

PACE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

The NHMRC Primary Aldosteronism Centre of Research Excellence (PACE) has established the Capacity Building Program to promote and increase the research capability and capacity of health professionals and researchers, who manage hypertension in various disciplines, including allied health and nursing.

The Program will financially support two streams to build capability and capacity within the healthcare and research workforce in primary aldosteronism:

Stream 1: PACE Research Capacity Building Travel Awards

Purpose: These Travel Awards will provide funding for health professionals and researchers to present at relevant national or international conferences and/or to visit laboratories, clinics, centres or institutions, to gain knowledge and skills in the field of primary aldosteronism. These Awards will also support secondment and mentoring opportunities with national or international experts in primary aldosteronism.

Award Funding:

Award recipients will receive funding of up to \$5,000, which will be dependent on individual applications and associated budget justifications.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Health professionals and researchers, no more than ten years since the date of notification of their PhD award (or equivalent), accounting for career disruptions, whose research or clinical focus is in the area of primary aldosteronism;
- Preference will be given to individuals who have completed a higher degree;
- Individuals need to be based at an Australian research institute, university or health service.

Award Conditions:

- Applications including both conference and laboratory, clinic, centre or institution visits are strongly encouraged;
- The conference and / or visit must be carried out within a year of receipt of the award. If the Travel Award is for both a conference and a visit, these meetings should take place in the same period of travel. The award cannot be used retrospectively;
- Successful recipients of the Travel Awards must provide a written report upon their return outlining how funding has supported and promoted their capacity building in primary aldosteronism research, as well as their professional development. The report will be made publicly available on the PACE website ([Primary Aldosteronism Centre of Excellence - Hudson Institute of Medical Research](#));
- Preference will be given to candidates that have not previously been awarded a PACE Research Capacity Building Travel Award

Applications:

Applicants must complete the form below and provide the following documentation:

- A [brief 2-page CV](#) highlighting their research outputs i.e. a list of publications, research funding, conferences and professional contributions in the past five years. Where relevant, please outline any career disruptions;
- A [letter of support](#) from your mentor or supervisor indicating their support and discussing the relevance of the proposed travel to your research / professional development as it relates to primary aldosteronism (max 1 page);
- Where necessary, please provide evidence (i.e. email confirmation / letter) from the host laboratory, centre, clinic or institution indicating their support of your visit.



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Applications should be submitted as a single, combined PDF file and named as follows:
PACE Research Capacity Travel Awards_2026_Full Name.pdf

For any enquiries, please contact Michelle Kouspou (PACE Project Manager) at
michelle.kouspou@hudson.org.au.

To submit your application, please email pace@hudson.org.au.

Application Due Date: 5pm AEST on Friday 15th May 2026

PACE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM **STREAM 1: PACE RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING TRAVEL AWARDS**

Please use this form to apply for **Stream 1: PACE Research Capacity Building Travel Awards**. Please ensure that your responses in the application form **do not exceed four (4) pages**.

Part A: Applicant Details

Applicant Name: _____

Department _____

Institution / Hospital: _____

Head of Department or Main Supervisor: _____

Are you a current higher degree research student?

Yes

No

If yes, what is your degree? _____

What is your submission date? _____

Are you a current Postdoctoral Fellow?

Yes

No

If yes, in which year was your PhD or relevant higher degree conferred? _____

Part B: Experience and Justification

1. Please describe your involvement in the field of primary aldosteronism (max 1/2 page)

2. Outline your intended travel and the objective(s) of your travel (max 1/2 page)

eg. Conference, laboratories, centres to be visited, other activities...

