



Avant Member Grants

2024 Program guidelines

Dr Matthew Lennon
2023 grant recipient



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About Avant Member Grants

Avant Member Grants are open to all Avant members, with a special focus on supporting early career doctors. Grants are also open to practices with an Avant indemnity policy.

Our goal is to fund research that improves quality, safety and professionalism in medicine.

We hope these grants will advance the careers of some of Australia’s promising medical researchers while improving medical practice.

We started our grants program in 2012 in response to the difficulties doctors face securing research funding. We have awarded more than 205 grants worth \$4.7 million.

These grants have supported research across a wide range of topics, including organ transplantation, epidemiology, hepatology, oncology, obstetrics, cardiology, and general surgery.

The program aims to inspire confidence and empower researchers and be a leading research partner in Australia for doctors at every stage of their career.

In 2024, Avant is offering up to \$450,000 in grant funding. The grants are open to practices and doctors.



Full-time grants

Valued at \$50,000, these grants fund research on a full-time basis over a 12-month period.



Part-time grants

Valued at \$25,000, these grants fund research on a part-time basis, usually over a 12-month period.



Microgrants

Valued at \$5,000, these grants have a broad purpose and may be for research, education, equipment, career development or an initial research phase.

Key dates

All grants	
Applications open	Midday (AEDT) Tuesday 26 March 2024
Applications close	Midday (AEST) Tuesday 25 June 2024
Review of applications	July to October 2024
Applicants notified of outcome	November 2024

Who can apply?

Practitioners

Anyone who holds a practitioner indemnity insurance policy with Avant Insurance Limited can apply for an Avant Member Grant. This includes:

- students
- accredited trainees
- pre-vocational doctors
- new fellows
- all other practitioners.

We encourage early career doctors to apply. For fairness, we only assess an application against other applications from the same career stage.

The project lead must be the applicant.

Practices

Grants are also available for medical practices that hold a practice medical indemnity policy with Avant. For practices applying for part-time and full-time research grants, both the practice and the lead researcher must hold a medical indemnity policy with Avant.

For full eligibility criteria, read the [terms and conditions](#).

	Full-time grant	Part-time grant	Microgrant
Who can apply			
Students	✓	✓	✓
Accredited trainees	✓	✓	✓
Pre-vocational	✓	✓	✓
New fellows	✓	✓	✓
Practitioner	✓	✓	✓
All the practitioner types above must hold practitioner indemnity insurance policy with Avant Insurance Limited			
Practice	✓	✓	✓
Medical practice applicants must hold a practice medical indemnity policy with Avant.			
Employment restrictions			
	Research must be on a full-time basis	No restrictions	No restrictions
Grant period			
	12 months	Up to 12 months	Up to 12 months
Funding available			
Value of grant	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$5,000



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To be awarded this competitive, independent, national research grant from Avant is really the highest praise for my project. As the project's principal investigator and an early career researcher, I am bursting with gratitude.

On a practical level, it delivers a sample size of suitable power for my research questions and simultaneously moves my project on to bigger and better things.

Dr Tess Evans
2020 recipient

Types of grants

In 2024 there are three categories for members: full-time research grants, part-time research grants and microgrants.

Research grants – full-time and part-time

These grants focus on funding research that contributes to improving quality, safety and professionalism in medicine. We welcome a broad range of research topics that support this goal. For example, your research may be related to developing improved health and medical practices such as diagnostics, drug therapies, biological processes, quality of life or other topics.

Microgrants

Microgrants may be used to support research, career growth, education, travel or anything related to the advancement of quality, safety and professionalism in medicine.

The Miss Lewis Award

In addition to the grant types above, one applicant will be awarded the Miss Lewis Award, which provides \$5,000 in addition to their grant funding. Miss Elizabeth Lewis was a pioneer in paediatric and spinal neurosurgery, committing her life to medicine and was a long-term Medical Adviser at Avant.

She mentored countless doctors and provided advice, support, and advocacy over her lifetime. This award will recognise outstanding innovation across the 2024 grants cohort. All successful applicants will be considered for the award, which will be decided in the judges' discretion.

Application process

Applications must be made through our [online form](#) by midday Tuesday 25 June 2024.

Please ensure the information provided is detailed and complete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

An independent panel of leading medical practitioners will review all applications. An interview may also be requested.

Selection is based on the [assessment criteria](#) for each grant type, which includes:

- the applicant's previous work experience and past research
- quality of the project
- research team and supervisor (if relevant).

For full-time and part-time grants, make sure you provide a detailed curriculum vitae and description of the proposed research, including the experimental design, its significance, expected outcomes and translatability. There is a word limit for each section so check the form before formulating your application.

View the full assessment criteria.

Notification of success

Successful recipients will be advised via phone by November 2024, followed by written confirmation.

Please note this timing may vary.

Payment of awards

All grant recipients will be expected to comply with the [terms and conditions](#) of the program, which set out what you need to do to receive payments.

Full-time and part-time grants are paid in two instalments:

- 50% upon receipt of a signed funding agreement
- 50% six months from the commencement of the grant period, on receipt of a satisfactory progress report and ethics approval, where required.

Microgrants are paid in full on receipt of a signed funding agreement.

All grant applications close midday (AEST)
Tuesday 25 June 2024

Dr Isobel Pye
2023 grant recipient



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