



The Lincoln Centre

for Research into Bone and Joint Diseases and Hand Surgery



Guidelines for funding applications

Applications are invited each year in August-September from researchers currently working at a clinical or academic institution within the Sydney Metropolitan Area and throughout NSW to support research initiatives in bone and joint research with relevance to the field of hand surgery research.

The following funding types are invited for application in 2026:

- Research student scholarship of \$25,000 for one year only
- Seed (pilot) project funding up to \$15,000 for one year
- Research project funding up to \$50,000 for one year

APPLICATIONS

Applications are to be completed using the Application Template for Research Funding, following all instructions (see <https://www.thelincolncentre.org.au/grant-applications>). The application and all attachments shall be compiled into a single PDF for submission.

Scholarship funds must only be used as salary support for the scholarship recipient. Seed and research project funds may be used to support direct research costs, personnel costs or equipment relating to a specific project, but must not be used to support travel, administration, or infrastructure costs.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be assessed by a multidisciplinary panel, the Research Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the Lincoln Centre Board of Directors. Applications will be assigned a score for the scientific quality of the research proposal according to the specific criteria listed in the Application Template. Applications will be ranked based on this score. One of the goals of The Lincoln Centre is to promote hand surgery research throughout NSW and, although more than one application from the same research group may be considered by the board, The Lincoln Centre reserves the right to consider for funding only the top ranked proposal from each group. Clinical relevance and relevance to the field of hand surgery research will also play a role in the selection process.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Projects must be undertaken at an academic or clinical institution within the Sydney Metropolitan Area and throughout NSW. The investigators undertake to complete the project within the allocated time and with the stated funding amount. Recipients will be required to provide a 6 monthly progress report and final report at the end of the funding period. Funding from the Lincoln Centre must be acknowledged in any publications of the research. This funding scheme does not support projects or scholarship recipients that are concurrently funded by another scheme. Successful applicants must advise the Lincoln Foundation if external funding is obtained for the same project within the 12 month support timeframe.

ENQUIRIES AND SUBMISSION

For enquiries, please email info@thelincolncentre.org.au. Please submit one PDF copy of your full application as per the application template to info@thelincolncentre.org.au.



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Applications open Monday 19th August 2026 and close Friday 16th October 2026.
Notification of results end-November 2026. Funding is distributed in January 2027.

Application template for research funding

Please submit applications and attachments electronically as a single complete PDF file to:

info@thelincolncentre.org.au with the subject "Lincoln Grant Application"

Closing date: Friday 16th October 2026

Please indicate below which category you wish to apply under (complete whichever is appropriate):

Postgraduate student scholarship / traineeship

Type of study	Masters by Research (limit \$25,000 for 1 year) ☐ PhD (limit \$25,000 for 1 year) ☐ Other (please specify, limit \$25,000 for 1 year) ☐
Date of anticipated or actual commencement of study	
Expected completion date	
Institution / University	

Project grant

Type of project application	Seed funding (limit \$15,000 for 1 year) ☐ Research project (limit \$50,000 for 1 year) ☐
Anticipated or actual date of commencement of study	
Expected completion date	
Institution / University	
Project title	
Amount requested from this scheme	
Total cost of project	



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Personal details of researcher / student

Copy and paste additional rows for other investigators where necessary. The Lincoln Centre recommends that six or fewer investigators be included in the proposal. If more than 6 investigators are listed, please add a brief justification of the need for each investigator.

Title		Family name		Given name	
Academic degrees and year awarded					
Current position					
Department / Institution					
Full address					
Telephone number	Work:			Mobile:	
Email address					

Pending requests for external grant funding (complete if you are named as an investigator on a grant application currently under consideration for this or a similar project by a funding body). Insert additional rows if necessary.

Funding body Chief Investigators, title, funding type, funds (years and \$ amount)



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Application attachments must include:

- ☒ **Research proposal.** An outline of no more than **three (3)** pages describing the proposed project including the following points:
 - Title of the project
 - Summary of the proposed project in lay terms (approx. 100 words)
 - Aims and significance
 - Research plan, methods & techniques
 - Clinical relevance and relevance to the field of hand surgery research
 - Pilot data or feasibility statement (for full project grants). The researchers must also include a statement that they undertake to complete the proposal within the allocated time/funding.
 - Budget outline (covering whole cost of the project and amount sought from this scheme). This scheme only supports projects and scholarships for 1 year of funding and the scheme does not support travel, administration or infrastructure costs
- ☒ **Track record / CV.** Maximum one (1) page per investigator / student track record relative to opportunity. May include clinical and/or research experience, previous grant support, professional memberships and honours, and list or summary of publications.

All supporting documentation must be in Times Roman 12 point font with margins at least 2cm

Signatures

I certify I have read the guidelines relating to this scheme that all the information contained in this application is correct.

Applicant or Chief Investigator signature:

Date:

Head of Organisational Unit name:

Head of Organisational Unit signature:

Date: