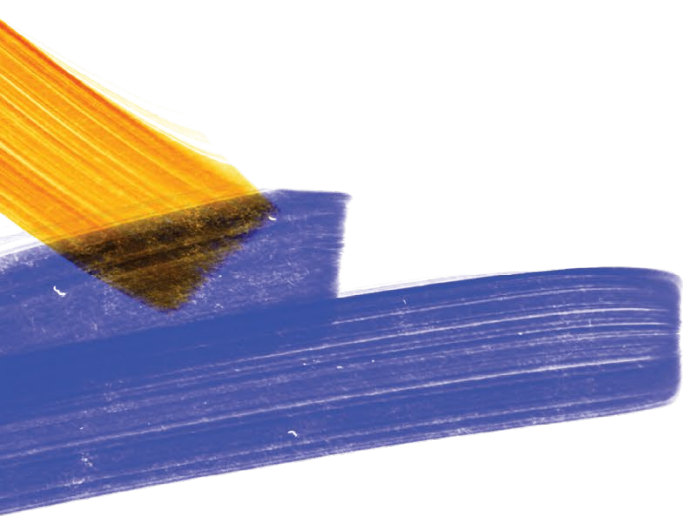


## **GEOFFREY DAVIDSON RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP 2026**

Guidelines for applicants



The Geoffrey Davidson Gastroenterology Research Development Fellowship was established in 2014 in honour of Professor Geoffrey Davidson, the founding Head of the Gastroenterology Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital and an Emeritus Professor of the Discipline of Paediatrics at the University of Adelaide.

Professor Davidson, who passed away in 2020, had a long and productive medical and research career which has made a lasting impact both nationally and internationally and contributed enormously to improving the health of children around the world.

The aim of the Geoffrey Davidson Gastroenterology Research Development Fellowship is to provide funding of **up to \$6,000** to support professional development relating to research and research-related activities in the field of paediatric gastroenterology.

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Fellowship funding may be used to support the following activities:

- National or international conference attendance.
  - Preference will be given to applicants who have had an abstract accepted for oral or poster presentation.
- Travel within Australia or overseas to visit a research mentor or research group.
- Attendance to courses and training.
  - Course content must be regarding a field of paediatric gastroenterology or relevant to progressing a research activity or project relating to paediatric gastroenterology.
- Open access publication fees.
  - Only eligible where the applicant is first author, and can demonstrate that the funding is important for career and track record development in research.
  - Publications may be in progress, under review or accepted for publication at the time of application.

Other professional development in the field of paediatric gastroenterology may be considered where appropriate justification is provided by the applicant.

Funds may be used to cover conference or course registration fees, travel expenses such as economy flights and transfers, and accommodation. Funds may not be used to cover insurance, meals or entertainment. If the applicant intends to extend travel for personal reasons, accommodation costs beyond that required for undertaking the Fellowship activity will be at the expense of the applicant. Furthermore, if the personal portion of the trip is greater than the portion spent on the Fellowship activity, the applicant will be expected to cover 50% of flights and transfer costs.

Funds may be used to cover all or part of the costs associated with the proposed activity, however **must not** be used to cover any part of the activity already funded by an alternate source (such as the applicant's organisation or institution, or another funding body).

Funds may not be used as a stipend to support Bachelor, Masters or Doctoral programs, or to backfill a position.

It is expected that applicants will be able to undertake and complete the proposed activity **within 12 months of receiving the Fellowship**.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Professor Geoffrey Davidson Paediatric Research Development Fellowship must be:

- non-medical staff (e.g. allied health or nursing) employed by a department of the Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN), **OR**
- non-medical Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students enrolled at a South Australian university and undertaking a project in a department of WCHN,

**AND**

- working and/or studying in a field of paediatric gastroenterology.

PhD candidates and early and mid-career researchers are encouraged to apply.

Although applicants holding current Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation (WCH Foundation) Research Grants are eligible to apply, preference may be given to those not currently funded by the WCH Foundation.

