

RIO TINTO CHILDREN'S DIABETES CENTRE

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HONOURS AND MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Applications close Friday 31st October 2024 at 4 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 no later than 4pm (AWST) on the 31st October 2024.

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
 - a. The scholarship funds can only be applied to the research year of a Masters by coursework.
 - i. The research component of the year for which the funds are to be applied must be no less than 40%.
 - ii. 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.

Research projects should demonstrate a link or relationship to T1D research.

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:
 - a. when the scholarship holder's study load is amended
 - b. conversion of degrees
 - c. institution transfer
 - d. 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).

6. 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: <http://diabetes.telethonkids.org.au>

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 no later than **4pm (AWST) on the 31 October 2024**.

ATTACHMENT A – ELIGIBLE COLLABORATORS AND SITES

Name	Institution
A/Prof Phil Bergman	Monash Children’s Hospital, Australia
A/Prof Spiros Furlanos	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