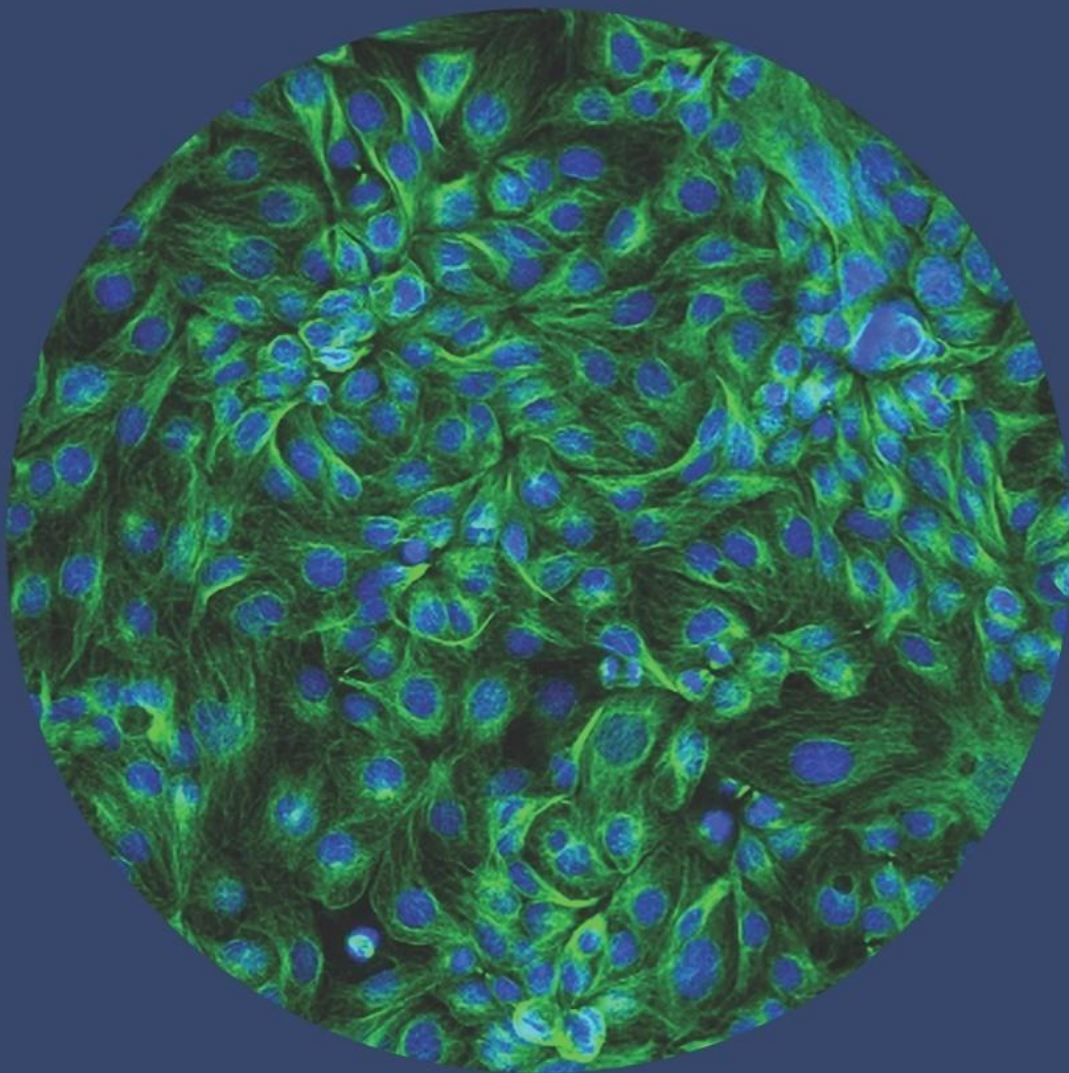


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Funding is available under Microscopy Australia Technical Voucher Fund for support for work performed by Australian medtech companies at nodes within Microscopy Australia. For full details of the instrumentation available, researchers are advised to refer to www.micro.org.au for links to all the nodes.

The aim of this program is to provide access for researchers in the MedTech and Pharma industries to state-of-the-art instrumentation and expertise for nanostructural analysis.

There are three types of Microscopy Australia Technical Vouchers available:

Type of Voucher	Voucher Provides	Applicant Co-contribution
SME Tech Voucher	\$10,000 worth of time spent on instrumentation and/or hourly costs for staff help	\$2,500
Larger Company Tech Voucher	\$5,000 voucher for larger companies to be used to pay for time spent on instrumentation and/or hourly costs for staff help	\$2,500
Travel Voucher	50% of eligible travel costs	50% of eligible travel costs

Vouchers must be used within 12 months of their issue.

The process for application will be rapid. There is no specific deadline and applications can be made at any time.

The procedure for applying for funding is:

1. Application

Applicants complete a short form available at [Microscopy Australia Technical Voucher Fund Application Form](#).

2. Review

The application is subjected to evaluation based on eligibility, research merit and general scientific interest. The Review Committee is composed of the following people:

- [Dr Caroline Fuery](#): COO of Microscopy Australia, Committee Chair
- [Dr Melanie Rug](#): CAM Centre Manager at ANU, and Microscopy Australia Node Director
- [Prof. Richard Tilley](#): Director, Electron Microscope Unit at UNSW, and Microscopy Australia Node Director

The Review Committee may send applications to relevant science specialists among the team of experts within Microscopy Australia nodes for further advice.

The application will be evaluated and a decision made as to whether Microscopy Australia Technical Voucher funding is awarded.

3. Notification

For successful applications, the Review Committee will nominate:

- where, within Microscopy Australia the work will be performed;
- the resources required for the project;
- the general laboratory, instrument and staff time required for the project;
- the scheduling of this work in terms of the applicant's issues and the availability of instrumentation and expertise.

Some liaison may occur during this planning stage between the relevant Node Manager and the successful applicant. The outcomes of these planning arrangements are communicated back to the Review Panel Chair, Dr Caroline Fuery.

The Review Panel Chair will recognise the recommendations from the science specialists and Node Managers and communicate the outcome of the deliberations in writing back to the applicant. Notwithstanding any interaction that may have taken place between any node staff and the applicant, this correspondence will be final. This letter-of-offer will:

- Indicate the level of funding towards laboratory, instrument and staff time and, if relevant, travel and accommodation;
- Detail the protocol for claiming reimbursement for travel costs under travel grants, if any are awarded; and
- Explain any other obligations and requirements for successful applicants.

4. Acceptance

You will be required to formally reply to the offer by transmitting acceptance of the award to the Review Panel Chair and Microscopy Australia staff as instructed in the offer letter. Successful applicants will be required to:

- state that co-funding they supply as part of their Technical Voucher does not come from any government source
- complete short reports on their activities within six months of the experiment start and completion;
- complete a short report annually afterwards for 3 years after award of the Voucher; and
- acknowledge the use of Microscopy Australia in any subsequent publications or presentations.

You are advised to take out independent travel and accident insurance as may be required. Microscopy Australia assumes no specific liability for losses arising from incidents during any part of your work or visits undertaken under Technical Voucher Fund grants.

From time to time, Microscopy Australia may organise conferences and symposia, and Technical Voucher holders may be provided special opportunities to present their research. A limited number of part-registrations may be made available for these meetings and details on how to apply for this conference support, if available, may be provided by Microscopy Australia.

If you wish to apply, complete the online **Microscopy Australia Technical Voucher Fund application form available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LT5XG33>**.

For further information please contact: medtechvouchers@micro.org.au.