



# **Application Form**

for

# **The MAWA Trust**

# **Research Grant**

The Medical Advances Without Animals Trust (MAWA) offers research grants of up to \$30,000 for projects of one to three years duration to fund research which MAWA considers will further the aims of the Trust to advance medical science and improve human health and therapeutic interventions without using animals and animal products.

Research should be directed towards the development of methodologies that replace the use of animals and animal products in medical research, or provide animal free alternatives to existing research efforts.

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**Applications may be submitted at any time but must first be discussed with  
MAWA's Executive Officer Sharyn Watson on 02 62871980**

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**MAWA Trustees:**

Ms Elizabeth Ahlston; Professor Anne Keogh; The Hon. Kevin Rozzoli AM

**MAWA Management Committee:**

Ms Elizabeth Ahlston; Professor Anne Keogh; Mr Raymond Kidd;  
Professor Stephen Leeder; The Hon Kevin Rozzoli AM,  
Associate Professor Garry Scroop; Ms Sharyn Watson

## The Application Procedure in Review

The following summarises the information required in the body of the application.  
To assist the reviewers please tick the appropriate box as each component is completed.

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project title
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific project summary
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	MAWA guiding principles
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lay project summary
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Institution where research is to be conducted
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details of research personnel:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief investigators
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate investigators
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate personnel
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other available human resources
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project details:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aims, hypothesis and significance
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Background
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research plan
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethical clearance confirmation
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed budget
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justification of the project
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing support facilities and resources
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other granting bodies approached or supporting this project
12	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publications of all investigators and research personnel
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signatures:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	All investigators
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head of Department or research committee
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head of institution

## Advice for Applicants

1. Applications for research grants may be submitted electronically ([info@mawa-trust.org.au](mailto:info@mawa-trust.org.au)) but at least one hard copy must be submitted including all necessary signatures and sent to the address on the front page of this document prior to grant monies being made available.
2. Make sure that all necessary steps in the application have been taken, and the appropriate boxes on the previous page ticked accordingly.
3. Grant monies may be used for any aspect of research project support including salaries, apparatus, maintenance and travel (as necessary to learn new techniques) as specified in the budget in the application. Any additional costs not specified in the budget must be met by the research team or the parent institution.
4. In the first instance applications will be reviewed by the MAWA Management Committee and may then be directed to two independent reviewers familiar with the field of study.
5. It is essential that your application is for a project that clearly addresses the guiding principles of The MAWA Trust:
  - a. To support the development and employment of non-animal methodologies in medical research and the training of new research scientists in these procedures;
  - b. To support innovative medical research that replaces animal models and animal products with human based methodologies and tissue;
  - c. To promote non animal and human based research within the medical scientific community and alleviate animal suffering in the fight against human disease.
6. It is important that the application meets the criteria outlined in the document *Guidelines & Rules in Applying for The MAWA Trust Research Grant*.
7. Make sure your application flows logically and is clear, concise and straightforward. Your stated hypothesis and potential significance of a successful outcome must be seen to address the guiding principles of the Trust in clear terms.
8. It is important that the reviewers see that your application will advance the purpose of the Trust. Any information you can provide of the likely impact of your research on the Trust's guiding principles would be an advantage.
9. Any special advantages that your project, your institution or research personnel have in addressing the aims of the Trust and ensuring the dissemination of any new non-animal methodologies should be clearly stated.
10. The novelty of your project should be pointed out and whether any pilot research has been completed. Previous contributions from your group to the development or utilisation of non-animal methodologies should be highlighted in your application.
11. The final decision by the MAWA Management Committee and the expert reviewers will be based on:
  - a. The excellence of the science and its originality;
  - b. The potential of the proposal to address the guiding principles of the MAWA Trust;
  - c. The applicant's standing in his/her field of research.

### **1. Project title**

[Be concise, descriptive and clearly identify the intent of the project to all readers]

### **2. Scientific Project Summary**

[Identify concisely the purpose, nature and expected outcomes of the project]

### **3. How does this project address the MAWA principles?**

[Indicate in precise terms how your project addresses the guiding principles of The MAWA Trust. Any consideration of funding support is critically dependent on this relationship being absolutely clear]

### **4. Lay Project Summary**

[Distil the essentials of the project in non technical terms that are easily understood by the lay reader with particular attention to the manner in which the expected outcomes of the project will promote the guiding principles of The MAWA Trust. This summary may be used in any media publicity]



**OTHER PERSONNEL [including students]**

Title	Initials	Surname	Institution and address
Research time (hours/week)			
This project (hr)		Other projects (hr)	

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## **7. Project Details**

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### **Project Title**

### **Aims of the Project**

[List discrete and specific aims in regard to the guiding principles of The MAWA Trust]

### **Hypothesis**

[This should be self-evident from the nature of the project]

### **Significance**

[Identify this in regard to both the nature of the project and the guiding principles of The MAWA Trust. What is it about your project that makes it special?]

