

### Closing date for expression of interest: Friday 28 October 2011

One 3-year PhD top-up grant will be offered for a PhD student who has been awarded a University PhD scholarship for biomedical or public health research in motor neurone disease. This grant will provide a \$5,000 per annum stipend for the PhD candidate and \$5,000 per annum project costs for the Principal Supervisor. The grant will be awarded after the announcement of University PhD Scholarships in December 2011 for commencement in January 2012.

Expressions of interest should include:

- a brief outline of a three-year project (which will be relevant to the cause, treatment or cure of MND)
- a brief curriculum vitae of the PhD candidate
- the name of the principal supervisor of the project
- the name of the sponsoring institution.

### Closing date for final application will be Monday 19 December 2011

after receipt of notification of award of a University PhD Scholarship.

Please ensure the proposal is forwarded in Word or pdf format and its size is limited to a maximum of four A4 pages. Font size must be at least 10 pt.

Final proposals should include:

**1. Aims of project**

List the specific aims and potential significance of the project. State clearly which hypotheses are to be tested. The aims of the research must be clear to the Institute's Research Committee and relevant to the development of an understanding of the causes, treatments or cures of MND.

**2. Background and research plan**

**3. Curriculum vitae**

Applicants will also provide a brief statement (maximum 250 words), understandable by lay people, which describes the project and also explains how the research might provide benefit and improve our understanding of the disease.

Reports from two academic referees must be provided before the deadline.

Applicants are asked to complete the following details as a cover sheet for their proposal:

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| 1  | Name and qualifications of applicant              |  |
| 2  | Email address of applicant                        |  |
| 3  | Phone number of applicant                         |  |
| 4  | Project title                                     |  |
| 5  | PhD Scholarship details                           |  |
| 6  | Sponsoring institution                            |  |
| 7  | Department (if applicable)                        |  |
| 8  | Names of PhD supervisors                          |  |
| 9  | Person to whom mail should be addressed           |  |
| 10 | Person who will issue tax invoices (if different) |  |
| 11 | Postal address                                    |  |
| 12 | Payee for cheques                                 |  |

Proposals are to be forwarded to Janet Nash, Executive Officer by email to [info@mndresearch.asn.au](mailto:info@mndresearch.asn.au)

### The successful applicant will be notified at the beginning of 2012.

The successful applicant will be expected to provide six-monthly progress reports for inclusion in the MND Research Institute's web site and newsletters. A full report is required at the end of the funding period.