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### **Molly McDonnell Foundation Scholarship**

The Molly McDonnell Foundation honours the memory of Molly McDonnell by raising funds for research into the treatment of epilepsy. Molly suffered from uncontrolled epilepsy with daily seizures requiring large doses of antiepileptic medication. Despite this she led an active and vital life. She graduated from the University of Sydney as a Social Worker, lived independently and travelled overseas alone. She was admired for her special understanding, kindness and wisdom by her family and friends. Molly died undergoing epilepsy surgery on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2004, a week after her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Foundation is offering funds, through the Epilepsy Society of Australia, for a Scholarship tenable at any Australian teaching hospital or University for a maximum of 12 months. The financial remuneration available for the Scholarship will be AUD \$40,000 for a one year period. The funds must be administered by the research institution in which the successful candidate is working. Applications will be evaluated by the Education Subcommittee of the ESA.

The successful candidate will be announced at the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the ESA.

#### **To be eligible:**

- Be a resident in Australia at the time of application
- Be 40 years of age or less at the time of taking up the Scholarship. This criterion may be waived at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- Be a medical graduate who has completed advanced training relevant to epilepsy or a graduate in another area directly relevant to epileptology. The applicant may be undertaking a higher degree.
- Have demonstrated clinical excellence and/or the capacity to undertake a high quality research.
- Intend to continue a career in the epilepsy field in Australia.
- Provide an accompanying letter in support of the application from the principal supervisor or the institution where the applicant intends to carry out the research or training.
- Include a curriculum vitae, a 2 page summary of the research or training proposed and the names of two referees.

Please state on your application if you have applied for funding elsewhere. Candidates who obtain salary funding from another source will not be eligible for the scholarship and will be expected to inform the ESA.

***Closing date for applications is generally one month prior to the ASM but will be published on the website.***