3. What are the potential benefits of the proposed travel to your research and professional development in the field of primary aldosteronism? (max 1/2 page)

4. What are the potential benefits of the proposed travel to the field of primary aldosteronism? (max 1/2 page)

5. Please outline your proposed budget justification for your travel in the table below:

Grant-Eligible Expenses:	Estimated Costs (In Dollars):	Comments (please provide brief details)
Roundtrip Airfare		
Conference registration		
Accommodation		
Ground Transportation (bus, trains, etc.)		
Other Project or Travel Related Expenses - please itemise in comments		
TOTAL GRANT EXPENSES (up to AUD 5,000)		

Part C: Career Disruptions

6. Where relevant, please outline any career disruptions in the past ten years (max 1 page).



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7. Please also attach

- A brief 2-page CV highlighting their research outputs i.e. a list of publications, research funding, conferences and professional contributions in the past five years. Where relevant, please include any career disruptions;
- A letter of support from your mentor or supervisor indicating their support and discussing the relevance of the proposed travel to your research / professional development as it relates to primary aldosteronism (max 1 page);
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Stream 2: PACE Professional Training Opportunity Grants

Purpose: The objective of these grants is to provide health professionals and researchers with salary and/or research support for a period of “protected time” to conduct activities, which can increase the individual's and/or the institution's capacity to manage primary aldosteronism.

It may include:

- i. establishing an endocrine hypertension service by seeking mentorship and support from chief investigators of [PACE](#);
- ii. developing, implementing or expanding clinical databases, relating to primary aldosteronism, at individual hospitals / institutions;
- iii. learning, implementing or establishing methodologies, techniques and / or mouse models relating to primary aldosteronism, as standard practice in individual clinics / hospitals; or,
- iv. supporting laboratory / research exchange opportunities to promote mentoring with chief investigators of [PACE](#).

Other learning and training opportunities either in-person or online, will be considered for funding based on their application, feasibility and budget justification.

Award Funding:

Award recipients will receive funding of up to \$5,000, which will be dependent on individual applications and associated budget justifications.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Health professionals and researchers, no more than five years since the date of notification of their PhD award (or equivalent), accounting for career disruptions, whose research or clinical focus is in the area of primary aldosteronism;
- Preference will be given to individuals who have completed a higher degree;
- Individuals need to be based at an Australian research institute, university or health service.

Award Conditions:

- Grant funding must be used within a year of receipt of the award. These awards cannot be used retrospectively;
- Successful recipients of the PACE Professional Training Opportunity Grants must provide a written report outlining how funding of their training and learning has supported and increased their skills and knowledge in primary aldosteronism, as well as their professional development, within a month of completion. The report will be made publicly available on the PACE website ([Primary Aldosteronism Centre of Excellence – Hudson Institute of Medical Research](#)).
- Preference will be given to candidates that have not previously been awarded a PACE Professional Training Opportunity Grants

Eligible expenditure:

Grant funding can be allocated to salary and research costs associated with the learning and training opportunity

Applications:

Applicants must complete the following form and upload the following documentation:

- A [brief 2-page CV](#) highlighting your research outputs i.e. a list of publications, research funding, conferences and professional contributions in the past five years. Where relevant, please include any career disruptions;
- A [letter of recommendation](#) from your mentor or supervisor indicating their support and discussing the relevance and significance of the proposed activity (max 1 page);



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PACE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM **STREAM 2: PACE Professional Training Opportunity Grants**

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Part A: Applicant Details

Applicant Name: _____

Department: _____

Institution / Hospital: _____

Head of Department or Main
Supervisor: _____

Are you a current higher degree research student?

Yes

No

If yes, what is your degree? _____

What is your submission date? _____

Are you a current Postdoctoral Fellow?

Yes

No

If yes, in which year was your PhD or relevant higher
degree conferred? _____

Part B: Experience and Justification

1. Please outline the nature of your proposed training and learning activity (max 1/2 page)

2. Please outline the proposed purpose and objectives of your training and learning activity (max 1/2 page)

3. What is the potential significance and impact of the proposed activity to your current research and professional development? (max 1/2 page)

4. What is the potential significance and impact of your proposed activity to the diagnosis and management of primary aldosteronism more broadly? (max 1/2 page)

5. Please outline your proposed budget justification for your training and learning opportunity

Part C: Career Disruptions

6. Where relevant, please outline any career disruptions in the past ten years (max 1 page).



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