



# Swan Research Institute

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## **SRI RESEARCH GRANT information to applicants**

### **Information and Application Form**

The Swan Research Institute was formed in 2001 as an independent, incorporated Association to promote quality research in areas related to the causes, prevention or cure of diseases in humans. SRI has Deductible Gift Recipient status from the Australian Tax Office on this basis for this category. SRI has decided to initially focus on exploring and developing better understanding of the many practices within the science of yoga and their implications for physical and mental health, healthy lifestyle, mental and spiritual development, particularly in prevention of many modern diseases, but also in possible cures in promising areas such as asthma, diabetes, cancer, depression and other mental illnesses, anxiety, drug addiction, hypertension, high or low blood pressure and cardiac disease, to name a few.

SRI offers at least one research grant per year, to encourage research into the field of Yoga, to develop further understanding of its practices and the implications for physical and mental health, healthy lifestyle, mental and spiritual development.

### **Terms and conditions**

The award is made annually. Applications **MUST** be received by end of February each year in electronic format via email. Hard copy must follow and be posted to arrive no later than 7<sup>th</sup> March. **NO late applications will be accepted.** The award amount each year is currently \$1008, usually payable in two installments of \$504. The award may be held concurrently with any other award or scholarship. Successful and unsuccessful applicants may apply in subsequent years.

### **Payment conditions**

Initial payment will be made on successful application. The second instalment will be made after six months, on receipt of research supervisor's progress report stating satisfactory progress. An official SRI award certificate accompanies the grant on receipt of monies.

### **Requirement for research supervision**

To qualify for the SRI research grant, the proposed research must be supervised by an appropriately qualified research supervisor. If the research is for a higher degree, supervision is provided by the University. If not, the applicant must arrange suitable supervision, which needs to be approved by the SRI Research Adviser. If no supervisor is available, the SRI Research Adviser may be able to supervise the research or provide contact details of an appropriate supervisor.

### **Ethics Committee Approval**

Any research involving humans whether directly or indirectly, including interviews or use of previous medical records, must be approved by a formally constituted ethics committee. SRI has a Human Research Ethics Committee which is able to provide this approval. Literature research and meta analyses of existing published research does not require ethics approval.

### **Eligibility and Minimum Academic Requirements**

The SRI grant is for those interested in Yoga Research who are Australian citizens or have permanent residency status. The proposed research may be for a higher degree or a private interest.

The proposed research may be on any aspect of Yoga, from any tradition or lineage. The grant must however be applied towards research in an area of yoga that would satisfy SRI's aim of exploring and better understanding practices within the science of yoga and their implications for physical and mental health, healthy lifestyle, mental and spiritual development. Applicants should therefore have received some formal training in yoga, rather than attending general yoga classes. Application may be made at any stage of the research and for any research-related purpose as specified in the application proposal. Funding can be used over a two (2) year period.

On completion of the research project, the candidate will be required to write a report to SRI and, if of a suitable standard, will be encouraged to publish the outcomes in a relevant journal or other publication. An appropriate recognition of SRI should be included in the published document.

On completion of the research, the applicant will be invited to present their findings at a SRI research conference or other such gathering for public dissemination of results and/or findings.

### **Intellectual Property**

The intellectual property of the research, its findings and any publication will remain with the applicant, unless the proposed research project originated from SRI and is on SRI's behalf.

## **Application Form and Supporting Evidence (to be no more than 2000 words)**

A summary proposal must be submitted including all the following information:

- Professional qualifications, if applicable;
- Any relevant additional qualifications and experience;
- Yoga qualifications and references. Copies of actual references from 2 or more referees (professional and personal) who can confirm the applicant's eligibility and suitably to meet the requirements of the SRI grant.
- Brief details of the research project and the reasons for requesting assistance;
- Name and qualifications of proposed research supervisor
- Time lines and proposed completion of research;
- Brief financial proposal for use of the funding;
- Details of any other funding already secured;
- Professional affiliation, if applicable.

**Email a full copy of the application and supporting information to: [sri@swanresearch.net](mailto:sri@swanresearch.net)**

**Hard copy of all applications and supporting information should then be mailed to:**

SRI Research Grant - Application  
Swan Research Institute (Attention: YogaPrabha)  
300 Mangrove Creek Rd  
MANGROVE CREEK NSW 2250

### **Selection**

A panel of at least three members of the SRI Committee will select the successful applicant.

Short listing and interview/s of applicant/s will occur in March of each year.

The decision of the SRI panel will be final.

The successful applicant will be advised by end of April each year in writing.

The following details will be included in the letter of offer:

- contact details of the SRI Research Advisor, to whom the half yearly report is to be sent;
- the value of the award, the duration and the commencement date.
- The original letter sent to the student and a copy to their Research Supervisor(s).
- Two copies of the Conditions of the SRI grant. The candidate will be expected to return one signed copy of the Conditions of Scholarship.

### **Notification of Applicants**

Notification to unsuccessful applicants will be issued as soon as practicable.

## **Suspention or Termination of the Grant**

Where a recipient of a SRI grant does not complete any required report after six months, prior to receiving the second instalment, or their research supervisor's progress report shows unsatisfactory progress, SRI may choose to suspend issuing the second instalment of the grant until such progress has been achieved or terminate the grant entirely. No refunds or repayments of any moneys already received by the candidate will be sought by SRI, however no further grant/s or scholarship/s will be awarded until and unless satisfactory completion has been achieved.

## **Right of appeal**

Where it has been determined that a grant should be suspended, or terminated, due to unsatisfactory progress, the candidate shall have the right of appeal to the SRI committee.

The appeal is to be submitted to SRI in writing within 2 weeks of receiving notice of the suspension or termination.

For any queries please call the SRI Public Officer, YogaPrabha (Margaret Thomas) on (02) 4374 1828  
All applications will be treated in strictest confidence.

