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## Orthoptics Australia / Eye Foundation Research Grant

### *GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICANT*

#### **Information:**

This grant is aimed specifically for researchers conducting pilot studies in order to promote research in areas related to the vision sciences.

#### **Eligibility:**

The principal researcher seeking the funds must be:

- Financial member of Orthoptics Australia
- Registered with the Australian Orthoptic Board
- Conducting the study within Australia or New Zealand

#### **Grant:**

The amount awarded will depend on funds available but will be up to a maximum amount of \$1,000.00. More than one award may be given if funds are available.

#### **Procedure:**

Applications should be forwarded to the OA Awards Convenor by June 30th.

Please submit typed applications on the enclosed form.

#### **The research submission should include:**

- Background
- Aim
- Study Design
- Investigators - including percentage of input
- Budget & Timeline
- Other Funding Sources
- Ethics Approval if required
- Where study is to be carried out

#### **Judging the merit of the research proposal / design:**

The Awards Committee of Orthoptics Australia will consider any applications.

This committee will consist of the following members: Awards Committee, Journal Editor and a representative from both university orthoptic / visual science schools. Alternative members will be nominated if one of the above committee members has a conflicting interest in an application. The remaining committee members shall elect the alternative member. Additional advice may be sought if determined by the President of Orthoptics Australia. The final decision will be circulated to executive for ratification and applicants notified as soon as possible after that time.

The committee shall set up a set of guidelines as to scoring the merit of the research proposal / design.

#### **Progress Report**

The successful applicant will be required to submit to the committee progress reports. These will take the format of a typed report due twelve months after the date of successful notification of the grant. The committee may also request additional reports if deemed necessary. If no reports are forthcoming - grant monies may be suspended. At completion of the research recipients are required to give a written report to council at the next council meeting on the outcomes of the research.

#### **Presentation:**

Recipients of the award are expected to present their findings at the Orthoptics Australia conference within 12 months of completion of their research.

#### **Call for application:**

A call for Grant Applications will be made in February of each year in the Orthoptics Australia Update newsletter and on the Orthoptics Australia website.