

2025 ATMS Grant Scheme - Instructions for Applicants

Part A: Compliance Review

Eligibility Criteria

1. Australian-Based Research Project

- The project must be conducted within Australia and should benefit the natural medicine profession, aligning with the strategic aims of ATMS.

2. ATMS Membership

- The applicant or their supervising member must be an ATMS member.

3. Australian Citizenship

- The applicant must hold current Australian citizenship.

4. Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance

- Applicants must have current Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance. For practice-based research projects, the Professional Indemnity policy must specifically cover such research.

5. Ethical Considerations

- Most projects require ethics approval in compliance with the guidelines for ethical research as described in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (National Statement or NS). Ethics approval must be obtained before the ATMS Letter of Agreement can be signed. If not affiliated with a university or relevant organization, contact ATMS for a list of potential Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) for project review.

6. Project Team

- Provide a table listing each member of the research team, their title (e.g., Chief Investigator, Co-investigator, Research Assistant, Clinical Trial Coordinator), and the skills they bring to the project. The applicant can be the Chief Investigator.

7. Timeline

- The project must be completed within a 12-month period.

8. Word Count

- Adhere to the specified word count for each section of the application.

9. Excluded Budget Items

- No more than 10% of the budget may be allocated to publication fees. Expenses for flights and computers are excluded. Please consult ATMS if you are unsure about any expenditure items.



Part B: Blinded Review

Project Proposal Requirements

- Proposals must be for a clearly identifiable project, even if part of a larger research initiative. Funding is not intended to provide long-term support for projects or top-up funding for ongoing studies.
- All grant applications will be treated confidentially and will only be viewed by assessors or members of the Research Committee. Applicants must complete all relevant sections of the application form, including the checklist and declaration. Incomplete applications will not be assessed.
- Applications must be received by the due date, Friday, 26 July 2024, by 5:00 PM. Applications must be typed and submitted electronically via email. The normal duration of the project is up to one year from the approval date.
- To ensure a fair and transparent process for all applicants, all questions should be sent via email to ceo@atms.com.au so that the responses can be made available on the ATMS website to all potential applicants.

Study Proposal

- a) The executive summary should include the aim, methods, and significance of the project.
- b) Please refer to the current ATMS strategic plan [here](#).

Budget Justification

- Provide sufficient detail to assess the value of the budget to the project.

Application Requirements

1. A complete application form (Parts A and B)
2. Curriculum vitae of researchers
3. Letters of support
4. Evidence of applicant's status as a legal entity (e.g., Certificate of Incorporation, ABN/ACN)
5. Evidence of current Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance (e.g., Certificate of Currency)
6. Copies of information providing supporting evidence of project needs (if applicable)

