

Early Career Researcher Grant: Application Form

Researchers from AINSE Member Institutions are invited to apply for an Early Career Researcher Grant (ECRG) to support their research. Applicants must read the [Terms and Conditions](#) before filling out an application.

Completed applications, including all required attachments, must be received by applications@ainse.edu.au by 11.59 pm 31st July 2023, Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

Applicant Information:	
Given name(s):	
Family name:	
Email address:	
Mobile phone number:	
Affiliated AINSE Member University or Institution:	
Prior AINSE Award numbers (if any):	

Project Details:	
Project title:	
Project lead / head of research:	
Affiliated research centre:	
Primary ANSTO collaborator:	
ANSTO research proposal number(s):	
ANSTO facilities that will be accessed under the above proposal(s):	

Project Aim:

In the space below, please provide a concise statement of the **scientific objectives** of the project, including the research question(s) you will endeavour to answer and the expected outcomes of this research. (*Maximum 500 words*)

Project Methodology:

In the space below, please provide a concise outline of the **experimental method** to be used in the project, including the design of the experiment, the procedures to be followed, and any other information which will assist AINSE in making a scientific evaluation of the proposal. **Details should be given of the ANSTO facilities, equipment, services, and consultations that you plan to use.** The use of such facilities must be discussed with your nominated primary ANSTO collaborator and the ANSTO Facility Contact Scientist responsible. *(Maximum 1,000 words)*

Project Timeline:

In the space below, please provide a concise statement of the **project timeline**, including milestones for the achievement of scientific objectives. (*Maximum 500 words*)

Publications Arising from the Project:

In the space below, please provide a concise summary of any **planned publications** arising from the project, including details of the journals to which these publications may be submitted. (*Maximum 250 words*)

ECRG Budget:

In the table below, please provide a **full itemised budget** detailing how the grant amount of up to A\$10,000 would be allocated to eligible research-related expenditure items in the event of a successful application. Note that, per the ECRG Terms and Conditions, the grant amount of up to A\$10,000 can be spent on items within the following eligible categories relating to the recipient's approved ANSTO proposal, subject to AINSE's discretion:

- The recipient's reasonable travel and accommodation costs for the purpose of conducting fieldwork relating to samples that will be analysed at ANSTO facilities, **capped at A\$5,000 excluding GST**, noting that travel to attend ANSTO facilities for experimentation is not covered as a successful applicant will already have this provided through the ANSTO approved merit-based proposal process (applicants can apply for extra travel if needed outside of this experimentation time);
 - **DO NOT include budget items relating to travel to ANSTO facilities for experimentation.**
- The recipient's reasonable travel and accommodation costs, and/or registration fee, for a conference, workshop, or symposium within the Award Period at which the recipient is presenting a poster or oral presentation on which the nominated primary ANSTO collaborator is listed as a co-author, concerning the research arising from the recipient's approved ECRG, **capped at A\$5,000 excluding GST**;
 - **DO NOT include budget items relating to conferences, workshops or symposia outside the Award Period.**
 - **Any conferences, workshops or symposia must be specifically named and justification for attendance provided.**
- The purchase of laboratory consumables, **capped at A\$5,000 excluding GST**;
- Publication fees and printing costs, **capped at A\$1,000 excluding GST**; and
- Carer requirements, including costs relating to childcare, respite, and support of dependents.

The grant amount cannot be spent on facility access costs or service costs, and cannot be spent on meal costs.

Any grant funds used for purchases deemed by AINSE to be ineligible will be recovered by an invoice for return payment. If recipients are unsure of purchase eligibility, they must contact the AINSE Secretariat by email (award@ainse.edu.au) for clarification.

Category:	Description	Cost (AUD) excluding GST
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Total:		A\$

Attachments relating to this application:

In the space below, please check the boxes to indicate you have included additional attachments in support of your application.

(Required) A signed letter from the nominated primary ANSTO collaborator providing proof of collaboration with ANSTO.

(Required) A signed letter of reference from a university or research collaborator, excluding the nominated primary ANSTO collaborator.

(Optional) Additional attachment(s) providing further information regarding the project.

If additional attachments have been included, please list and describe all additional attachments below:

Declaration and Signature:

By signing this form, you indicate that the information provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge, that you have read the ECRG Terms and Conditions, and that your nominated primary ANSTO collaborator has been notified of this application.

Applicant's signature:

Date:

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