

Eligibility Criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

We cannot provide a grant if you receive funding from another source for the same purpose (see section 1.4).

1.1 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible, research must be conducted within an Australian institution, although up to 10% of the research can be conducted at an international research institute (e.g. to learn a new technique). This ruling excludes the Ian Ballard Travel Award.

The Chief Investigator and Supervisor must hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency and be based within Australia prior to the funding period commencing. This is typically in January of the next calendar year, except for Round 1 Incubator Grants, which typically commence in August of same calendar year. Co-investigators and Co-supervisors do not require Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency to be eligible.

1.2 Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

Your application will be ruled **ineligible** if:

- A researcher is named as Chief Investigator on more than **one MS Australia grant** application within the calendar year (i.e. a researcher can only be named as Chief Investigator on one application to MS Australia per calendar year). This includes applications for Project Grants, Postdoctoral, Senior and Paired Fellowships and Ian Ballard Travel Awards. *This limit does not apply to Incubator Grants, Postgraduate Scholarships or Targeted Call Grants.*
- The researcher is named as a Chief Investigator, Co-investigator or Supervisor/Co-Supervisor on **four or more** MS Australia grant applications within the calendar year. This includes applications for Project Grants, Postdoctoral, Senior and Paired Fellowships and Ian Ballard Travel Awards. *This limit does not apply to Incubator Grants, Postgraduate Scholarships or Targeted Call Grants. Additionally, this limit does not apply to Associate Investigator roles on any grant application, or Referees providing a recommendation for an application.*
- Researchers named as Chief Investigator do not have Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency, or an applicant listed as Primary Supervisor does not have Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
- The Chief Investigator will be conducting the research overseas for the duration of the grant.

1.3 Chief Investigator

Chief Investigators who are based overseas for the duration of the grant are **not** eligible to apply. However, the Chief Investigator can spend up to 10% of the funding period overseas (e.g. to learn a new technique). Please note that funding **cannot** go towards travel, with the exception being the Ian Ballard Travel Award.

As Chief Investigator, you are responsible for ensuring that you, Co-investigators and Supervisors/Co-Supervisors adhere to the following:

- a) The Chief Investigator listed has not been listed as Chief Investigator on any other MS Australia grant application submitted within the current calendar year. *This limit does not apply to Incubator Grants, Postgraduate Scholarships or Targeted Call Grants.*
- b) Each researcher has been named as Chief Investigator, Co-investigator or Supervisor/Co-Supervisor on a total of no more than **three** applications within the calendar year. *This limit does not apply to Incubator Grants, Postgraduate Scholarships or Targeted Call Grants.*
 - i. Example 1: A researcher may wish to be named Chief Investigator on **one** Project Grant, Co-investigator on **one** Project Grant and Supervisor/Co-supervisor on **one** Postdoctoral Fellowship. If a researcher is named on these **three** applications within the calendar year, they cannot be named on any other applications as Chief Investigator or Co-investigator within the calendar year. If the researcher is found on **four or more** grant applications within the calendar year, the application will be rejected and not considered.
 - ii. Example 2: Alternatively, a researcher may wish to be named Co-investigator on **one** Project Grant and Supervisor/Co-Supervisor on **two** Postdoctoral Fellowships. If a researcher is named on these **three** applications within the calendar year, they cannot be named on any other applications as Chief Investigator or Co-investigator within the calendar year. If the researcher is found on **four or more** grant applications within the calendar year, the application will be rejected and not considered.
- c) The Chief Investigator actively working on the project must hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

Please note that the two named researchers for a Paired Fellowship application are **both considered Chief Investigators** and this counts towards each person's single Chief Investigator limit and the researcher's three application limit.

1.4 Additional eligibility requirements

Your application may also be ineligible and not considered if it breaches other requirements as set out in each grant type. This includes the following:

- The application is not submitted by the specified date.
- The application is not approved by the host institution's Grant Office by the specified date. **Please note:** *It is the Chief Investigator's responsibility to ensure that the Grant Office receives the grant application in time to submit it before the deadline.*
- The research proposal and CVs do not comply with the formatting requirements and page limits.
- The proposed research duplicates research that has been previously funded by MS Australia or another source.
- The application includes any incomplete, false, or misleading information.
- The research proposal is not consistent with the strategic aims of MS Australia's research program.