**The Margot Prior ECR Award**

# APPLICATION FORM

Professor Margot Prior (1937-2020) published the very first Australian journal article on autism (in 1973), and was a pioneering autism clinician and researcher in Australia. She was also deeply involved in the creation of the Australasian Society for Autism Research (ASfAR). In recognition of her substantial contributions to the field of autism research in Australia and internationally, she was awarded a lifetime membership to ASfAR upon its creation, with a dedicated Margot Prior Oral Presentation Prize for students awarded at each biennial Conference.

Following Professor Prior’s passing in 2020, the ASfAR Executive Committee established two competitive annual awards for Early Career Researchers (ECR), the Margot Prior ECR awards. Each award is valued at $2,500, with one dedicated each year to an autistic researcher.

Funds can be used toward directly funding research activity or equipment, including laboratory visits, conference travel, participant reimbursement, or any related activity to further the individual’s research endeavours. Other associated expenses and administrative costs will not be funded.

Applicants need to clearly state what element of their work will be supported by the Margot Prior ECR award. Successful recipients will be recognised at the ASfAR Annual General Meeting.

Applications are invited from members of ASfAR who meet the following criteria:

* are within 5 years (or equivalent, when career interruptions, such as parental leave, are included) of their PhD being awarded (those currently undertaking their PhD are not eligible to apply)
* have full ASfAR membership (general or Autistic researcher)
* have standing in a university or research institute capable of accepting and administering the award (award will be made to, and administered by, the applicant’s institution).

Members of the ASfAR Executive Committee will review and rank all applications, against the following criteria:

* Inclusion of co-production with the autistic and autism community;
* Applicant’s research achievements to date relative to opportunity;
* Potential contributions of the proposed project to the advancement of the field of autism research;
* Clear and achievable plan for utilisation of funds within one year of the award, including budget justification;
* Potential impact of proposed use of the award for the advancement of the applicant’s research and development.

Awardees must submit a report to the ASfAR Executive one-year post-award. Awardees will be invited to share their findings at the next ASfAR conference in a format (e.g., poster, oral presentation) that is accessible to them.

Applications are due 5PM Australian Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, 31 October 2023. Please email this form, along with a brief (one page) CV as a separate file to [secretary@asfar.org.au](mailto:secretary@asfar.org.au)

# APPLICATION TITLE

# DETAILS OF APPLICANT

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| **APPLICANT DETAILS** |  |
| Full name & title |  |
| Name of university or institution |  |
| Appointment held |  |
| Department/School |  |
| Academic qualifications (include date PhD conferred) |  |
| Email and phone details |  |
| Category of award being applied for (please select as appropriate, autistic researchers can apply for either category) | Autistic researcher / Open  **Please note successful applications for the autistic researcher category will be shared publicly on the ASfAR social media and website. Autistic researchers are also eligible to apply for the Open category.** |

# REFEREES

Please give the names and contact details of two referees.

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| **Name** | **Position** | **Contact Details - (Phone, Email)** |
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# DETAILED BUDGET (add rows as needed)

Include personnel, equipment and material, travel (fares, field allowances), data processing, stationery, printing/photocopying, telephone, postage, secretarial, accommodation, and any other requisites.

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| **Item/s** | **Brief justification** | **Amount allocated (AUD)** |
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# PREVIOUS GRANTS

Besides the above for the current project, have you received any previous grants? ☐Yes ☐No

If "yes", please indicate project title(s) and year(s):

| **Project Title (add rows as needed)** | **Year(s)** | **Amount ($)** |
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# PROJECT SUMMARY (max 300 words)

# Please provide a brief outline of the proposed project that this funding would support, including a brief background and rationale for the project, the aim/s, and methods. Any references should be listed at the end of the summary, and are not included in the word limit.

# SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPACT OF PROJECT (max 200 words)

Please outline the anticipated benefits and impact for autistic people and/or the broader autism community (e.g. parents / carers, practitioners, etc.). Include input or co-production with autistic and autism community members.

# CAPACITY BUILDING (max 200 words)

# Please describe how this project will build on your track record and development as a researcher.

# OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

# Please use this space to briefly outline any career disruptions or other relevant information.

# CERTIFICATION

A condition of the Margot Prior Award is the publication of the names and project titles of the successful applicants via the ASfAR website and social media. Please tick the box below to indicate that you understand and accept this condition.

☐ Yes, I understand that if I am successful, then ASfAR will share my name and project title and category (Open/Autistic Researcher) of my application.

Please sign below. If it is not possible to insert an electronic signature below, please type in your name and add 'certification given'.

## Applicant Signature: Date:

**CERTIFICATION OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT/SECTION/ORGANISATION**

I certify that the proposed use of the award is appropriate to the general facilities in my Department, Section or Organisation.

**Signature Date:**

One copy of this application in **pdf format** (see instructions on last page) must be submitted **by email** to the ASfAR Secretary at [secretary@asfar.org.au](mailto:secretary@asfar.org.au)

The email subject line MUST be titled THE MARGOT PRIOR AWARD. Please note in the email if there is more than one file making up the application. An email acknowledging receipt of your application will be sent.

## DUE DATE: Tuesday October 31, 5PM Australian Eastern Standard Time