

Early Career Researcher Grant Application Form



Researchers from AINSE Member Institutions and/or Organisations are invited to apply for an Early Career Researcher Grant to support their research.

Applications must be received by ainse@ainse.edu.au by **11:59 pm AEST 31st July 2020**.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP

- Researchers are only eligible to receive one (1) Early Career Researcher Grant over their lifetime.
- The grant awards A\$10,000 excl. GST as a one-time payment to the recipient's host institution and must be placed into the recipient's research account.
- Grants are awarded to applicants who, at the absolute discretion of the selection committee, have fulfilled the application requirements.
- Projects must be in collaboration with ANSTO.
- For the full list of terms and conditions, please see pages 2-3.

Successful applicants will be awarded A\$10,000.

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Family Name	Given Name(s)
Mobile Phone	Email
University	
Prior AINSE Award / PGRA no. (if any)	
PROJECT DETAILS	
Title of the Project	
Head of Research (or Equivalent)	
Primary ANSTO Collaborator	
Research Centre	
Additional Funding you have already secured for the Project	<i>Please outline details of additional support you have already received for the project</i>
ANSTO Proposal Number	<i>Please leave blank if proposal number is unknown at time of submission</i>
Plans to publish results	<i>Please provide details and / or plans to publish the results</i>
I HAVE ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Details: Must include aim, method, budget (see Section 6 for further details) and expected outcomes (no more than 5 pages, including figures/graphs/images).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Collaboration with ANSTO: Signed Letter from a nominated primary research collaborator employed by ANSTO containing proof of planned collaboration with ANSTO between 1 st October 2020 and 31 st December 2021.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Reference Letters of Support.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum Vitae (no more than 2 pages), including commencement and end dates for each listed position, to verify the Applicant is in their first five years of full-time-equivalent employment as an Early Career Researcher (see Section 2 for further details).
DISCLAIMER	
I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
Name of Applicant	
Signature of Applicant	Date
ACKNOWLEDGING AINSE FUNDING	
AINSE requires acknowledgement of its funding support. All successful grant publications including research publications, conference presentations and posters, must include acknowledgment. If presenting at a conference, the presentation and/or poster must be acknowledged and include the AINSE Logo. The AINSE Logo can be requested by emailing ainse@ainse.edu.au .	

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER GRANT (ECRG) – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Form of Grant

AINSE ECRGs are in the form of a single payment and are offered to scholars who are, or will be, in a post-doctoral Early Career Researcher position at an AINSE Member Institution and/or Organisation.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. and hold a post-doctoral position at an AINSE Member Institution and/or Organisation in order to be eligible for receivership of the grant.

As of 1st May 2020, the Applicant must be in the first five years of full-time-equivalent employment as an Early Career Researcher, with allowances made for career breaks of a reasonable time frame.

A maximum of one grant per year will be awarded to Early Career Researchers employed by ANSTO.

The recipient must be listed on an approved proposal to commence work at an ANSTO facility between 1st October 2020 and 31st December 2021. In cases where the relevant proposal(s) have been submitted to the ANSTO Research Portal but not yet approved at the time of the Early Career Researcher Grant review, success in the ECRG application will be contingent upon success in the relevant ANSTO portal round.

Only one application is allowed per applicant, per application round. The grant is only available to be received once per applicant; applications for the grant from prior recipients will be considered invalid.

3. Location

An AINSE ECRG will be received by the nominating Institution and/or Organisation.

4. Project

The research project shall be in collaboration with ANSTO. The nominated primary ANSTO Collaborator shall be responsible for ensuring that the ANSTO facilities and services required for the project can be made available in the year of the Award. Access to facilities is not guaranteed: equipment failure or other difficulties may arise which prevent the execution of the grant. AINSE does not accept any responsibility for the consequences of equipment becoming unavailable.

5. Payment

The grant amount will be A\$10,000 excluding GST as of the 1st October 2020. The grant money will be delivered to the host institution and placed into the recipient's research account. Responsibility for establishing taxation liability lies with the Award recipient.

Should the recipient cease employment as a researcher at the initial Organisation within one year of receipt of the grant for any reason, or the University cease to be a member of AINSE, the University will be required to refund the remaining grant to AINSE.

Any unused grant funds as of 31st December 2021 will be recovered by AINSE Ltd.

6. Grant Usage

The grant amount of A\$10,000 can be spent on the following eligible items relating to the recipient's approved ANSTO proposal, subject to AINSE discretion:

- The recipient's travel and accommodation costs;
- The recipient's registration fee for a Conference/Workshop/Symposium at which the recipient is presenting a poster or oral presentation on the subject of the recipient's approved ANSTO proposal;
- Carer requirements; and
- The purchase of laboratory consumables.

Any grant funds used for ineligible purchases will be recovered by AINSE Ltd. If applicants are unsure of purchase eligibility, they must contact AINSE for clarification.

Please note that the costs of travel and accommodation to ANSTO campuses for the purpose of accessing ANSTO facilities as part of a successful ANSTO proposal are automatically covered by ANSTO, and therefore should not be included in the planned travel and accommodation budget.

7. Application Review

Applicants must apply by filling out the ECRG Application Form and providing the materials/details as requested. An incomplete form will be treated as an invalid application.

Applicants must provide a document outlining the details of their research project, including aim, method, budget and expected outcomes (no more than 5 pages, including figures/graphs/images).

Applicants must also provide a minimum of two reference letters with the application. In addition to these two reference letters, proof of collaboration with ANSTO must be provided in the form of a signed letter from a nominated primary research collaborator employed by ANSTO.

Applicants must provide a Curriculum Vitae (no more than 2 pages) with the application, including commencement and end dates for each listed position, to verify the Applicant is in their first five years of full-time-equivalent employment as an Early Career Researcher.

All applications will be reviewed by the AINSE Specialist Committee of project relevance. All application approvals will be at the discretion of the AINSE Specialist Committees and the AINSE Secretariat.

8. Information for Facility Use

The grant recipient will be required to apply directly to ANSTO to gain access to ANSTO facilities. AINSE does not provide funding for facility access.

9. Reports

A report on the Project, on a form provided for that purpose, must be submitted to AINSE by 31st January 2022, including a completed acquittal form of the used funds and purchases.

10. Publications

It is expected that appropriate acknowledgment to AINSE and ANSTO will be made by the recipient when any material embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the grant or through the use of funding supplied by AINSE is submitted for publication. Wording for inclusion in Acknowledgements of publications must include *"The authors would like to thank AINSE Limited for providing financial assistance (Award – AINSE ECRG 2020 [Grant Number]) to enable work on ..."*