

Advancing Cellular Therapies in Australia

What is RISS Ltd?

Research Infrastructure Support Services Ltd (RISS Ltd) is a not-for-profit company established in 2007 and funded under the Commonwealth Government's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS).

The activities of RISS Ltd are overseen by a Board of Directors supported by two advisory committees:

- The Industry Advisory Committee RISS (IACR); and
- The independent RISS Expert Advisory Committee (REAC).

What does RISS Ltd do?

RISS Ltd assesses and distributes grants generally between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for research infrastructure in the field of human health and cellular based products for transplantation including:

- Infrastructure for cGMP Manufacture of Human Cells or Cellular Based Products for Transplant.
- Maintenance of TGA-licensing for existing cGMP-compliant Facilities.
- Establishment of cGMP compliance for unlicensed facilities.
- Access Support for Researchers.
- Support Awareness of Infrastructure for Smart Surfaces Manufacturing.

Who should apply?

Institutions and researchers are eligible to apply if they meet the following criteria:

- The grants available are for research infrastructure only;
- The research infrastructure will be in the field of manufacture of human cell or cellular based products for transplantation;
- Infrastructure is related to development and implementation of quality systems to achieve compliance with the cGMP and possible TGA Licence for facilities;
- Co-funding and/ or collaborative funding is required (minimum of a 1:1 ratio of Grant to Co-funding);
- "In kind" contributions will be considered at a ratio to be determined (likely to be on a ratio of 1: 1.5 of in kind); and
- Applications for access to clean rooms and cell manufacturing facilities will be considered for researchers who require assistance in achieving cGMP compliance for their research process.



Cell & Tissue Therapies WA



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RISS Ltd Objectives

- Promoting the philosophy of the NCRIS by fostering collaborative relationships in the field of manufacture of human cell and cellular based products for transplantation and supporting growth in infrastructure of Australian research in the field through arranging conferences, forums, workshops and meetings for parties operating in the field;
- Assisting persons operating in the field to obtain or enhance their accreditation for the holding of a TGA GMP licence in the field;
- Assisting persons operating in that field to establish, maintain or improve their quality systems for the purposes of obtaining or enhancing their ability to apply for a TGA GMP licence in the field;
- Managing the distribution of NCRIS funding and any co-funding in accordance with the conditions imposed by either the Commonwealth or co-funder, with specific reference to enhancing or promoting research infrastructure in the field or promoting access to the infrastructure by persons operating in the field;
- Subsidising those facilities or persons holding or capable of managing a TGA GMP licence in the field such that researchers in the field can have access to the Infrastructure on commercially more favourable terms than would otherwise normally be available to that party; and
- Facilitating the entering into Infrastructure Access Agreements and other agreements as may be required to support such agreements.

How to apply

Further information on the grants available, timelines, application requirements and application forms can be found on the RISS Ltd website www.rissltd.com, or by contacting RISS Ltd:

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