



TSANZ

The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand

1. TSANZ Research Kickstarter Grants (TTS 2026)

The TSANZ Research Kickstarter Grants will be awarded to TSANZ members to support a new research project based on a showcase presentation in a TSANZ workshop at TTS 2026. Research groups will present a 15-minute project pitch to an expert panel with seed funding grants awarded to the best clinical science and best basic science proposals.

Eligibility:

- Be a financial member of the Society of 12 months standing from the date of approval of membership to the Society to the date of application (including full member concession and student members)
- Research to be conducted primarily in an Australia or New Zealand setting
- Projects must focus on a novel research question that have the potential to transform the clinical approach to organ donation and transplantation and improve outcomes for transplant recipients in Australia and New Zealand.
- Projects must not have received prior funding for this project or prior category 1 funding.

Award process:

- A one-page project outline must be submitted to SPEC for consideration prior to the due date
- Project pitches must be presented in person at the TSANZ Research workshop at TTS 2026
- Presentations will consist of a 10-minute project pitch followed by 5 minutes Q&A from expert panel and audience
- The highest ranked clinical and basic science project pitches, scored by the expert panel and audience according to pre-specified criteria will each be awarded a TSANZ Research Kickstarter grant
- Projects must commence within 12 months of the award being presented
- A project update report, including how prize money has been spent must be submitted to SPEC prior the closing date
- An abstract outlining project progress/results must be submitted for TSANZ ASM 2027 or 2028

Award criteria (encouraged):

- Novel and creative projects
- Projects unlikely to receive alternative sources of funding
- Projects where seed funding may be leveraged to access future funding opportunities
- Projects that involve collaboration between multiple Australian/New Zealand research sites and/or inter-disciplinary groups

Prize details:

- 2 x \$10,000 cash grants will be awarded to winning projects
- Money may be spent at the researcher's discretion but should align with the original project proposal and budget presented at TTS. A report of the budget must be provided to SPEC prior to the TSANZ ASM 2027

Dates for submission of applications: TBC

2. TSANZ Career Development, Immersion and Learning Grants

The TSANZ Career Development, Immersion and Learning Grants are designed to provide financial support to TSANZ members the opportunity to obtain new experience and skills relevant to donation and transplantation and/ or clinical or basic science research with the goal of advancing local expertise.

Eligibility:

- Be a financial member of the Society of 12 months standing from the date of approval of membership to the Society to the date of application (including full member concession and student members inclusive of medical, nursing, laboratory, scientific and allied health
- Priority will be given to those who have not received previous financial support from TSANZ.

Award criteria:

- Proposals should involve a period of travel to a national or international clinical or research institution for a specific defined purpose, these may include:
- Learning a new clinical skill or technique related to donation or transplantation
- Learning a new scientific or laboratory technique related to donation or transplantation
- Collaborating on a specific research project related to donation or transplantation

Proposals should include:

- Description of skill, technique, experience or project that will be the focus of travel
- Details of the hosting institution with evidence of expertise in specific technique or area
- Letter of support from the hosting institution in accepting the candidate
- Letter of approval to travel from the member's direct supervisor/line manager
- Proposed period of travel and approximate dates of travel
- Description of how the proposed immersion experience will benefit local institutions
- A breakdown of how the funds will be spent, this may include travel costs, accommodation, per diem, equipment that will be used during travel or on return to home centre. (Other expenses will be considered with appropriate justification).

Prize details:

- 2 rounds of grants with \$10,000 total to be awarded for each round.
- 4 x \$5,000 cash grants

Dates for the first round of application submissions: February 19 to March 30, 2026

3. TSANZ Research project support Grant

The TSANZ Research Project Grants are designed to provide financial support for Australian and New Zealand early career transplantation researchers.

Eligibility (See below for examples):

- Be a financial member of the Society of 12 months standing from the date of approval of membership to the Society to the date of application (including full member concession and student members):
 - Currently undertaking postgraduate studies or advanced training in a field relating to organ donation or transplantation and those up to 5 years post completion of training in a transplant specialty program or a higher degree (Masters/PhD), subjected to career disruption
 - Full time or part time student enrolled in a degree (student), **OR** Early Career Researcher (within 5 years of their highest degree) **OR** Nursing or allied health members, **OR** Academic and research members in non-clinical positions
- ***When there are multiple applicants, preference will be given to applicants who have not received prior funding from TSANZ***

Application and process

- Abstract explaining the proposed use of funds and how it will contribute to the planned research (limit 500 words)
- C.V. and publication record, taking into consideration any career disruptions relative to opportunity
- Applicants cannot apply for multiple items in the same application.
- Applicants must include a clear budget in the application, if successful this is the amount awarded.
- Application will be reviewed by SPEC/Board

Award criteria:

- Scientific excellence and clarity of abstract
- C.V. and publication record, taking into consideration any career disruptions and relative to opportunity

Conditions of award:

- Provide a report on what the grant enabled to the TSANZ Board for publication in the Annual Newsletter or presentation at a Grand Round
- The awarded funds must be used within 12 months of receipt of the award

Prize details:

- 2 rounds of grants with \$10,000 total to be awarded for each round.
- Up to \$5,000 per grant

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Equipment/consumables for experiments which are not already covered
- Consumer involvement
- Publication costs
- Travel to an international conference to present an abstract
- Work-life balance support e.g. childcare cover or to buy out annual leave
- Software or computer* please include justification for why your institute/university does not already supply the software or computer

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