

## ACREME PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (PDS)

The ACREME Professional Development Scheme offers a range of tailored professional development opportunities to support the growth and advancement of ACREME-affiliated members, including students and early- to mid-career researchers (EMCRs).

### 1. Grant Application Support

- a) This initiative is designed to increase your chances of securing funding by providing constructive feedback on your grant application.
- b) An ACREME Investigator with experience in writing and reviewing grants for various funding schemes will review your grant application, provide constructive feedback, and offer practical advice to help strengthen your proposal.

### 2. Shadowing Opportunities

- a) Shadowing an ACREME investigator at a meeting(s) offers a unique chance to learn from the experts and observe high-level decision-making in action.
- b) You will be matched with an ACREME Investigator to shadow during either policy meetings, team discussions, or committee engagements.
- c) This hands-on learning experience also opens doors for potential collaborations and insights into different research environments and practices.
- d) ACREME investigators are encouraged to provide a briefing and/or a debrief after the meeting(s) to ensure shadowing is meaningful.
- e) Applicants interested in shadowing opportunities should proactively engage with investigators to clarify expectations around briefing and debriefing sessions.
- f) Travel and related costs are self-funded unless a separate grant is secured.

### 3. Pitch Presentations

- a) If you're preparing for a presentation, take advantage of 1:1 feedback session with an ACREME Investigator.
- b) Receive expert advice on how to effectively communicate your research, improve your pitch delivery, and ensure you present your ideas in the most compelling way possible.
- c) Whether presenting at conferences, seminars, or funding pitches, this opportunity will enhance your ability to engage your audience and present your work with confidence.

#### 4. Peer Learning and Student Supervision

- a) Discover the best practices and strategies for supervising Master's or PhD students. From initial student engagement to managing research projects, ACREME Investigators will guide you through the essential steps.
- b) Gain the tools to mentor and guide the next generation of researchers while developing your leadership and management capabilities.

#### 5. Regional Hub Training (Asia-Pacific)

- a) We can offer tailored training opportunities for research hubs and teams within the Asia-Pacific region.
- b) Training is designed to address the unique challenges and needs of regional teams, enabling you to build stronger, more capable research communities.

#### Application Process and Guidelines

- Applicants must be a PhD student (post-confirmation), Post-Doctoral Researcher, or Research Officer/Technical Officer (or equivalent) from an ACREME affiliated institution. Any enquires related to eligibility should be direct to [acreme-contact@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:acreme-contact@unimelb.edu.au)
- Complete the application electronically and submit by email to: [acreme-contact@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:acreme-contact@unimelb.edu.au)
- Applications will be assessed and matched with a relevant ACREME Investigator based on needs and goals.
- Notification of matches will be confirmed by email.
- Please note, matching can take up to three weeks.

#### For Further Information:

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Application Form	
<b>Full name</b>	
<b>Current appointment(s):</b>	
<b>Current institution:</b>	
<b>Current contact details:</b> Address Phone Email	
<b>Other relevant information:</b> <i>*100 words maximum</i>	

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<b>Please provide as much information about the opportunity you are seeking</b>	

