

honours and Masters Scholarship

*INFORMATION FOR applicaNTS*

**Applications close Friday 19th April at 5 pm AWST.**

*Introduction and purpose*

The Rio Tinto Children’s Diabetes Centre; A JDRF Global Centre of Excellence, (“the Centre”) based at the Telethon Kids Institute and Perth Children’s Hospital in Western Australia is an integrated clinical and research centre conducting research into childhood diabetes.

Our goal is to improve the lives of all young people living with diabetes, their families and community by bringing together research, education, and clinical care. The Centre is supported by five national and global institutions/hospitals (Perth is the lead site).

The Centre aims to encourage new and innovative research, researchers and translation ideas and projects.

Applications are open for our Honours / Masters Scholarships with the purpose of providing funding for students to develop and support their **type 1 diabetes (T1D)** related research as part of their Honours / Masters degree.

The scholarship consists of a once-off **$5,000 AUD** award.

Applications for the Honours/Masters scholarships are to be emailed to [JDRF.GlobalCoE@thekids.org.au](mailto:JDRF.GlobalCoE@thekids.org.au) no later than 5pm (AWST) on 19th April 2025.

**Student Eligibility Criteria**

*The following students are eligible to apply:*

1. Applicants must be enrolled in an appropriate Honours, or Masters degree in a discipline relevant to T1D at the time the Honours / Masters scholarship commences.
2. Applicants must be affiliated with an institution or researcher as listed in Attachment A.
3. Masters specific
   1. The scholarship funds can only be applied to the research year of a Masters by coursework.
      1. The research component of the year for which the funds are to be applied must be no less than 40%.
      2. Application should be made in December preceding the commencement of the year to which the funds are to be applied

b. For Masters by research applicants, the scholarship funds will be applied to the year they were awarded

*The following students are ineligible to apply:*

1. Students who have completed more than half of their Honours research program, or half of the research component of their Masters by coursework program, at the time when the application is received
2. Students who are current recipients of an RTP or other significant scholarship.

**Project Eligibility Criteria**

1. The research project proposed by the applicant must relate to T1D research.
2. The proposed project must have a defined outcome if it is part of a greater research investigation.
3. It is essential that the applicant have appropriate supervision throughout the duration of the proposed project and that they make all necessary arrangements for acceptance and supervision with the Head of Department or supervisor concerned and secure their endorsement in the space provided on the Application form.

**Application Eligibility Criteria**

A transcript of the student’s academic history must accompany the application. This transcript must include all enrolment years, all units the student has been enrolled in, enrolment status for each year (full-time/part-time), and all marks / grades attained.

*Applications will be ruled ineligible if:*

1. an academic transcript is not included with the application
2. the application is received after the closing date
3. the application has not been approved by their primary supervisor.

**Obligations of the Administering Institution / recipient:**

1. To complete all research within the proposed period of the Honours or Masters program specified in the application, any claims outside that period will need to be endorsed by the Talent and Capacity Building Subcommittee and approved by the Management Steering Committee
2. To notify the Centre of any changes to the Honours or Masters program, at which time the Scholarship will be reviewed by the Talent and Capacity Building Subcommittee. Changes include, but not are not exclusively:
   1. when the scholarship holder’s study load is amended
   2. conversion of degrees
   3. institution transfer
   4. delays with the commencement of research
3. Provide a concise report within 6 months of the completion of the Scholarship. A Final Report template will be provided to successful applicants.
4. A section within the report template requires Head of Department or Primary Supervisor sign-off indicating the satisfactory completion of the research project.
5. Acknowledge the financial support of JDRF in any publication arising from the work being supported through this scholarship. Acknowledgement should be in the form of:

*This research was supported by JDRF Australia Honours [or masters] Scholarship (grant number 5-SRA-2021-1088-M-X).*

1. Provide a copy of the publications concerned to the Centre for review by the Scientific Program Subcommittee at least two weeks (14 days) prior to submission.

The administering Institution agrees to waive all fees associated with the administration of this scholarship.

