



# THE 2016 ALLEN MARTIN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

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The Allen Martin Research Scholarship is an initiative being offered to clinicians and health professionals, in order to support new research in the field of recovery following acquired brain injury with a particular focus on enhancing quality of life for persons living with acquired brain injury.

The scholarship is named after Allen Martin, who was instrumental in founding and supporting the operation of the Victorian Brain Injury Recovery Association (VBIRA). This scholarship acknowledges Allen's dedication and support for advancing clinical knowledge and practice for people with complex brain injury, with particular emphasis on slow stream neurological rehabilitation. This scholarship enables ongoing acknowledgement of Allen's work and his legacy.

The Summer Foundation has taken on the management of this scholarship, as a commitment to continuing the work of VBIRA, which ceased operation in early 2015. VBIRA previously provided members with an annual forum to explore and document innovative research and practice, in advance of formal publication of project findings.

The Summer Foundation's purpose and goals align well with those that VBIRA created for the research scholarship, and we are also continuing to hold breakfast lectures which provide regular opportunities to hear about and discuss up-to-date clinical research and practice in the area of acquired brain injury and slow stream rehabilitation.

### How often is the scholarship provided?

The Allen Martin Research Scholarship is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kew and provided annually. Awarding of the scholarship will be at the discretion of the Allen Martin Research Scholarship Sub Committee of the Summer Foundation.

### How much is the award amount?

The Allen Martin Research Scholarship will consist of a grant of up to \$5000 to support a research project relating to the field of recovery following acquired brain injury.

### All applications are required to include the following information.

- > Applicant's contact details (including full name, postal address, daytime phone number, email address and qualifications)
- > Project details including –
  - Title of project
  - Purpose of the research project (in less than 150 words): how you expect the project will benefit people recovering from acquired brain injury.
  - Methodology (in less than 150 words): how you intend to conduct the research project.
  - Provide (in less than 150 words) a timeline of the intended data collection and data analysis for the research project.



- A budget proposal for the research project, indicating how the Scholarship funds will be spent. Please indicate allocation of funds within the following categories:
  - Staffing
  - Equipment
  - Mileage / travel
  - Other (please list)
- > Please indicate (in less than 150 words) if your research project will be conducted in conjunction with any other investigators, organisation or institute.
- > State (in less than 150 words) ethical considerations within the project and how these will be met.
- > A reference from your academic or clinical supervisor.

### Eligibility Criteria and Responsibilities of the successful applicant.

Applicants are required to meet the following eligibility criteria and, if successful, the following responsibilities of the scholarship holder as set by Allen Martin Research Scholarship subcommittee of the Summer Foundation.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Research will explore the area of recovery following acquired brain injury, including at least one of the following areas: consequences, treatment, management, rehabilitation, and housing or support models.
2. Research is to be undertaken as part of postgraduate studies and/or as clinical research, in accordance with accepted ethical standards.
3. The principal researcher conducting the research project must be a health professional working in the area of acquired brain injury.
4. Projects that are already funded through other research funding sources **are not eligible** for consideration.

#### Responsibilities of Successful Applicant:

1. Provide twice yearly updates of the research project's progression to the Allen Martin Research Scholarship subcommittee of the Summer Foundation.
2. Reporting requirements (within 15 months of the scholarship being awarded):
  - a. Provide a full research report and a summarised 1-2 page version in simple language to both the Rotary Club of Kew and the Summer Foundation
  - b. Present results either in person or via videoconference
3. Acknowledge the support of the Allen Martin Research Scholarship sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kew in all presentations and publications associated with the research project.
4. Notify the Allen Martin Research Scholarship subcommittee of the Summer Foundation of any deviation from original application, or of any difficulties in successfully completing the research.