



Suicide Prevention  
Australia

## **Application Form PhD Scholarship**

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## Key steps

1. Review the application guidelines
2. Review the application checklist
3. Complete application form
4. Cross reference the application guidelines and checklist to ensure you have addressed all criteria
5. Submit the application and supporting documentation to [sprf@suicidepreventionaust.org](mailto:sprf@suicidepreventionaust.org) by **11:59pm (AEST) on 23 June 2026**

## Guidelines

To assist with completing the application please refer to the guidelines on the Suicide Prevention Australia [website](#).

## Key dates

Application period	Open 28 April 2026	Close 23 June 2026
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## Formatting requirements

Applicants must:

1. Address all questions below using this template
2. Take note of character limits for each section – character limits are exclusive of spaces and supporting materials. Supporting materials such as diagrams, graphs, tables and figures may be attached as an appendix
3. Complete forms in Calibri 11pt
4. Use the file naming conventions below:

Document type	File naming convention
a) Application	Application Form - First name Surname - Administering Institution
b) Curriculum Vitae	CV Applicant - First name Surname
c) Curriculum Vitae Academic Supervisor	CV Academic Supervisor – First name Surname
d) References	Reference - First name Surname
e) Letter of Support	Letter of Support - Administering Institution
f) Letter of Involvement (if applicable)	Letter of Involvement - Partner Organisation
g) Academic Transcript	Academic Transcript – First name Surname

5. Supply supporting documents as separate files in Word or PDF format

## Enquiries

If you have enquiries regarding the scholarship program, please contact Suicide Prevention Australia on +61 (2) 9262 1130 or email [sprf@suicidepreventionaust.org](mailto:sprf@suicidepreventionaust.org)

## 1. Summary (375 word limit)

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## 2. The Applicant

### Applicant details

<b>Title:</b>	
<b>First name:</b>	
<b>Last name:</b>	
<b>Primary contact number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	

*Note: Applicant's CV required, see template CV Applicant – First name Surname*

### Citizenship

Are you an Australian Citizen?

Yes

No

If no, evidence that you have a legal right to work and reside in Australia will be required prior to being awarded the grant.

## 3. The Administering Institution

### Administering Institution details

<b>Institution name:</b>	
<b>Institution address:</b>	

*Note: A Letter of Support from the Administering Institution must be provided at time of application*

### Research Administration Officer (RAO) details

<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>First name:</b>	
<b>Last name:</b>	
<b>Primary contact number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	

**Is the application being submitted by the RAO on behalf of the Applicant?**

- Yes  
 No

**Primary Academic Supervisor details**

<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>First name:</b>	
<b>Last name:</b>	
<b>Primary contact number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	

*Note: Academic Supervisor's CV required, see template CV Academic Supervisor – First name surname*

#### **4. The Partner Organisation (if applicable)**

**Partner Organisation details**

<b>Organisation name:</b>	
<b>Organisation address:</b>	

*Note: If relevant, a Letter of Involvement must be provided at time of application if the applicant will be partnering with an organisation during their PhD candidature*

**Partner Organisation contact details**

<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>First name:</b>	
<b>Last name:</b>	
<b>Primary contact number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	

#### **5. Proposed Research Project**

a) Project title (Maximum 50 words)

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b) Project description of proposed research including rationale, objectives, study design and method, and outcomes and significance (750 word limit)

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## 6. Responses to Selection Criteria

### a) Quality and Innovation

Describe how the proposed research directly addresses suicide and its prevention (250 word limit)

Describe how the proposed research is innovative and original (250 word limit)

Describe how the proposed research will advance knowledge about suicide and its prevention (250 word limit)

**Describe how the research aligns with the priorities in the [National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025-2035](#) and/or the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025–2035](#) or a population identified within the strategy? (maximum 750 words)**

Describe how the proposed research incorporates the perspectives of people with lived experience of suicide (250 word limit)

**b) Feasibility**

Indicate the features of the project that will ensure its timely and successful completion (250 word limit)

Outline how the Administering Institution will provide a supportive research environment (250 word limit)

Outline how appropriate academic, senior-level supervision will be provided (250 word limit)

**c) Benefit and Collaboration**

Describe how the completed project will produce significant new knowledge and/or innovative social and/or cultural benefit to the Australian community (250 word limit)

Describe to what extent the applicant will build collaboration(s) across research organisations and/or with other disciplines (250 word limit)

**d) Applicant**

Please provide a summary statement outlining your personal attributes, experiences and motivations that demonstrate why you are a strong candidate for a PhD Scholarship with Suicide Prevention Australia (250-word limit)

**7. Ethics Approval**

Is ethics approval required for proposed research activities?

Yes

No

If yes, do you have ethics approval at this time?

Yes

No

