

**THE APEX FOUNDATION - TRUST FOR AUTISM
RESEARCH GRANTS**

REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR 2008

APPLICATION FORM

1. PROJECT TITLE

Your title should be clear, brief, precise and informative to workers outside your field.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR THIS APPLICATION – these details will be used by Apex and the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (previously the Autism Council of Australia) for all mail and other contact connected with this application. If you are from a University, the contact details should be for your Research & Grants Office, not your own.

<p>NAME:</p> <p>ADDRESS:.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>PHONE:</p> <p>FAX:</p> <p>email:</p>
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DETAILS OF APPLICANT(S) (Chief Investigator(s) or program staff)

Please attach a brief, **no more than one page** CV for each, as well as completing the details below.

	Contact person	Alternative Contact
2. Full name & title		
3. Name of organisation		
4. Appointment held		
5. Department/School		
6. Academic qualifications (include date conferred)		
7. Amount of time to be spent (days/month): a. on this project b. on other projects		
8. Relevant email and/or phone contact details		

9. OTHER PARTICIPANTS?

Provide details of **ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATORS**. List names, qualifications and indicate their involvement in the project in average days/month

What **TECHNICAL AND OTHER STAFF** (other than those listed) will be available to assist with this project? Indicate their involvement in the project in average days/month.

10. REFEREES:

Give the names and contact details of two referees.

NAME	POSITION	CONTACT DETAILS (phone, fax or email)

11. FORMAL AUTHORITY AND APPROVAL

Has the Ethics Committee of the institution/organisation/association concerned approved the project?

Yes* No Awaiting Approval** Will apply if successful***

If the institution/organisation/association that will be involved with the project does not have an Ethics Committee, please explain the process that will be undertaken to approve the project.

* A copy of the letter notifying ethics approval is attached OR

** If awaiting approval, I/we will forward a copy of the letter (to the address on page 6) as soon as this approval has been received OR

*** In line with current practice in some institutions, ethics approval will be sought if this submission is successful. I/we understand that if successful, documentation of ethics approval is required by the ACA Professional Committee before any funds are dispersed.

12. TIMELINES.

Has the project started?

Yes No

If 'no', when can it start? _____

When is completion expected? _____

What is the probable duration of need for support? (Please note that APEX funding for one year does not obligate the APEX TRUST to continued funding.)

_____ years and/or months _____

Do you intend seeking publication? If so, which publications are relevant?

13. DETAILED BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR OF PROJECT

Include personnel, equipment and material, travel (fares, field allowances), data processing, stationery, printing/photocopying, telephone, postage, secretarial, accommodation (laboratory, office etc.), and any other requisites. Please note that the amount requested must not exceed \$AUD10,000 (see notes on page 7 of this application form).

On the following list, indicate from A, "necessary to the project to C, "helpful to the project".

Items	Priority A - C	Amount requested - \$

14. OTHER SUPPORT AND PROJECT HISTORY (past received and that requested for 2008)

Give details of support received during 2006 and 2007 for this project (where applicable), and the total amount to be requested for 2008 for this project from all sources.

2006 _____

2007 _____

2008 _____

Please give name of any other project you have been part of during 2006 & 2007, or will be in 2008, and note the field that it is relevant to and the support obtained.

2006 _____

2007 _____

2008 _____

Have you received previous grants from The APEX Trust for Autism?

- Yes No If "yes", please indicate project title(s) and year(s):

Have you provided a written report(s) to the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (previously the Autism Council of Australia) Professional Committee?

- Yes No. If no, please note that a report is due by March 30 of the year after the grant concludes. Reports should be forwarded to Amanda Golding at the address on page 6, or emailed to admin@autismvictoria.org.au

15. PROJECT DETAILS. (Use a separate sheet and note as Attachment #15*)

*Your submission **must** use these headings. **Be succinct and do not exceed three A4 pages** in length, plus references. Applications where Section 15 exceeds three pages may not be considered.

