

# NATIONAL ASTHMA RESEARCH PROGRAM

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT: APPLICANT GUIDE AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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## General information for Applicants

Over the past ten years the Asthma Australia National Asthma Research Program has resulted in significant contributions to important discovery science, clinical, and population health research projects, as well as PhD Scholarships and research fellowships to promote emerging researchers in the field.

Asthma Australia invites early career researchers, whose research relates to people with asthma, to apply for Asthma Australia Career Development Grants.

Applicants for Asthma Australia's PhD scholarship must:

- Be conducting research in Australia.
- Be a PhD candidate or has a PhD that was awarded up to five years previously (relative to opportunity)
- Applying for funding for activities which will develop their career in asthma research (for example publication feeds, online training event, consumables for a project or grant writing assistance).

Please refer to the advertisement for other eligibility requirements.

### Submission process

- Applications should be submitted to [research@asthma.org.au](mailto:research@asthma.org.au). Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Applications must include
  - Completed application form
  - Academic transcript
- Applications must be lodged electronically in Microsoft Windows Word or PDF format, using the application form. Applications not received in this format will not be accepted.
- Files should be no larger than 1mb in size
- Left margin should be at least 2.5cm with content aligned text left
- Font (body) should be Calibri 11 point
- Applications should be in one document (e.g. PDF), and named as follows: SURNAME OF APPLICANT\_CAREERDEVELOPMENTGRANT\_YEAR

### Reporting expectations

If successful, applicants will provide a brief report detailing the work/ activity that the grant contributed to (template provided). These should be provided in language appropriate for a lay audience.

### Affiliation and acknowledgment

Successful applicants must ensure (wherever possible) Asthma Australia's contribution and support of the Project is acknowledged in publications or presentations related to the research.

## Assessment Process

### Eligibility

Applications are assessed for their eligibility by Asthma Australia staff. Eligible applications will undergo assessment by Asthma Australia’s Research Advisory Committee or delegate/s

All applications are assessed against standardised assessment criteria which are described in this document.

### Review

Reviewers assess applications on the extent to which they address the criteria below. Applications will be assessed against the domains described on the following pages. While the described domains provide peer reviewers with some benchmarks for appropriately scoring each application, it is not essential that all descriptors relating to a given score are met. The category descriptors are a guide to a ‘best fit’ outcome.

Peer Review Categories	Weight
Track record (relative to opportunity)	20%
Asthma impact	50%
Career impact	30%

## Application Guide

Asthma Australia is committed to being a consumer-centred organisation, which meets the diverse needs of people with asthma and carers. We seek to champion the expressed needs of people with asthma and ensure their inclusion in our research program. We believe research should be informed by consumers, involve consumers and be meaningful for consumer lived experience.

The application form must be completed in plain English and be able to be considered by a consumer reviewer. Please provide a simple concise definition of key technical concepts used.

### Track record (20%)

Applicants must attach a maximum 2-page CV to their application, which will be used to assess track record including:

- Academic performance,
- Research outputs (publications, awards or honours),
- Professional research experience, and
- Community engagement activities.

### Career impact (50%)

Describe how the professional development activities will enhance your career.

### Asthma impact (30%)

Outline how your work is important in terms of asthma research and/or its potential to translate into improving asthma outcomes.

## Review Guide

Peer reviewers should assess applications on the extent to which they address the criteria below and the domains described on the following pages.

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Track record (relative to opportunity)	20%
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### Track record (20%)

Academic record and research achievement (relative to opportunity), signified by 2 page CV, including examples such as:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic performance: high distinction</li> <li>• Awarded university medal or top of year award</li> <li>• Received more than one university prize/award OR non-university prizes</li> <li>• Has been a lead author on at least two research publications in a peer reviewed journal or book chapter</li> <li>• Has presented at more than three conferences or presentations</li> <li>• Previous full-time research including current studies, or professional experiences</li> <li>• Demonstrates strong community engagement activities</li> </ul>	Outstanding (10-9)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic performance: distinction</li> <li>• Received at least one university prize OR non-university prize</li> <li>• Has been a lead author on one research publication in a peer reviewed journal or book chapter</li> <li>• Has presented at two or more conferences or presentations</li> <li>• Research project during training (including electives or volunteer work)</li> <li>• Demonstrates some community engagement activities</li> </ul>	Very good (8-6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic performance: credit</li> <li>• Received one university prize OR non-university prize</li> <li>• Has contributed to more than one research publication or book chapter</li> <li>• Has presented at one conference</li> <li>• Demonstrates little industry relevant experience</li> </ul>	Satisfactory (5-3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic performance: pass or lower</li> <li>• Did not receive any awards or prizes (university or otherwise)</li> <li>• Has not contributed to any research publications or book chapters</li> <li>• Has not presented at a conference</li> </ul>	Poor/limited (2-1)

### Career impact (50%)

Career impact	
The career development activities will <b>significantly</b> enhance the applicant's career in asthma research	Outstanding (10-9)
The career development activities will <b>somewhat</b> enhance the applicant's career in asthma research	Very good (8-6)
The career development activities <b>may</b> enhance the applicant's career	Satisfactory (5-3)
The career development activities are <b>unlikely</b> to enhance the applicant's career OR are <b>not related</b> at all to asthma research	Poor/limited (2-1)

**Asthma impact (30%)**

Asthma impact	
The applicant's work is <b>highly likely</b> to contribute significantly to asthma knowledge and translatable outcomes for consumers	Outstanding (10-9)
The applicant's work is <b>likely</b> to contribute significantly to asthma knowledge and translatable outcomes for consumers	Very good (8-6)
The applicant's work <b>may</b> to contribute to asthma knowledge and translatable outcomes for consumers	Satisfactory (5-3)
It is <b>very unlikely</b> the applicants current work will contribute new asthma knowledge and translatable outcomes for consumers	Poor/limited (2-1)