



Frequently Asked Questions Vesalius Trust Research Grant Application

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1. What are the roles of the AMI and the Vesalius Trust?

Every year, the AMI scholarship committee reviews and ranks the Vesalius Trust grant applications. The committee is composed of 8–12 professional members who've attended various educational institutions and who have varied medical illustration specialties. All reviewers have volunteered to participate in the grant application review process because they want to help future members of our profession. Each year, the scholarship committee members review the applications and determine a final ranking based on the judging criteria. This final ranking is then given to the Vesalius Trust.

All questions about the application and the application process should be directed to the AMI Scholarship Chair(s) at scholarship@ami.org

The [Vesalius Trust](#) does not review the applications. The Trust receives the final ranking provided by the AMI Scholarship Committee (a list of student names, project titles, school affiliation, and final score) and determines the award amounts. Final award announcements come from the Trust.

All questions regarding award announcements should be directed to the Trust: vt@vesaliustrust.org

2. Where can I find the judging criteria/guidelines?

These guidelines are found at either of the following locations:

- [Research Grant Judging Guidelines](https://ami.memberclicks.net/assets/Scholarships/VT_grant_judging_guidelines.pdf)
https://ami.memberclicks.net/assets/Scholarships/VT_grant_judging_guidelines.pdf
- [Research Grant application page](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTgrantapplication)
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3. How do I submit an application if I worked collaboratively on a joint or group project with another student?

Each applicant must submit a **full application** to be individually considered for a VT Grant. Not all students on a joint or group project need to apply for other student(s) to be considered for an award. The Scholarship Committee and Vesalius Trust will evaluate each application individually based on their own merit. The **project description** in the application should reflect the portion of the joint or group project that the applicant was responsible for.

4. What is the difference between the faculty advisor and content advisor?

The faculty advisor is someone within your school's illustration program. The content advisor or preceptor is a subject matter expert, either someone who teaches at your school but is outside your illustration program, or someone outside of your school. The content advisor should be someone with particular expertise or knowledge in your research area. Both individuals may be teachers, but only the faculty advisor should be from within your illustration program.

5. Transcripts

a. Can I submit an unofficial transcript?

No, all transcripts must be official transcripts.

b. Should I submit an undergraduate transcript as well as my graduate transcript?

Only your official graduate school transcripts are required for the Vesalius Trust Research Grant application.

c. Do you accept electronic transcripts?

Yes, official electronic transcripts are preferred, wherever possible. Please have them sent to the AMI Scholarship Chair.

6. How will I know that my application has been received?

Once you submit your Student Application, you will be directed to a confirmation screen. Please print or save a screenshot of this confirmation for your personal records.

7. Notification

a. When will I find out if I'll receive an award?

You'll be notified by the Trust in late February/early March if you

have been selected to receive an award.

b. Will I find out if I don't receive one?

Yes, you'll be notified by the Trust in late February/early March if you have not been selected to receive an award.

8. Presentation of research

The applications for Vesalius Trust research grants are project proposals and are reviewed before the applicants complete the final project. At the annual AMI meeting, the Vesalius Trust Student Scientific Presentations, the Vesalius Trust Student Scientific Poster Session, and the Student Showcase provide opportunities for students to present the final outcome of their projects rather than the proposal.

a. What are the Vesalius Trust Student Scientific Presentations?

Select students who receive awards are invited to make a live presentation of their projects at that year's AMI meeting. Presentations are limited to the top 5 award winners. Students who are eligible will be contacted directly by the VT Student Scientific Presentations Chair.

b. What is the Vesalius Trust Student Showcase?

The Vesalius Trust Student Showcase is an opportunity for students to showcase their research work and connect with AMI meeting attendees. It is open to all research grant applicants, including those who have been invited to participate in the VT Student Scientific Presentation. *A student does not need to have received an award to participate in the Student Showcase.* The only requirement is that the student must be present at the AMI meeting to participate. Notices for the Student Showcase will be e-mailed to all research grant participants in advance of the annual meeting.

c. What is required for the Student Showcase?

Students prepare to show their work in any format that will fit on a small table, including posters, printouts, graphical abstracts, digital presentations, 3D prints etc. Students should prepare elevator pitches of their work to quickly connect with visiting attendees.

9. Can I get feedback on my application after the judging is complete?

Students who wish to receive feedback on their application may make a request by sending an email to the AMI Scholarship Chair. Feedback will be sent after judging is complete and all applicants have been notified of their award status. A spreadsheet with anonymous reviewer comments will be delivered via email. Due to the volume of applications received each year,

it's difficult to offer detailed feedback on all applications. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final.

10. Is there a quota for how many students are selected from each school?

There is no quota. All applications are reviewed with the same criteria, regardless of the school or program where the student is enrolled.

11. Awards and amounts

a. How many awards are given out every year?

There are an average of 15 awards given each year.

b. How much money does an award recipient receive?

The amount per award varies. It is determined by, and dependent upon, the annual budget of the Vesalius Trust. Award amounts are not determined by the AMI Scholarship Committee.

The award amounts are not based on the project budget of the student application. There are three monetary levels of award based on the final ranking of the applications. The top ranked applicants receive the Alan Cole and Joyce McGill Scholarship Awards, the next 4–5 applicants are named Vesalian Scholars, and the next 8–10 applicants receive Vesalius Trust Research Grants.

12. What is the Inez Demonet scholarship?

The Inez Demonet is a scholarship awarded by the Trust. This scholarship has different eligibility criteria from the research grants and has a separate application process. Information on the Inez Demonet scholarship can be found on the [AMI Scholarships page](https://ami.org/medical-illustration/enter-the-profession/education/scholarships), <https://ami.org/medical-illustration/enter-the-profession/education/scholarships>.