

Neurodisability Assist

Applications for the 2014–15 Neurodisability Assist Trust Grant Program are now being accepted.

1. Background

The Neurodisability Assist Trust Grant Program is financed from a private Ancillary Fund that has been established and funded by Dr Peter McCullagh from July 2013. Dr McCullagh has had a long standing interest in promoting the rights and welfare of people living with brain injury acquired either pre- or post-natally, their families and carers, and has written two books and numerous journal articles on this subject over the years.

Dr McCullagh's most recent book, *Ted Freeman and the Battle for the Injured Brain: A Case History of Professional Prejudice*, is available for free download and print-on-demand purchase through the Australian National University (ANU) E Press website at: <http://epress.anu.edu.au/titles/ted-freeman-and-the-battle-for-the-injured-brain>.

2. The Grant

The Neurodisability Assist Trust will provide a grant of up to \$25,000 in 2014-15.

3. Objectives

The primary objective of the Neurodisability Assist Trust Grant Program is to encourage recent graduates or undergraduates (candidates up to thirty years of age) to pursue or continue pursuing a career in the neuro-disability field. The candidates are expected to undertake projects or study tours that should, in the long term, result in positive impacts for people who are marginalised and have complex needs from living with brain injury acquired either pre- or post-natally (including conditions such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, foetal alcohol syndrome, head trauma and stroke).

Examples of what a grant may be used for (but not limited to) could entail a candidate/s:

- being involved in the design, planning and/or implementation of a project that will benefit the target group
- undertaking a study tour to gain some relevant expertise
- provided with an opportunity to work on a voluntary basis assisting with development of equipment or practices to assist people with particular disabilities, for example a modification of IT equipment to solve day to day problems

- undertaking research projects in prevention of acquired disabilities as a result of alcohol/drug related violence.

4. Eligibility

Only organisations that have Deductible Gift Recipient or Tax Concession Charity status are eligible to submit an application to auspice a grant on behalf of candidates.

Funds will **only be** provided for the purposes of involving candidates in specific projects or study tours.

Applications for funds for general organisational use will **not** be considered.

5. Assessment

All applications for the Neurodisability Assist Trust Grant Program will be assessed by the Trustees. In conjunction with the auspicating organisation the candidate/s should address each of the following points: (incomplete grant applications will not be considered)

1. Provide your resume.
2. Describe your project and its objectives.
3. Describe how your project will influence long-term change to enhance the rights and wellbeing of the particular disability target group.
4. Describe how you will know your project has achieved its objectives and the indicators used to measure this.
5. Describe what is innovative or original about your project.
6. Provide a project timeline, including key milestones.
7. Attach two letters of recommendation from independent referees and include their contact details so they may be contacted in relation to your application.
8. Provide evidence of your organisation's Deductible Gift Recipient or Tax Concession Charity status.
9. Include a budget detailing intended expenditure.

6. Special Conditions

The successful applicant will be provided with funding of up to \$25,000 in two parts with the initial funding to be provided in June 2014 and the remainder to be forwarded in the first quarter of the 2014-15 financial year.

The Grant recipient in conjunction with the auspicng organisation is required to provide:

1. A report on the outcomes of the project upon completion, not longer than 12 months after the awarding of the grant.
2. A financial statement of expenditure for the project.

7. Deadline for Submissions

Submissions are to be sent to the following email address by COB **28 March 2014**:

pjdmcullagh@bigpond.com

Inquiries can be made by sending an email to the above address or by telephone on 02 6230 3219.

8. Grant Contacts

Please provide the following contact details for two key contacts for the project.

Name:

Organisation:

Role within Organisation:

Street Address:

Mailing Address (if different to above):

ABN:

Organisation's website:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email: