

# 2024 Guidelines

The Clive & Vera Ramaciotti Foundations are collectively one of the largest contributors to biomedical research in Australia having granted over \$69 million to research projects since 1970.

As Trustee of the Foundations, Perpetual Trustee Company Limited (referred to as 'we', 'our' and 'us' below) is pleased to carry out the vision and generosity of Vera Ramaciotti, OBE. Vera established two Foundations in 1970, The Ramaciotti (NSW) Foundation and The Ramaciotti (Australia) Foundation to give substantial support to biomedical research – an interest she shared with her brother Clive.

The Ramaciotti Foundations continue to support biomedical research and each year make significant distributions via the Ramaciotti Awards.

## Ramaciotti Awards

The Ramaciotti Foundations have three award categories, each with its own guidelines detailed on the following pages:

- Ramaciotti Medal for Excellence in Biomedical Research
- Ramaciotti Health Investment Grants
- Ramaciotti Biomedical Research Award (biennial)

We provide these awards with the help and recommendations of the Ramaciotti Foundations' Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). Members of the SAC are selected with due consideration to their skills in basic and applied medical science, seniority, and experience in academic medical fields.

Perpetual as Trustee, or the SAC, reserves the right to:

- Request ongoing reports from award recipients, covering the use of the funds provided by the Ramaciotti Foundations
- Contact past recipients to discuss ways to publicise the awards in conjunction with their research projects if an opportunity arises to promote their research.

## Medal for Excellence & Health Investment Grants

<b>Applications open</b>	<b>Monday 4 March 2024</b>
<b>Applications close</b>	<b>Friday 31 May 2024 5pm AEST</b>
<b>Nominators/applicants advised of outcome</b>	<b>September 2024</b>
<b>Recipient/s Announced</b>	<b>October 2024</b>

### How to apply

Application and nomination forms will be available on our [website](#) on the open date.

Applications must be lodged using a recent version of browser software and cannot exceed the maximum word limit requirements. No attachments to the online forms are permitted unless specifically requested. Late applications will not be considered.

### Further information

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## Ramaciotti Medal for Excellence in Biomedical Research

### Medal and \$50,000 Grant

This is awarded to a person who has made an outstanding discovery (or discoveries) in clinical or experimental biomedical research that has had an important impact on biomedical science, clinical medicine, or the way in which healthcare is delivered.

### Nominations

Candidates for the Medal are provided by nomination only from professionals within the medical and scientific research community. The Ramaciotti Foundations' SAC may nominate candidates, seek nominations or advice from other biomedical scientists.

We do not accept self-nominations. Previous nominees may be nominated again. A minimum of one and maximum of three nominators applies.

### Conditions of nominees

- The greater part of their work leading to the discovery (or discoveries) must have been conducted in Australia.

- The nominee should still be actively engaged in this work.

### Submissions

The person nominating should make a submission which includes the following:

- A citation (not more than three pages) outlining the background and consequences of the nominee's discovery (or discoveries) and their recent scientific achievements.
- Brief curriculum vitae of the nominee and a list of selected publications (not more than two pages per item).
- A statement of declaration completed by the nominee (downloadable from online application form).

Submissions must be received by 31 May 2024. The Medal recipient will be notified in September 2024.

### Financial arrangements

Payment of the grant will be made to the institution nominated by the Medal recipient. It is up to the institution to ensure that the funds are passed on to the individual Medal recipient for their use.

## Ramaciotti Health Investment Grants

### Grants of up to \$100,000

These Grants are awarded to individuals in universities, public hospitals, or institutes for a contribution towards the undertaking of health or medical research with a potential path to clinical application within five years.

A Health Investment Grant is intended to provide enabling research support for an autonomous early career investigator who is taking, or has recently taken, a substantive position.

In 2024 The Ramaciotti NSW Foundation will award up to six grants and The Ramaciotti Australia Foundation up to four grants. The Ramaciotti Australia Foundation supports organisations outside of NSW.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, your institution must be:

NHMRC administering and either;

- registered with the ACNC,

or

- hold Australian Taxation Office Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR1) endorsement (covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-12 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997), if you are a Government funded entity (ie a public hospital/hospital network).

Institutions that meet the above criteria may submit one application per department, up to a maximum of two applications per administering organisation.

Any additional applications received from the administering organisation above the maximum limit will be deemed ineligible for funding.

It is the applicant's responsibility to liaise and coordinate with the administering institute's central research office or equivalent. Only approved applications will be deemed eligible.

Grants awarded must be expended only for the purposes approved by the Trustee. Funds may not be used for the payment of administration fees, charges, or levies to the host institution or its offices.

## Ramaciotti Health Investment Grants (continued)

### Conditions

Applications may be made for a contribution of up to 50% (to a maximum of \$100,000) of the total cost towards the proposed project.

A Health Investment Grant is subject to the host institution providing a matching grant of the amount requested and raising the balance (if any) of the full cost of the proposed project. The matching grant must be cash for cash (not in-kind) but can include the salaries of project personnel (excluding the salary of the Chief Investigator).

