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Guidelines

Idea to Impact Grant
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There are a number of protected titles for medical radiation practice. They include:

Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP)

Diagnostic Radiographer (DR)

Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT)

Radiographer

Nuclear Medicine Scientist (NMS)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT)

Radiation Therapist (RT).

For the purposes of our documentation we use the broad descriptor Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP) recognising that it covers a range of areas of practice.

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ASMIRT - Idea to Impact Applicant Guidelines

1. About the Grant

The Idea to Impact Grant is an initiative designed to support ASMIRT members to translate practical ideas into improvements in medical radiation practice.

The Grant provides seed funding for a clinically based service improvement project that addresses an identified need and has the potential to improve patient care, clinical practice, service delivery and/or the medical radiation profession. The initiative is intended to encourage innovation among practising medical radiation professionals. This is aimed at those with little to no previous research experience or formal project funding.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to pitch their proposed project to a judging panel at the ASMIRT national conference.

2. Funding Available

One grant of up to AUD $10,000 is available per year.

The final funding amount will be decided by the judging panel.

The core work of the projects must be completed within 12 months of commencement.

The judging panel reserves the right not to award funding if no application is considered to meet the required standard.

3. Who Can Apply?

Applications may be submitted by an individual or a project team.

The lead applicant must:

- be a current ASMIRT member for at least 12 months prior to the application;
- be a registered medical radiation practitioner with Ahpra;
- be currently employed or practising within the clinical service in which the project will be undertaken; and
- have appropriate workplace support for the proposed project.

Where a team application is submitted, the lead applicant must meet all eligibility requirements.

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4. Eligible Projects

Projects must be clinically based and address an identified opportunity, problem or unmet need relevant to medical radiation practice.

Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to:

- clinical practice improvement;
- person-centred care and patient experience;
- quality and safety improvement;
- clinical education and training initiatives;
- rural and remote service innovation;
- workforce development and wellbeing;
- culturally responsive and inclusive practice;
- clinical workflow and service efficiency;
- sustainability initiatives;
- implementation or evaluation of technology and digital solutions; and
- other initiatives designed to improve medical radiation practice or service delivery.

Projects should have a clear pathway from the identified problem to the proposed intervention and measurable outcomes.

5. What Is Not Eligible?

The Grant would not normally support:

- projects that are not clinically based;
- projects that are substantially complete at the time of application;
- projects for which funding has already been secured from another source;
- activities that constitute routine departmental operating expenses without a defined service improvement project;
- conference attendance or professional development unrelated to implementation of the proposed project;
- purchase of equipment without a clearly articulated service improvement purpose;
- stand-alone literature reviews;
- projects that cannot reasonably be completed within 12 months; or
- projects that do not have appropriate workplace support.

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6. What Can the Funding Be Used For?

Funding may be used for reasonable costs directly associated with implementation and evaluation of the project. Examples may include:

- project materials and resources;
- development of patient or staff resources;
- software or digital resources required specifically for the project;
- data collection and evaluation costs;
- small equipment or consumables required for the project;
- specialist support directly related to implementation;
- educational or training resources; and
- other justified project costs.

Applicants must provide a clear budget and explain how each item contributes to delivery of the project.
Funding should not be used for routine operational costs that would ordinarily be the responsibility of the applicant's employer, such as wages or routine staffing costs.

7. Workplace Support

Applicants must have the support of the clinical service in which the proposed project will be undertaken. As part of the application, an appropriate manager, department head or authorised representative must provide a **Workplace Support Declaration** confirming their support for the project.

The declaration confirms that the organisation is aware of and supports the proposed project and, where applicable, will provide reasonable access to the resources, facilities or personnel required for its implementation.

Workplace support does not imply financial support, and implementation of any funded project remains subject to relevant organisational, governance and ethics requirements.

8. Ethics and Governance

Applicants should consider whether their project constitutes service improvement, quality improvement, audit, evaluation or research and determine the appropriate local approval pathway.

Formal ethics approval is not required at the time of initial application. However, applicants must identify whether ethics, governance, quality assurance or other institutional approvals are anticipated. Successful applicants are then responsible for obtaining all required approvals before commencing activities to which those approvals relate.

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ASMIRT will require evidence of relevant approval, governance authorisation or confirmation that formal ethics review is not required before funds are released or relevant project activities commence.

