**Below the Belt Research Fund**

ANZUP’s mission is to conduct clinical trials research to improve the treatment and outcomes of bladder, kidney, prostate, penile and testicular cancers. ANZUP is multidisciplinary and aims to assess a broad range of treatment interventions and management strategies to improve outcomes.

In line with ANZUP’s strategic plan and with the support of Below the Belt events, the **Below the Belt Research Fund** has been established to support our members in the development of investigator-initiated studies.

Grants of up to $50,000 (inclusive of GST) are available in 2024 for successful applicants. Eligible research projects may include:

* ANZUP pilot studies (including generating data to support a larger ANZUP research project)
* Translational research that may lead to a larger ANZUP project or form part of an existing ANZUP project
* Innovative sub-studies of ANZUP trials, e.g. psycho-oncology or nursing projects
* Seed funding to start a high priority ANZUP study that has a high likelihood of receiving ongoing funding from another source.

Not all funds may be awarded in the first round with any remaining funds available for ad-hoc grants or a second round of applications, at the discretion of the Grant Review Panel.

**Eligible research projects will:**

* Be consistent with ANZUP’s mission and objectives and include a budget justification up to AUD$50,000 (inclusive of GST)
* Involve endpoints that are feasible within a 1-2 year time frame, preferably 1 year
* Be expected to build capacity and/or collaborations for ANZUP and have the potential to lead to a future ANZUP project.

**The successful recipient will be required to:**

* Be an ANZUP member with a minimum of 12 months membership and an active contributor to ANZUP activities
* Acknowledge ANZUP’s contributions towards ongoing development and any associated outputs of the funded research
* Acknowledge ANZUP and the Below the Belt Research Fund in any publications or presentations as a result of the Below the Belt Research Fund
* Attend relevant subcommittee meetings to provide updates on the project and present a final report at an Annual Scientific Meeting
* Provide a formal written report at the completion of the project to the ANZUP SAC
* Provide a summary report for use in ANZUP publications
* As this research fund is supported by philanthropic funds, the successful recipients must ensure that any on-costs are not taken out of this grant.

**Assessment and notification**

**A grant review panel will be appointed by the ANZUP SAC to assess the applications and will include consumer representation. Within the framework of the above requirements, the following specific criteria will be used as part of the review and selection process;**

* Scientific excellence, i.e. quality of research methods (20%)
* Significance and/or innovation (20%)
* Feasibility, i.e. likelihood of successful completion (20%)
* Alignment with goals and objectives of ANZUP (20%)
* Potential to leverage additional funds (20%)

**Successful applicants will be presented their grants at the ANZUP Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) on Tuesday 23 July 2024.**

(Please Note: Attendance at the ASM is required)

**Key dates**

Friday 23rd February 2024 Grant applications open

Friday 31st May 2024 Grant applications close

Friday 28 June 2024 Notification to applicants

**Tuesday 23 July 2024 Award presentation**

Please complete the Below the Belt Research Fund Grant Application Form and email to: anzup@anzup.org.au by **COB Friday 31st May 2024**.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please send through to anzup@anzup.org.au.

**Below the Belt Research Fund - Grant Application and Project Description Form**

Please ensure your application is no longer than five (5) pages in total. Note that the review panel will be multidisciplinary in composition (including consumers), and the ability of non-expert reviewers to easily comprehend all aspects of the application should be carefully considered.

Email your completed application to grants@anzup.org.au **by the closing date (Friday 31st May 2024**).

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| Project title: |  |
| Date of submission: |  |
| Chief Investigator name: |  |
| Discipline:  | Organisation:  |
| Telephone:  | Email:  |
| Lay summary for ANZUP’s Consumer Advisory Panel review and public communication [maximum 300 words]  |  |
| Background and rationale: |  |
| Aim: |  |
| Objectives (endpoints):PrimarySecondaryTertiary/correlative | To determine:1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.  |
| Hypotheses: |  |
| **Population and setting:**In line with ANZUP’s priority to reduce disparity in cancer outcomes, we ask you to consider:* increased access to clinical trials for rural/remote Australia through teletrials
* increased trial participation among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
* increased trial participation among populations where there is low uptake into clinical trials including people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, adolescents and young adults (AYAs), and older Australians.

***If so, detail below, and if not, is there scope to incorporate into the project?*** |  |
| Interventions: |  |
| Study design:  |  |
| Outcomes and measures: |  |
| Study procedures: |  |
| Statistical considerations:  |  |
| Feasibility: |  |
| Significance:  |  |
| Risks:  |  |
| How is this project aligned with ANZUP’s goals and objectives? |  |
| Describe how this project may lead to future ANZUP studies? |  |
| Has this project or concept been reviewed previously by the ANZUP Subcommittee and/or Scientific Advisory Committee? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| If yes, what was the outcome and the project’s current status? |  |
| Key members of research team (list brief details only but include name, discipline, and organisation). Research Team must be ANZUP members.  |  |
| Have you applied for, or are you receiving, funding from other organisations for this project?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| If yes, who and for how much? |  |
| Which organisation will be responsible for administering the grant funds?  |  |
| Address and contact details of organisation administering the grant funds: |  |
| Has approval been granted by the organisation to support this project? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| Will the organisation charge a fee or overhead? \*\*If yes, this must be specified in the detailed budget | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| Project duration (months) |  |
| Proposed deliverables and timeframe |  |
| Total requested funds (Maximum Below the Belt Research Grant is $50,000 *including GST*)\*List only this total in the Concept Outline form | $ |

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| **Budget justification** |  |  |
| **Budget excluding GST** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** |
| Staff (list) | $ | $ |
| Consumables | $ | $ |
| Site costs (specify) | $ | $ |
| Other  | $ | $ |
| **Total** | $ | $ |

**Other pertinent details (1-2 pages)**