### Applicants

- These grants are directed toward early career researchers. The applicant must not have more than ten years post-doctoral experience (PhD or equivalent post graduate research qualification) as at 1 January 2024. Any career disruptions, as defined by the NHMRC, must be fully documented.
- Applications will only be accepted from researchers up to Level C or equivalent.
- The applicant must be the Chief Investigator of the proposed project and be in or starting a position with an appointment of at least three years, terminating no earlier than 31 December 2027.
- The applicant (Chief Investigator) must be based in Australia for at least 80% of the funding period.
- A letter of guarantee from the administering institution is required:
  - guaranteeing employment to 31 December 2027, should the applicant be successful and
  - confirming that the applicant will be based in Australia for at least 80% of the funding period.

This can be uploaded within the application form.

- Grant funds will be distributed to the successful recipients prior to December 2024. The grant funds must be fully expended within three years of the receipt of the grant (by 31 December 2027). All applicants must be able to start the project no later than 1 July 2025.

### Using the grant

A Health Investment Grant can be used for any combination of personnel (excluding Chief Investigator salary), equipment (excluding infrastructure), project related travel, consumables, or other expenses. The maximum total amount is \$100,000.

A Grant is awarded to support the specific project set out in the application and funds are only to be applied as per the budget submitted. Funds may not be used for other purposes

without our permission. You must inform us if the project start is delayed, and any extension must be approved by us.

### Funding for research personnel

If a Health Investment Grant is awarded to support the cost of personnel, they must be employees of the institution undertaking the project and be subject to its conditions of employment.

Where possible, the names of the researchers whose salaries are to be provided by the Grant should be named in the application. We cannot make any additional funds available should salary or tenure exceed what is approved in the original budget.

### Transfer of Grants

A Health Investment Grant may be transferred to another institution should the researcher move institute during their tenure. The original institute is entitled to a pro-rata payment of the Grant.

### Publishing and reporting on research

The results achieved from research supported by the Ramaciotti Foundations must be made public through the usual scientific channels. The authors are held solely responsible for the accuracy of their published data.

Acknowledgment must be given to the Clive and Vera Ramaciotti Foundations for their support. A report of publications, acknowledging support, must be included in the final acquittal of the grant.

### General guidelines

The following relates to equipment purchased with Grant funds:

- When equipment is purchased with funds from a Grant, it becomes the property of the administering institution. They must meet all maintenance costs.
- A label should be attached acknowledging the support of the Clive and Vera Ramaciotti Foundations for or towards the purchase.

### Termination of a Grant

We reserve the right to terminate a Grant, make variations to a Grant or the conditions of a Grant as we deem to be appropriate. If the Chief Investigator or a responsible officer of the administering institution is of the opinion that the project should be terminated, they should notify us immediately. The administering institution is required to lodge an income and expenditure statement with us showing details of funds expended up to the termination date.

## Ramaciotti Health Investment Grants (continued)

### Financial arrangements

- Payment of the Grant will be made to the bank account provided on the application form and the institute will be responsible for adhering to the conditions of the grant as outlined in the successful funding letter.
- The approved allocations within the Grant's budget may not be varied or interchanged in any way without formal permission in writing from us. Requests for line-item variations within the allocated budget must be submitted to us with justification to merit approval.

### Accounting arrangements

During the term of the Grant, the administering institution will be required to submit annual acquittal reports which confirm that the funding has been spent solely on the project and in line with the approved allocations within the original budget.

### Goods and services tax (GST)

We consider the donations made to organisations as Grants that are freely given and would not ordinarily constitute consideration for taxable supply by the recipient. As a rule, the GST incurred by an organisation for the purchase of equipment or provision of services to the community, is not included in any Grant. It is presumed your organisation is registered for the GST and therefore you can reclaim this amount.

### Ethical and safety implications

If the application is successful, the Head of Department (University or Hospital) or Director (Research Institute) will be required to certify that the project will not commence until it has been approved by the relevant institutional ethics and biosafety committee. Any implications must be identified by the applicant in the relevant sections of the application form.

## Ramaciotti Biomedical Research Award

### Biennial grant of \$1 million

The \$1 million grant is awarded every two years to a group or individual undertaking biomedical research within universities, public hospitals, medical research institutes or other similar organisations.

The award funds projects including personnel, equipment, major infrastructure improvements or new laboratories that help an existing, well-funded program of research or enable a major new program to begin. Funds may not be used for the payment of administration fees, charges, or levies to the host institution or its offices. Traditionally, it funds a need that would not attract funding elsewhere.

### Eligibility

**The award will next be offered in 2025 and will be open to submissions from NSW only.** Organisations based in other states will be eligible to apply again in 2027. Organisations are therefore eligible to apply every four years.

To be eligible for funding your institution must be:

NHMRC administering and either;

- registered with the ACNC,
- or
- hold Australian Taxation Office Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR1) endorsement (covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-12 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997), if you are a Government funded entity (i.e. a public hospital/hospital network).

Institutions that meet the above criteria may submit one EOI per department, up to a maximum of two per administering institute. Any additional submissions received above the maximum limit will be deemed ineligible for consideration.

### Submissions

Information on how to apply for the next award will be available in early 2025.