



# Reginald and Pamela Hession Award

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## Foreword

This Award is made possible by the use of proceeds derived from a dedicated investment fund established by the Australian Dental Research Foundation following the receipt in 2006 of a very large donation from Dr Reginald Hession *AM OMLJ KLJ*.

During a long and distinguished career spanning the highest levels of dentistry, both internationally and nationally, Dr Hession's enthusiasm and support for dental research and higher education have always been evident. From 1991-1998 he was the Foundation's Chairman, having previously served as Chairman of its Research Advisory Committee and a Board member.

At an early stage of his professional progression he experienced at first hand the difficulties encountered by those seeking qualifications or experience at the highest level. His donation was made with the intention of easing this path for recipients of the Award. In May 2014, following the sad passing of Mrs Pamela Hession, the name was changed to reflect her interest and support of the Award. The name changed from R W Hession Award to the Reginald and Pamela Hession Award. In November 2014 at the Board of Directors meeting it was ratified that the Award be increased to \$20,000 biennially (from the previous \$15,000) to reflect the generous donations received in memory of Mrs Pamela Hession. The Conditions reflect their vision.

## Conditions

1. The Award will be made available to one recipient every two years.
2. The value of the Award at its inception shall be \$15,000; and subsequent awards may be varied in advance, at the discretion of the Foundation. At the Board of Directors meeting in November 2014, the Award was increased to \$20,000 biennially. This was a reflection of the generous donations received in memory of Mrs Pamela Hession.
3. Applicants for the Award must be Australian residents.
4. Applicants may seek the Award for the purpose of:
  - facilitating overseas or interstate travel to a dental research institute or laboratory of distinction for an arranged work period of not less than six weeks \* assisting with the acquisition of a doctoral research qualification
  - funding in entirety of a post-doctoral research project
  - supporting any combination of the above
  - furthering any other proposal that may be adjudged to conform with the intent of the Award.

\* This is a favoured option.

5. Applications must be received by 31 March in each even year, via [ada.org.au/adrf/](http://ada.org.au/adrf/) application.

6. Applications must contain full details of the proposal to be considered, presented in a manner consistent with the Guidelines relevant to other applications for Foundation support, including a budget, and curriculum vitae detailing previous qualifications and research experience.
7. An independent expert panel will be appointed to review applications and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
8. The Board will announce the Award winner at its November meeting in each even year.
9. The Board will be seeking to reward excellence, and is not obliged to make the Award in any year for which there are no sufficiently highly rated applications.
10. The Foundation will if required assist in facilitating access to the desired centre of excellence for a recipient of the Award.
11. On completion of the proposed activity, a recipient of the Award shall submit to the Board a full Final Report.
12. It is expected that an activity made possible by the Award will appear in a published paper: hence the Final Report should be prepared in a form that is suitable for imminent submission by the recipient (either under sole or collaborative authorship) to the Australian Dental Journal or other recognized scientific journal, or else that foreshadows subsequent intent to publish, and in either case such publication shall include reference to support received from the Reginald and Pamela Hession Award conferred by the Australian Dental Research Foundation.

**Please note new requirement:**

In addition to a scientific abstract, the Foundation requests a brief description of 500 'characters' in lay language also be provided to assist someone with a non-scientific background to be able to understand the research. The lay language summary is intended for publication in broad general purpose outlets such as the *ADA News Bulletin* and will assist the Foundation in disseminating your research findings, while promoting the importance of dental research and the need for ongoing funding.

13. For projects extending beyond one year Progress Reports will be expected at least once annually.
14. In all cases, 10 per cent of the award amount will be withheld until receipt of a full Final Report; but in other respects incremental payments for each case will be arranged with the recipient on an individual basis: for example,
  - with a travel grant, an initial payment may cover ticket purchase and be followed by subsistence payments upon arrival and at the mid-point of stay;
  - for an extended project or study grant, increments may coincide with receipt of Progress Reports; or
  - when a large initial outlay is required for equipment, this may be covered by the first increment.
15. Where the Award has been made to assist overseas experience, it is expected that the recipient will return to residency in Australia.
16. In the event of default with respect to any of these Conditions, a recipient will be required to return the funds received, unless mitigating circumstances can be established to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.