

## Colin Matthews Research Grants 2009 Guidelines

The Research Centre for Reproductive Health (RCRH) and the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology offers various grant opportunities to staff and students. One of these, the Colin Matthews Research grant is named after Professor Colin Matthews, past Head of the Reproductive Medicine Unit, University of Adelaide and founder of Repromed. Professor Matthews pioneered research in reproductive medicine in Adelaide, providing a strong financial and research foundation for the emergence of Adelaide's centre of excellence in this field, the Research Centre of Reproductive Health.

Colin Matthews research grants will be awarded in 2008 for research work commencing in 2009.

### Objectives

1. Facilitate obtaining national competitive funding.
2. Attract Honours and HDR students.
3. To advance the main research themes across RCRH and the Discipline.
4. Provide funding to promote a continuum of professional growth.
5. Provide seed money for Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to investigate new research areas.
6. Support the research program of Mid-Career Researchers who do not currently hold a DEST Category 1 grant as CIA.

**These research grants are not expected to supplement monies of current projects of Senior Research Group Leaders.**

### Funding

The amount per grant will be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The funding will be administered by Michael Guerin, School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health, Business Manager.

### Eligibility

**Applicants must be members of RCRH or the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and meet the following eligibility criteria at the time the research grant is awarded (5 December 2008). Applicants must be a:**

- Recent postdoctoral researcher. This includes people who have submitted or have been awarded a PhD.

**OR**

- Early to Mid Career Researcher. This includes people with a PhD who are at or below Level C.

**Excluded** will be any researcher who has independent competitive funding for 2009 (DEST Category 1). That is any researcher who holds a major external grant (eg NHMRC, ARC, Cancer Council etc.) where they are named as the CIA.

## Application

Download and complete application form on RCRH or Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology websites

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/rcrh/resources/#colinmatthews>

[https://www.health.adelaide.edu.au/og/staff\\_only/](https://www.health.adelaide.edu.au/og/staff_only/)

Send one **signed** hard copy and an electronic copy to  
[virginia.furness@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:virginia.furness@adelaide.edu.au) (Project Officer) MSN Level 6.

**Applications (with 2008 Project Reports attached) close 5.00pm Monday 10 November 2008.**

## Conditions

Funding provided is intended for the provision of consumables and technical support required to complete the project. It is *not* intended to supplement the salary of existing research staff.

If you have previously received a Colin Matthews grant, you must submit, or have previously submitted, a report detailing project name and outcomes achieved. (Maximum 500 words)

Successful 2009 recipients must submit an end of project report detailing outcomes of the project and how the funding was used".

If a 2009 project is not completed by application time for 2010 grants then the Evaluation Committee can make a decision based on the 2009 report detailing project name and outcomes achieved to judge whether the applicant should have a subsequent grant.

## Evaluation

Applications will be assessed by the Colin Matthews Research Grant Evaluation Committee.

Evaluation of the applications will include ranking of submissions and recommendations of the amount of funding. Outcomes of previous Colin Matthews Research grants will be taken into account.

Evaluation criteria will be based on:

- Eligibility and conditions as outlined above have been met.
- Scientific merit which will include:
  - Scientific quality (including demonstration of hypothesis, approach and feasibility).
  - Significance and innovation, including likelihood of translation into improved human health, animal production or commercialisation.
  - Demonstration of how this research project differs to that of the applicant's Supervisor or Research Group Leader and the extent to which the proposed project will help establish a separate research niche for the ECR.
- Assessment of itemised budget.

All applicants will be notified of the results and will be provided with feedback on their application. Successful applicants will be presented with an award at the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Christmas function in December.