



GCI INTERNAL SEED FUNDING SCHEME

The GCI Internal Seed funding scheme is a newly created initiative to provide financial support to ECRs and MCRs within the GCI membership who are employed by the University of Melbourne. The funding is for small to medium sized projects within the biomedical engineering and medtech research field.

Goals of the scheme:

- To support researchers to build track records and research capabilities with the long-term aim to attract external funding;
- To foster new interdisciplinary collaborations across multi faculties at the University of Melbourne and with industry partners, clinical hospitals and other institutions;
- To enhance innovative research ideas, bringing together research expertise within the biomedical engineering and medtech field.

Assessment criteria:

- Be a GCI member;
- Be an ECR (5 years after PhD completion) or MCR (8 years after PhD completion) employed by the University of Melbourne (taken into account career breaks);
- Projects are within the biomedical engineering and medtech field;
- Collaborations across faculties and with external stakeholders are looked favourably upon.

Funding:

Up to 3 grants of \$10,000 each are available within this scheme. The funds can be used for employing a research staff, purchase of equipment, lab consumables or other relevant research costs. The funds cannot be used to contribute to your own salary. All funds must be expended within 12 months from the award start date.

Requirements:

- Successful applicants to submit a short report (2 pages maximum) and financial acquittal one month after the project ends which should include the project outcome, itemised costs and any publications or conference presentations derived from this funding;
- Successful applicants to acknowledge the GCI affiliation on relevant research outputs and give the GCI permission to post research project highlights on their website, annual report or other communication platforms.

How to apply:

Applications should include the following (3 pages max):

- Description of the team and research collaboration (if any)
- Description of the research project and project timeline
- Potential opportunities for a submission of a larger funding bid (if any)
- Justified use of funds
- Approval statement from the supervisor

Please also include the main applicant's CV with the application.

Applications and enquiries are to be submitted to Minh Nguyen, GCI Centre Manager at
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