducting research (subject to discussions with Mr Ba Chau Nguyen, *via c.nguyen@unimelb.edu.au*)	Computer hardware (including laptops, iPads, DVDs, CDs, USBs, and external hard drives), online survey tools e.g. Survey Monkey licences, and mobile phones
Statistical advice or referral to other statistical resources.	'Miscellaneous' expenses and food whilst on University approved travel or catering for events or activities.
Photography and audio-visual equipment or support to enable research to be undertaken (subject to prior consultation with Mr Ba Chau Nguyen).	Requests for duplicate equipment already available for use within the school, including laboratory items.
	Employment of staff or casual support

2. School Resources

Prior to applying for funding, students are advised to consult staff (below) to understand what resources and support is already available to them. Contact details for staff are available on the Staff Hub (insert the link)

Staff Member	Location	School Resources Provided
Paolo M. Cattaneo	5th Floor	Referral to other statistical resources
Mr Ba Chau Nguyen	1st floor, inside teaching lab	Computer hardware including DVDs, CDs, USBs, external hard drives etc, online survey tools eg Survey Monkey licenses.
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3. Grant Conditions

- Students wishing to obtain funding to attend conferences should apply for the Student Travel Award.
- Any form of equipment approved for purchase remains the property of the Melbourne Dental School upon completion of the research project.
- The Melbourne Dental School will not accept applications for retrospective funding. It is both the student/s' and supervisor's responsibility to ensure that applications are submitted within the respective rounds during the period of candidature.

4. Submission

Applications are to be submitted to the Dental School office by COB of the specified date. Late applications will not be considered.

5. Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will be receive an email (via their University of Melbourne email). Funds will be allocated to the supervising academic in the case of Doctor of Dental Surgery students. All other students will be allocated funds to spend via a process of reimbursement, or through the University preferred process which is to raise purchase orders for items. In both cases invoices will need to be be presented and addressed to 'The University of Melbourne.'

6. Ethics Approval

Funding for projects that require human or animal ethics will be contingent on obtaining ethics approval. All students associated with a research project that requires Ethics Approval must undertake Research Integrity Online Training: RIOT training. Funding will not be released until a formal letter of ethics approval is presented.

For further information, please contact mds-researchsupport@unimelb.edu.au