



GCI INTERNAL INDUSTRY COLLABORATION FUNDING SCHEME GUIDELINES

The GCI Internal Industry Collaboration Funding Scheme is newly created to provide financial support to GCI researchers including graduate researchers employed/enrolled at the University of Melbourne. The funding is for small to medium sized projects within the biomedical engineering and medtech research field.

Open date: 28 May 2024

Closing date: 25 June 2024

Objectives

- To support researchers including graduate researchers to build track records and research capabilities with the short or long-term aim to attract external funding;
- To foster new interdisciplinary collaborations with industry partners, clinical hospitals and other institutions;
- To enhance innovative research ideas, bringing together research expertise within the biomedical engineering and medtech field.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scheme, an applicant must:

- Be a GCI member;
- Be a researcher employed by the University of Melbourne or a graduate researcher enrolled at the University of Melbourne;
- Projects are within biomedical engineering and medtech field;
- At least one Chief Investigator of this project is from an industry partner or a clinical hospital;
- Projects show significant potential for future funding submissions towards grants in excess of \$3 million.

Application criteria

- Applications should include the following:
 - Application form
 - Chief Investigators' CV
- Governance of intellectual property is in accordance with the University of Melbourne's policies and procedures: <https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1320/>;
- Project personnel must disclose any real, potential or perceived conflicts of interest: <https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1366/>.

Funding

Each grant is up to \$10,000 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 the Chief Investigator's salary or stipend. 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.

Submission

Application form and any supporting documents (in PDF format) to be submitted to the GCI Centre Administrator, Erin Wilson at erin.wilson@unimelb.edu.au by **the specified due date**.

Contact

For further information and enquiries about the GCI Cross-faculty Seed Funding scheme, please contact the GCI Centre Administrator Erin Wilson at erin.wilson@unimelb.edu.au.