

# PhD students are invited to apply for \$50,000 worth of awards.

The 2024 AusHealth Curecell awards are now open to PhD students doing a cell or biological therapy related project. Up to five awards of \$10,000 are available.

Not-for-profit charities AusHealth and Curecell are committed to translating cutting-edge research into real-world, commercial outcomes. The awards – intended to help with living costs – will be made to students currently enrolled in a PhD, whose research projects have real potential for clinical impact.

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## **Application is simple**

- Applicants should send AusHealth a one-page brief (in pdf format) outlining their PhD project, considering the judging criteria (below).
- In the event of shortlisting, AusHealth might ask finalists to give a five-minute pitch presentation.
- Briefs should be sent to curecell@aushealth.com.au.

## The judging criteria

The winner(s) of the 2024 AusHealth Curecell awards will be decided by the Curecell Board of Directors, using the following judging criteria:

- Innovation The extent to which the therapy is new or original
- Clinical Relevance The potential applicability of the therapy to real-world clinical settings
- Feasibility The practicality of the therapy in terms of production, scalability and accessibility to patients
- **Communication** Clarity, organisation and professionalism in the application and/or pitch (if needed).

#### The winners will receive...

- Notification of their successful application! (A public announcement will follow and winners may be asked to help with some promotion.)
- Prize payment up to \$10,000, paid through the enrolling university.

## Applicants should be aware...

- Applications will not be treated as confidential so don't submit anything sensitive!
- AusHealth makes no claim to any IP in applications
- All applicants will be deemed to agree to the terms and conditions as stated;
  AusHealth reserves the right to amend terms and conditions.

#### For more information:

Please contact Justin Coombs at curecell@aushealth.com.au

### **About Curecell**



**Curecell** is an Australian registered charity accelerating the development of cell-based therapies to treat cancer and autoimmune disease by investing in outstanding young scientists. In 2023, Curecell joined forces with the AusHealth Hospital Research Fund, a medical charity that annually invests more than \$3 million in Australian medical research.

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