

GCI TRAVEL SUPPORT SCHEME INFORMATION SHEET

The Graeme Clark Institute for Biomedical Engineering (GCI) was created with Strategic STEM-M Funds 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). 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) 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>

Application criteria

- Applications are to be submitted online by the specified due date (at least eight weeks before the travel)
- When submitting your application, you agree to acknowledge GCI affiliation on your research outputs if successful. Please note that the GCI may ask permission to post your research project highlights on our website, annual report or other communication platforms. Additionally, there will be a requirement for the graduate researcher/ECR to provide a brief report to the GCI on the outcomes of the travel within one month of the conference/visit.

Assessment of applications

- Applications are invited once a year or on an ad-hoc basis if the quota is not filled on the first round
- Your application 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 weeks of application
- 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.