The Graeme Clark Institute for Biomedical Engineering (GCI) was created to coordinate biomedical engineering activities across Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (FEIT), Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS), and Faculty of Science (FoS) at the University of Melbourne. The GCI brings together expertise and capabilities from medicine, engineering, and science, including the life sciences, computer sciences, mathematics and the social sciences.

The GCI Travel Support Scheme is a research support initiative with the aim to provide Graduate Researchers and Early Career Researchers with financial support to attend national and international conferences or visit another institution as part of their research projects. The scheme aspires to create opportunities for researchers to build their networks and experience and also foster interdisciplinary research collaboration with other institutes, departments and research groups outside of the University of Melbourne.

The financial support amount is up to $4,000 (excluding GST) for each award. However, the approved funding will be decided based on the application budget and at the discretion of the GCI.

The Graeme Clark Institute will award the GCI travel support with the following conditions:

**Eligibility**

*To be eligible for the GCI travel support, an applicant must:*

- Be a graduate researcher or Early career researcher (up to 5 years post PhD not including career interruptions) at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, or Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, or Faculty of Science at the University of Melbourne;
- The research project is relevant to biomedical engineering. For key research areas within the institute, please refer to: [https://clarkinstitute.unimelb.edu.au/#research](https://clarkinstitute.unimelb.edu.au/#research)
- The applicant has not received funding in the same scheme in the previous years.

**Application criteria**

- Applications are to be submitted online by the specified due date;
- The actual travel must be at least eight weeks after the closing date of this scheme;
- Applications must include a CV (maximum 2 pages) of the applicant together with the Letter of Acceptance from the conference organiser (if not yet available, provide the expected date to receive this document).

**Assessment of applications**

- Applications will be received by the GCI administrative staff and checked that sufficient information has been provided for further consideration;
• Co-funding from other sources will be looked upon favourably;

• Generally, successful applicants will be advised of the outcome in writing within 4-5 weeks from the closing date.

Requirements

• Grant recipients are to provide a brief report to the GCI on the outcomes of the travel within one month of the conference/visit (including photos);

• Grant recipients are to acknowledge the GCI and faculties’ affiliation on relevant research outputs;

• Grant recipients are to become GCI members and give the GCI permission to post research project highlights on their website, annual report or other communication platforms. Refer to GCI Membership Terms of Reference;

• If there is a change in circumstances after approval of funding, meaning that the funding is no longer required for the proposed activity, the applicant must notify us immediately.

For further information and to apply for a GCI funded Travel Support Scheme, please contact the Centre Manager, Minh Nguyen at nguyen.m@unimelb.edu.au or 03 8344 9630.