Receipt of an ASMIRT Grant does not constitute ethics or institutional governance approval.

9. Application Requirements

Applicants should provide the following:

- **The problem/opportunity:** Describe the clinical or service issue the project seeks to address;
- **The proposed project:** Explain what you propose to implement or change;
- **Relevance to medical radiation practice:** Explain why the project matters and how it may contribute to the profession;
- **Anticipated impact:** Describe the expected benefit for patients, practitioners, the service and/or the wider profession;
- **Rationale and feasibility:** Explain why the proposed approach is likely to be appropriate and achievable. Applicants may draw upon local experience, service data, published evidence or examples from other settings;
- **Measures of success:** Describe how you will determine whether the project has achieved its intended outcomes;
- **Implementation plan and timeline:** Describe the key activities and demonstrate that the project can be completed within 12 months;
- **Budget:** Provide an itemised budget and justification for the requested funding;
- **Workplace support:** A letter from the applicant's workplace, indicating support for the project.

10. Assessment and shortlisting

Eligible applications will initially be assessed by the ASMIRT Membership Advocacy Committee (MAC). A limited number of applicants will be shortlisted.

Applications will be assessed according to;

- significance of the identified need;
- relevance to clinical medical radiation practice;
- potential impact;

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- rationale and proposed solution;
- feasibility;
- appropriateness of the implementation and evaluation plan;
- appropriate use of funding; and
- potential value to the wider medical radiation profession.

11. The Pitch

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to pitch their Idea to Impact project at the nominated ASMIRT conference.

The proposed format is:

5-minute project pitch + up to 5 minutes of panel questions.

The written application will be provided to the judging panel in advance.

The judging panel will comprise a maximum of five members, selected to provide an appropriate balance of professional, clinical, funding and consumer perspectives.

The panel membership may be drawn from:

- one ASMIRT Board representative;
- one MAC representative;
- one consumer/patient representative;
- one quality improvement representative;
- one Nicholas Outterside trust representative.

The panel will consider both the written application and the pitch when making the final funding recommendation.

12. Conflict of Interest

Applicants must declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest relevant to the application.

ASMIRT assessors and judging panel members must similarly declare conflicts and may be excluded from assessment of an application where appropriate.

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13. Shortlisted Applicants

Shortlisted applicants will be expected to attend the ASMIRT Conference to pitch their idea to the panel, **during a live, in-person session.** Please note that conference registration and all other related costs will be the at the expense of the applicant.

If your pitch is successful, you will be asked to attend the ASMIRT Conference the following year to report the outcome of the project.

14. The Winning Pitch

The successful applicant will be expected to:

- complete the project within 12 months;
- use the funding for the approved purposes;
- obtain all necessary ethics, governance and workplace approvals;
- notify ASMIRT as soon as practicable of any material changes to the approved project, including changes to the project aims or scope, project lead or key personnel, clinical site, implementation approach, timeline, budget allocation, or circumstances that may prevent or substantially delay completion of the project. Material changes that substantially alter the scope, delivery or use of awarded funds may require prior approval from ASMIRT;
- provide a progress update at approximately six months;
- submit a final report and financial acquittal;
- provide a summary of project outcomes suitable for communication to ASMIRT members; and
- participate in appropriate dissemination of the project outcomes through ASMIRT;
- The successful applicant will be invited to present a "One Year On" update at the ASMIRT conference the following year. ASMIRT will cover the cost of a one-day conference registration. All other related costs will be at the expense of the successful applicant.

15. Acknowledgement of ASMIRT Support

Any presentation, publication, resource or other dissemination arising directly from the funded project should appropriately acknowledge support received from ASMIRT.

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16. Important Information

Submission of an application does not guarantee shortlisting or funding.

ASMIRT reserves the right to:

- seek clarification regarding an application;
- determine whether an application meets eligibility requirements;
- recommend partial rather than full funding where appropriate;
- impose reasonable conditions on an award; and
- not grant an award where applications do not meet the required standard.

17. Disclaimer

The decision made by ASMIRT is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into. ASMIRT does not accept appeals regarding its decisions.

18. Further Assistance

Further assistance and information can be obtained from the ASMIRT Education Team:

- Telephone: (03) 9419 3336
- Email: scholarships@asmirt.org

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