

Orthoptics Australia Victorian Branch 2011 Small Project Grant Guidelines

1. AIM

The Victorian Branch of Orthoptics Australia offers one small project grant each year. The aim of this grant is to foster and promote clinicians to engage in research. This project may be for a clinical audit, survey of clinical outcomes, literature/systematic review, or a research project. Funding for other types of projects will also be considered. A total of up to \$1,000 of funding is available each year.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

Applicants must be a member of the Victorian Branch of the Orthoptic Association of Australia and must be either a:-

- i. Honours or post-graduate student in orthoptics or
- ii. Qualified orthoptist

Applications must be received by the due date, or they will not be considered.

3. TENURE

The successful applicant will be expected to take up the small research grant during the calendar year it is received and complete the project within this time.

4. THE AWARD

Acceptable requests for funding include equipment and materials necessary to conduct the project and salaries for time spent data collecting, analysis or for research assistance.

Payments will normally be made to the individual, clinic or senior investigator of the project if it is undertaken as part of a university program.

Investigators should aim to disseminate the project findings to association members by submitting a related manuscript for publication in the Australian Orthoptic Journal and presenting at the July Scientific Meeting.

5. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The small research grant will be awarded on merit by a selection committee appointed by the Victorian Branch of Orthoptics Australia. The eligible applications will be assessed on the projects quality and budget justification.

6. APPLICATION

Please email an electronic copy of your application to the secretary of VIC Branch by the due date - VIC.secretary@orthoptics.org.au

7. CLOSING DATE

The closing date each year is on **6 December 2010**.