



VICTORIAN ORTHOPAEDIC FOUNDATION (VOF) GRANT APPLICATION FORM 2026

**Grant applications close 5pm
Friday 24 July 2026**

All fields to be filled electronically.

Save this completed application form and email it with the accompanying Word form and any other supporting documentation you may wish to include to research@aoa.org.au. ***Please carefully review the***

[2026 VOF Grant Guidelines](#)

before completing this application.

Additional information and eligibility:

- Applicants must be the **lead investigator** for their research project.
- The lead investigator **must** be a **fellow of AOA in their first 10 years since attaining FRACS, or a trainee/associate member of AOA.**
- The lead investigator is responsible for the direction of the research, as well as for all communication between VOF and the research institution.
- *An experienced & supportive Victorian or Tasmanian researcher must be a co-investigator/member of the research team.*

1. APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Name
2. Email address
3. Mailing address
4. Mobile number
5. Status
6. Current position/
employer
7. H score

If you are involved in other research projects, please list them below (max 1800 characters):

2. RESEARCH PROJECT AND TEAM DETAILS

1. Project title subject

2. Proposed research department institution where research is to be conducted:

3. Does this institution have DGR status?

*NB: the institution which will be administering your research **must have DGR status**, as VOF as a Public Ancillary Fund (PAF) must pay funds to another entity with DGR status.*

4. Name of head of department (HoD) and contact details:

5. Do you have approval from your HoD where the research is undertaken?

See the [VOF Grant Application Word document](#) for a template for **sections 2 part 6 and 7, section 3, and section 4**. Please complete in full and attach as a Word document to your application. The rest of this form continues below from **section 5**.

5. ETHICAL CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

As outlined in the 2026 [VOF Grant Guidelines](#), it is expected that researchers undertaking clinical trials adhere to [Good Clinical Practice \(GCP\) guidelines](#) as per the [National Health and Medical Research Council \(NHMRC\) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#). When human subjects or tissues are to be used in a research project, it is the responsibility of the grant recipient and their institution to ensure that the institution has a complete copy of the research protocol approved by the institution's human subject review board, a copy of that board's current approval notice, and a copy of the patient informed consent form(s). VOF also observes the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)'s Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes. Applicants for grants must accept and abide by the [NHMRC animal experiment guidelines](#). If awarded a grant, and **before** VOF funding can be dispersed, a copy of the ethics approval and a confirmation/certification from the research facility that the facility, its researchers and employees adhere to the guidelines of the NHMRC will be required. Not having yet attained ethics approval will **NOT** impact the VOF Research Committee's assessment of your grant application.

1. Has ethics approval for your research project been received?

Yes. Please provide ethics approval reference number:

Not yet. Application has been made.

No. We have yet to apply for ethics approval for our project.

2. Does this project involve experiments on human subjects, including cadavers?

YES

NO

3. Does this project involve experimentation on animal subjects?

YES

NO

4. If you answered yes to Q2 or Q3, has the ethics committee of the institution concerned approved the project and certified that it conforms to the general principles set out in the NHMRC statement on human and/or animal experimentation?

YES

NO

6. DECLARATION

1. Certification from head of department:

I certify that the proposed project is appropriate for the general facilities available in my Department and that I am prepared to have the project carried out therein.

Name:

Department:

Signature from HOD:

(e-signature acceptable)

Date:

Prior to submitting your application, please ensure that all sections have been completed.

Once completed, please submit this PDF application, with the completed template Word document, and any other supporting attachments you may wish to include, via email to research@aoa.org.au

Late applications will not be accepted.