- 15 (i) **AIMS** Outline the aims of the proposed project (include a statement to show the way in which you believe your project will further the understanding and/or treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders).
- 15 (ii) **OUTLINE** In point form, outline the research or project plan.
- 15 (iii) **METHODOLOGY** Outline the methods and techniques to be used, including the number of participants and how they will be recruited. Please indicate how you will ascertain your subjects as having Autism, Asperger Syndrome or PDD-NOS. Outcome measures need to be clearly identified, for example, include details of assessments (eg name of social skills assessment) and drafts of interview schedules and questionnaires (include as an appendix where appropriate).
- 15 (iv) **BUDGET** Detail the justification of the proposed budget outlined in question 13.
- 15 (v) **VALUE** What do you believe to be the value of this project to the Autism Spectrum Disorder community?

When completed, check your submission carefully, and ensure that you have put the correct contact details on the front page. **Please note that ALL communication about this submission will be made to this person/address.**

16. CERTIFICATION

Signature of Chief Investigator(s):

(1) _____ Date: _____

(2) _____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATION OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT/SECTION/ORGANISATION

This may be signed below, or forwarded in a confidential statement

I certify that the project is appropriate to the general facilities in my Department, Section or Organisation, that sufficient working and office space is available for any proposed additional staff and that I am prepared to have the project carried out in my Department.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD (or NOMINEE)

I certify that the project is acceptable to the institution and the salaries quoted for personnel are in accordance with practice at this institution.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EIGHT copies of this application should to be returned **by mail** to:

**THE APEX FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANTS
c/- PO BOX 235
ASHBURTON VIC 3147 AUSTRALIA**

or **by Courier** to **35 High Street, Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146.**

PLEASE NOTE this application form can be emailed to you on request as a Word document, but the submission must be forwarded in **hard copy** by post or courier.

DUE DATE: Tuesday 31st JULY 2007

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcomes in December 2007.

THE APEX FOUNDATION - TRUST FOR AUTISM RESEARCH GRANTS

PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS.

- *To sponsor Australian research¹ into the incidence, cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders² and the principles of behaviour of individuals who may be diagnosed as having an Autism Spectrum Disorder.*
- *To sponsor Australian research into the social, educational and recreational requirements of individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.*
- *To encourage, assist and arrange for medical practitioners, psychologists, scientists, students and others to come to Australia for the purpose of research and study and for the purpose of teaching and demonstrating theory and practices relating to the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders. Further, to encourage similarly trained people from within Australia to travel abroad for these purposes.*
- *To co-operate and make grants to or establish other bodies or organisations either within Australia or overseas having objects whole or in part similar to the objects of The Apex Foundation Trust for Autism and/or the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (previously the Autism Council of Australia).*
- *To fund pilot or start up projects in order to position the researcher to subsequently seek more substantial funding from other sources.*
- *The funds available for research grants each year represent interest on the corpus of The Apex Foundation Trust for Autism.*
- *The Apex Foundation seeks requests for grants via the Board of the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (previously the Autism Council of Australia), through the advice of its Professional Committee.*

PLEASE NOTE:

¹ *Australian based research being done in partnership with international research projects are eligible to apply.*

² *Autism Spectrum Disorders encompass Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified and other related disorders.*

NOTES:

1. There are no other guidelines. The scope of the Trust should be considered quite broadly.
2. A grant, or grants, up to \$10,000 in value can be made. **Please do not spend your valuable time on a submission requesting in excess of this amount.** The committee may also recommend grants for part of the amount requested, subject to negotiation with the applicant.
3. Decisions are made by the Professional Committee of the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders and ratified by the Board of The Apex Foundation and the Autism Council of Australia.
4. Receipt of you application will be acknowledged, and all applicants will be advised of the grant outcomes (it is anticipated this will be in December 2007). All matters relating to the administration of these grants is undertaken by Amanda Golding, Executive Officer of Autism Victoria, on behalf of the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders.
5. Please note that this is the only application form used, and is necessarily formal to meet requirements for tertiary institution research projects. Parent, consumer and service groups or agencies should use their discretion when completing their application – not all items will apply to their submission.
6. A brief **written report** from successful applicants at the conclusion of their project will be required, and may be used by the Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders and/or The Apex Foundation for publicity purposes.