



THE 2019 ALLEN MARTIN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Allen Martin Research Scholarship is an initiative being offered to clinicians, health professionals and students, 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 Robinson Gill Lawyers 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 offer two grants of up to \$5,000 each to support research projects relating to the field of recovery following acquired brain injury.



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 in the community 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 or a student in that area.
4. Projects that are already funded through other research funding sources are not eligible for consideration.

Responsibilities of Successful Applicant:

1. Provide updates of the research project's progression to the Allen Martin Research Scholarship subcommittee of the Summer Foundation as follows:
 - a. Provide a progress report 1 year after the scholarship is awarded
 - b. Provide a full research report and a summarised 1-2 page version in simple language (within 15 months)
 - c. A time is to be agreed on to present the results either in person or via videoconference
2. Acknowledge the support of the Allen Martin Research Scholarship sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kew or Robinson Gill Lawyers in all presentations and publications associated with the research project.
3. 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.

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