## **SELECTION**

The ranking and selection of applicants will be undertaken by the WCH Foundation. Eligible applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Significance and relevance of the proposed activity to paediatric gastroenterology.
- The benefit to the applicant's career and track record, and to the WCHN.
- Dissemination strategy for knowledge transfer.

## **APPLICATION**

The application must:

- follow the guidelines and be written clearly and concisely,
- include all supporting documentation (conference information, submitted or accepted abstract, invoices or quotes, research program/group details, professional development details, course fees, letter of support etc.),
- include a detailed budget of costs and total funds requested,
- outline how the fellowship will support the applicant's position and be of value to the WCHN, and
- demonstrate value for money.

**Applications must be submitted via SmartyGrants by the specified closing date to be eligible for consideration by the WCH Foundation. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**CLOSING DATE: 5pm (ACST) Thursday 16 July 2026.**

## CONDITIONS

Successful applicants (the 'Fellow') are required to sign a letter of agreement with the WCH Foundation agreeing to the following conditions:

### 1. UNDERTAKING THE FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY

- 1.1 The Fellow agrees to spend the Fellowship funds and undertake the Fellowship activities in accordance with the application and the guidelines and conditions of the award.
- 1.2 The Fellow agrees to spend the Fellowship funds for the sole purpose of undertaking the Fellowship activity.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Any publication or presentation by the Fellow describing the work/research which has been supported wholly or partly by the Fellowship shall make due acknowledgment of such support. Copies of any publications or reports are to be submitted to the WCH Foundation by email to [research@wchfoundation.org.au](mailto:research@wchfoundation.org.au).

### 3. EMPLOYMENT DURING AND AFTER THE FELLOWSHIP

- 3.1 The award of the Fellowship implies recognition of the Fellow's achievement in a particular field of work/research and that the Fellowship will further their work/research in that field. Therefore, the WCH Foundation reserves the right to cancel or terminate the Fellowship if the Fellow changes employment or vocation.
- 3.2 The Fellow continues to work and/or study at the WCHN for at least one year after completion of the Fellowship.

### 4. REPORTING

The Fellow agrees to provide the WCH Foundation with a written report within six weeks of completion of the Fellowship activity.

### 5. PAYMENT OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- 5.1 The WCH Foundation agrees to pay the Fellowship direct to the Fellow in accordance with this agreement, and up to the maximum value of \$6,000.
- 5.2 The parties agree that the amount of the Fellowship is inclusive of any GST payable and the Fellow agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- 5.3 The Fellow must provide the WCH Foundation relevant tax invoices before the WCH Foundation is obliged to pay any amount under this Agreement.

### 6. REPAYMENT

If any of the Fellowship funds have been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement or on expiration or termination of this Agreement is additional to the requirements of the Fellowship Activity, the Fellow agrees to repay that amount to the WCH Foundation unless the WCH Foundation agrees in writing otherwise.

### 7. NOTICES

The Fellow agrees to promptly notify the WCH Foundation of anything reasonably likely to affect the performance of the Fellowship Activity, including any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest which could affect the Fellow's performance of this Agreement, and to take action to resolve the conflict.

## **8. APPROVALS**

The Fellow is responsible for ensuring they have sought the necessary organisational approvals for undertaking the Fellowship Activity.

## **9. PASSPORTS, VISAS AND INSURANCE**

The Fellow will be responsible for obtaining all necessary passports, visas, travel insurance, health and accident insurance etc. as required prior to taking up the Fellowship. The WCH Foundation will not be liable for losses resulting from cancellation.

## **10. TERMINATION**

The WCH Foundation may suspend or terminate the Fellowship by notice where it reasonably believes the Fellow:

- (a) has breached this agreement,
- (b) has provided false or misleading information in their application for this Fellowship, and/or
- (c) is guilty of misconduct.

## **11. VARIATIONS**

This Agreement, including the Fellowship activity, may only be varied by the parties' signed written agreement.