

Noel Castan Fellowship (Quality of Life)

The aim of the Noel Castan PhD scholarship is to build ANZUP's capacity in quality of life, supportive care, and patient experience research, building links with existing national and international groups and networks to maximise the use of data generated within and across ANZUP trials.

ANZUP is in a unique position globally to help healthcare professionals and service providers to better understand which instruments best capture the quality of life (QOL) effects of Genitourinary (GU) cancers. ANZUP has been committed to the inclusion of prospective QOL evaluation across its clinical trials portfolio. Consequently, there is a substantial amount of prospective QOL data available to be explored to create a better understanding of the symptoms, functional and psychological impacts experienced by patients to direct future research to improve supportive care in this population.

Conducting a series of sub-studies and secondary analyses will provide an opportunity to build ANZUP's capacity to strategically investigate which quality of life instruments best capture the impact of GU cancers and their treatments on the lives of patients and their families. Supporting a QOL PhD Scholarship will build the research capacity and capability of ANZUP to address all aspects of the GU cancer patient experience.

Scholarship:

One PhD Scholarship for 1 year, with the option to extend for an additional 2 years pending annual progress reports.

Eligibility:

- 1st Class Honours or Masters, completed basic training
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant area (medical, nursing, allied health, medical science, biostatistics)
- Alignment with a group experienced in patient reported outcome (PRO) assessment (Research Supervisor).

Application must include:

- Demonstrate how PRO/QOL work will align with ANZUP's trial portfolio and mission (max 2 pages), including a potential dissemination plan;
- Reference to at least one ANZUP study;
- Letter of support from Supervisor (max 1 page);
- CV (max 4 pages);

Process

- The application and award process will be administered by ANZUP;
- Review applications for best alignment with ANZUP goals and priorities;
- ANZUP will establish a review committee to review applications;
- ANZUP will provide funds to the successful applicants Institution;
- The successful applicant will regularly attend ANZUP's Scientific Advisory Committee meetings to provide an update. This will give ANZUP the opportunity to provide feedback which may result in applying for other grants for translational work;
- The successful candidate would be encouraged to apply for a competitive scholarship and project funding to expand this work.

Want more information?

For further information or to discuss your application please contact:
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