**How do I claim funding if my application has been approved?**

1. Payments in respect of the scholarship shall be within the terms and conditions specified in the scholarship offer.
2. For currently enrolled Honours / Masters students, payment will be calculated from the date of the Scholarship Offer Letter, but not before commencement of the Honours / Masters program.
3. Amounts granted are in Australian Dollars and are exclusive of GST. All claims are to be made via a tax invoice from the Researcher’s GST registered Administering Institution, including the institution’s ABN. This is to avoid paying withholding tax which would reduce the overall grant by 48.5%. Please keep in mind that the invoice must include GST on top of the total grant (i.e. the invoice must include 10% extra for the GST).
4. Scholarships will be paid to the University/administering institution in one instalment on receipt of a tax invoice. The administering institution will be responsible for organising fortnightly payment to the Honours/Masters scholarship holder. The first payment will be back paid from the date of the Scholarship offer letter.
5. In exceptional/extenuating circumstances, and upon formal application, the Centre Co-Directors, at their discretion, may approve a variation to the payment method outlined above.
6. A scholarship holder is required to repay any scholarship overpayment within thirty calendar days of being requested to do so.
7. It is the responsibility of the Scholarship holder to assess the tax liability of their scholarship. The Centre cannot provide advice regarding taxation. Please refer to the taxation rules for your country.

**How to apply**

Application forms can be found at: <https://diabetes.thekids.org.au/our-research/research-focus-areas/student-opportunities/>

Before sending your application, please ensure all sections have been completed as specified, including the required signatures in the certification section.

An electronic copy of the application (including academic transcript) should be submitted via email to [JDRF.GlobalCoE@thekids.org.au](mailto:JDRF.GlobalCoE@thekids.org.au) no later than **5pm (AWST) on the 19th April 2025.**

**ATTACHMENT A – ELIGIBLE COLLABORATORS AND SITES**

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| **Name** | **Institution** |
| A/Prof Phil Bergman | Monash Children’s Hospital, Australia |
| A/Prof Spiros Fourlanos | Royal Melbourne Hospital/University of Sydney |
| A/Prof Yvonne Zurynski | Macquarie University, Australia |
| Dr Alicia Jenkins | University of Sydney, Australia |
| Dr Amelia Harray | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Dr Anthony Pease | Monash University, Australia |
| Dr Anthony Russell | Queensland Health, Australia |
| Dr Anthony Zimmermann | North Adelaide Local Health Network, Australia |
| Dr Aveni Haynes | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Dr Chetty Tarini | Royal Hospital for Sick Children Edinburgh |
| Dr Craig Taplin | Perth Children’s Hospital, Australia |
| Dr Daniel Tortorice | College of the Holy Cross, USA |
| Dr Dessi Zaharieva | Stanford University, USA |
| Dr Ella Zomer | Monash University, Australia |
| Dr Emily Callander | Monash University, Australia |
| Dr Gerry Fegan | Fiona Stanley Hospital, Australia |
| Dr Helen Woodhead | Sydney Children’s Hospital Network, Australia |
| Dr Jeffrey Cannon | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Dr Keely Bebbington | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Dr Kiwook Kim | University of New South Wales |
| Dr Kristen Neville | Sydney Children’s Hospital Network, Australia |
| Dr Kriti Joshi | Children’s Hospital Queensland |
| Dr Laurel Messer | Barbara Davis Centre, University of Colorado, USA |
| Dr Maddalena Ferranna | The University of Southern California |
| Dr Marie-Anne Burckhardt | University of Basel, Switzerland |
| Dr Martin de Bock | University of Otago, New Zealand |
| Dr Mary Abraham | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Dr Megan Penno | University of Adelaide |
| Dr Michael Huang | Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute |
| Dr Rebecca Pedruzzi | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Dr Tarini Chetty | NHS Lothian, Scotland |
| Dr Tony Huynh | Queensland Health, Australia |
| Dr Vinutha Shetty | Perth Children’s Hospital, Australia |
| Helen Clapin | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Prof Ann Maguire | The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, Australia |
| Prof David Bloom | Harvard TH Chan School of Public health, USA |
| Prof David Maahs | Stanford University, USA |
| Prof David O’Neal | University of Melbourne, Australia |
| Prof Elizabeth Davis | The Kids Research Institute Australia |
| Prof Jan Fairchild | Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Adelaide, Australia |
| Prof Jeffrey Braithwaite | Macquarie University, Australia |
| Prof Jenny Couper | University of Adelaide, Australia |
| Prof Mike Riddell | York University, Canada |
| Prof Paul Fournier | University of Western Australia, Australia |
| Prof Peter Adolfsson | University of Gothenburg, Sweden |
| Prof Peter Coleman | Royal Melbourne Hospital/University of Melbourne |
| Prof Sophia Zoungas | Monash University, Australia |
| Prof Tim Jones | Perth Children’s Hospital, Australia |