

Guidelines for **AM Council Research Scholarship Grants**

Asset Management Council 2026



- Scholarship grant up to AUD \$9,000 to complete the project within 12 months from award, announced in April at AMPEAK26
- Scholarship award paid in accordance with agreed project plan and project budget. First instalment paid at end of first Quarter, second instalment at end of the third Quarter and final instalment upon successful completion of deliverables. Candidate research outputs should be aligned to AM Council's quarterly payment regime
- Award payment upon condition of satisfactory progress as determined by the Scholarship Committee
- Quarterly review of progress with the Scholarship Committee and / or their assigned technical experts, and the AM Council Secretariat
- Quarterly progress reports / presentations to be submitted to the AM Council Secretariat one week prior to scheduled date of review. AM Council Secretariat will forward to the Scholarship Committee and / or their assigned technical experts
- Utilisation of funds certificate to be submitted at the end of the second Quarter and end of the fourth Quarter
- Candidate to be accessible and responsive to AM Council Secretariat communication
- Certificate of Completion will be awarded at the end of the scholarship upon successful completion
- Candidate will acknowledge AM Council in all research publications arising from the scholarship research
- Candidate will share an electronic copy of such publications with AM Council which may be published on its knowledge portal
- Candidate must ensure the highest level of research ethics and refrain from plagiarism at all stages of the scholarship. Use of generative AI tools must be disclosed
- Minimum deliverables include submission of a final research report deemed to meet grade of satisfactory by the Scholarship Committee and presentation of research at AMPEAK, or similar
- Active ongoing participation with AM Council to communicate and disseminate findings that may be provided through webinar, chapter event, AMPEAK presentations, etc.



Candidate Requirements

Quarterly Progress Reporting

Research Background

- Title of the research
- Research objective
- Expected outcomes
- Deviation / changes (if any) from the original proposal

Progress Report

Planned vs. achieved progress:

- Progress summary
- Activities planned for quarter
- Current status of the planned activities and milestones
- Reasons for any under / non-performance
- Plan to address under / non-performance
- Any other updates

Plan for remaining quarters



Quarterly Check in Points

Touch Point	Date	Time
Awarded	14 April 2026 @ AMPEAK	World AM Day
Plan finalised	30 April 2026	
Commence	1 May 2026	
Q1 Check in	10 July 2026	5:30 – 6:30pm
Q2 Check in	2 October 2026	5:30 – 6:30pm
Q3 Check in	19 January 2027	5:30 – 6:30pm
Q4 Check in	1 March 2027	5:30 – 6:30pm
Draft submission for review & Scholarship Committee comments	29 March 2027	
AMPEAK presentation	6 April 2027	TBC
Final submission	30 April 2027	



Technical Evaluation of Quarterly Progress Report

- Progress as per project plan
- Relevance to the research objective
- Comprehensiveness and quality
- Clarity of communication
- Additional suggestions
- Grant disbursement
- Recommendations



Utilisation of Funds Certificate

Process

- Confirmation of project budget and timeline documentation submitted by the candidate by 30 April 2026 to enable tracking of grant consumption: info@amcouncil.com.au
- Submit Utilisation of Funds Certificate via AM Council Secretariat
- Scholarship Committee review against candidate progress
- Approve / sign for release of funds by the Scholarship Committee
- Paid by the AM Council Secretariat

Timing

- First Instalment: Submit at end of the first Quarter
- Second Instalment: Submit at end of the third Quarter
- Final instalment: Submit upon successful completion of deliverables

