



TICA Research Scholarship Grant - \$2500 (one grant)
Application Form

Are you a financial TICA Member: Yes No *(if no, you cannot apply)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ **Email:** _____

Phone: _____ **Employer:** _____

Current Position Held: _____

Applicants are required to submit the following information,

- Completed Application Form (below) including attachments:
 - Research Team (max 1 A4 page)
 - Research Proposal
- Ensure that through the research proposal, it is clear the research is related to healthcare associated infections and the data collected (sample) is from a Tasmanian population.

SECTION A - Details of Research Project

Title of Research: _____

Name, Qualifications & Research Experience of Research Team

(one member must be the applicant)

- Attached **Yes No**
- Must not exceed one A4 page.

Full research proposal attached: **Yes No**

- The research proposal is expected to be at least 4 A4 pages and **must** address the following:
 - Background including relevant supporting literature
 - Aim
 - Research Question/s
 - Methodology (including sampling, data collection and data analysis)
 - Significance
 - Ethical considerations
 - Full detailed budget

If applicable, university at which research is being conducted through: _____

Has ethics approval been granted by a relevant Tasmanian authority **Yes** **No**

- If yes, provide details

○ _____

- If no, please provide details of when/how an ethics application will be submitted

○ _____

SECTION B – SELECTION CRITERIA

By signing this application, you are agreeing

- that the information provided is true and accurate
- to **attend** at TICA General Meeting and provide a summary (verbal or written) at a TICA GM within 3 months of completion of the research event.
- Within 3 months of completion of the research project, provide a one paragraph summary on how you used the money and any other information relevant to be posted on the TICA website
- any unused funds awarded will be returned to the TICA immediately
- the decision to award any monies, the amount awarded and the process of awarding monies is the decision of the selection panel and is final.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

<i>Office Use Only</i>		<i>Applicant No.....</i>
Date Received: ____/____/____	Application Acknowledged: <input type="checkbox"/>	____/____/____
Current member: <input type="checkbox"/>	Course details/ rego brochure: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Application Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	Judging criteria submission: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Funding Offered: YES <input type="checkbox"/> \$..... (Amount) NO <input type="checkbox"/>		

PURPOSE:

To provide a TICA member financial assistance to research in the area of healthcare associated infections in Tasmania.

AVAILABILITY:

1. TICA Executive will determine the recipients of grants and the degree of financial assistance to be allocated.
2. Individual applications will be judged on the Selection Criteria. Previous grant history will be taken into consideration where applicable.
3. Applications must be lodged with the TICA Secretary on or before the **30th March 2011**.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. The applicant must be a current TICA membership and be an integral member of the research team
2. Completed Signed Application Form
3. Completed research proposal
4. Judging Criteria

TICA RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Executive members will judge all applications in accordance with the attached 'Executive Judging Criteria'.
2. Any Executive member applying for a grant will absent themselves from the voting and discussion of their application.
3. A minimum of three people must be included in the judging panel. Where two or more TICA Executive members apply, a TICA member/s will be asked to join the panel
4. The Executive can opt to include an academic or similar person (not a TICA member) onto the judging panel to assist in the judging. The co-opted person will have equal voting rights as other member on the panel. The decision whether to include another person is at the discretion of the Executive and may be considered where there is more than one applicant.



EXECUTIVE JUDGING CRITERIA

Applicant: _____

Mandatory Criteria	Cues	Yes	No (if any "No" – applicable is ineligible)
Current member of TICA	Must be a financial member of TICA (February 2011 membership period)		
Completed application form	Must be supplied for application to be considered		
Research is related to HAIs and undertaken in Tasmania	Research is related to HAIs and undertaken in Tasmania Data collected must be from a Tasmanian population.		

Scored Criteria	Cues	Possible score	Score achieved*
Experience of research team (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Qualifications ○ Research and publication experience 	20	
Scientific merit of proposal (60%)	○ Identification of need / gap in literature	5	
	○ Clear aim and research question/s	5	
	○ Adequate sample size	5	
	○ Robust data collection process	10	
	○ Suitability of data analysis	10	
	○ Consideration of ethical considerations	10	
	○ Clear budget	10	
	○ High quality referencing	5	
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Research relevance to infection prevention & control (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Significance of research to the infection prevention & control community ○ Significance to the other health professionals / planners / manager. 	20	
Total score achieved		100	/100

* Final score will be the average of the panel's individual scores, if scored individually.