**Background**

[Identify the nature of previous work that related to the project and how this has led to your proposal, again identifying those aspects pertinent to the guiding principles of The MAWA Trust. This section can be up to four pages, including references]

**Research Plan**

[This section should provide a precise overview of the project and the way in which it will proceed, including a time-frame. This section may be up to five pages and numbered for easy reference]

## Ethical Clearance Confirmation

The research shall be conducted in accordance with the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans. If the application is successful, funding for the project will only be released when all the necessary institutional ethical clearances have been obtained by the applicants for this project and The MAWA Trust has a copy of the ethical clearance certification from the relevant institutional human ethics committee.

TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW

### Does the project involve the use of animals or animal products?

[Animal products include animal cells, animal tissue, animal cell lines, animal derived antibodies, animal derived stains, reagents etc]

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the answer is YES, please refer to the *Guidelines & Rules in Applying for The MAWA Trust Research Grant*. Non-animal replacements will need to be sourced before the project can be considered.

Does the project involve experiments on humans or human tissue?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the answer is YES have you attached a copy of the certification of approval?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you have an institutional reference number for ethical approval of this project?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the answer is YES please indicate the number in the box below with the investigators named in the ethical clearance application.

Institutional Ethical Clearance Identification Number

<input type="text"/>
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Project Investigators (Full names and initials)

## 8. Proposed Budget

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT
<p><b>Personnel</b>            [Identify level, salary information etc and, if the potential appointee is known, provide a brief curriculum vitae as an attachment]</p>	
<p><b>Equipment</b>            [Identify the nature of equipment and provide a recent firm quotation]</p>	
<p><b>Maintenance</b>            [This includes experimental consumables, subject honoraria etc]</p>	
<p><b>Travel</b>            [This item is contingent upon a clear justification of the requirement for travel to ensure a successful outcome of the project and to address the guiding principles of MAWA]</p>	
<p><b>TOTAL</b></p>	

## **9. Justification of Budget**

[Justify all requested categories such that reviewers can be convinced of their essential requirement for meeting the project's aims. This is particularly necessary where travel is a major or significant item]

## **10. Existing Support Facilities and Resources**

[Identify all existing and available laboratory and institutional resources that can assist in the completion of this project]

**11. Other Granting Bodies Approached or Supporting This Project**

<b>OTHER FUNDING SOURCES APPROACHED</b>		
<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>PROJECT OR PROGRAMME TITLE</b>	<b>FUNDING SOUGHT</b>

<b>OTHER FUNDING SOURCES SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT</b>		
<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>PROJECT OR PROGRAMME TITLE</b>	<b>FUNDING SOUGHT</b>

**12. Publications of All Investigators and Research Personnel**  
[List the last 5 years publications for each investigator]

**13. Signatures:** [In providing their signature each member of the research personnel certifies that the details included in the application are correct and that they will carry out the project in accordance with the guiding principles of The MAWA Trust and in accordance with the NHMRC Statement of Research Practice]

**RESEARCH PERSONNEL:**

<b>Chief Investigator A</b>	Name	
	Signature	
	Date	

<b>Chief Investigator B</b>	Name	
	Signature	
	Date	

<b>Associate Investigator</b>	Name	
	Signature	
	Date	

<b>Associate Investigator</b>	Name	
	Signature	
	Date	

<b>Associate Investigator</b>	Name	
	Signature	
	Date	

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OR RESEARCH COMMITTEE:**

I certify that the appropriate facilities as set out in this application will be available to execute this project if the application is successful:

<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Position/Title</b>	
<b>Department/Committee</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

**HEAD OF INSTITUTION:**

I certify that this application satisfies all the requirements of this institution and that this institution has in place those regulatory procedures that ensure sound scientific practice in accordance with the NHMRC Statement on Research Practice:

<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Position/Title</b>	
<b>Institution</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	