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The Medical Foundation Program Grants

Advice and Instructions to Applicants for funding

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APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING

The Medical Foundation exists to promote the research and academic activities of the Faculty of Medicine. Its grants are investments in people and projects designed to establish and promote areas that will bring greater returns to the University and the Faculty of Medicine. It is not a conventional grant funding agency, and applicants will need to demonstrate that their applications will produce benefits that outlast the term of the grant and financial returns that match or exceed the investment.

As a result of strategic planning recommendations formulated in 2005 it was determined that preference would be given to recommendations by the Dean for the Medical Foundation to provide financial support to research scientists coming to the Faculty from outside the University. This funding is to provide infrastructural and other support for up to 3 years prior to being able to access outside funding from bodies such as the NHMRC.

All applications to the Foundation must be consistent with the research priorities and recruitment strategies of the Faculty of Medicine. Applicants are advised to seek feedback from the Dean (Professor Bruce Robinson), in particular about whether (i) the proposal falls within the current priorities and strategic intent of the Faculty, and (ii) whether the Foundation has significant monies in the nominated area.

Requests for support for new academic staff or new research programs MUST be supported by the Dean.

The Foundation may solicit proposals in specific areas and these should be submitted in the format below to the Foundation (Ms Sally Thomson). Unsolicited proposals that are not directed through the Dean will not be considered for funding.

Section 1 - Application Summary

1.1 Scientific Title

The scientific title will be used to identify the application.

1.2 Simplified Title

The simplified title may be used in media releases and in the annual report of the Medical Foundation. It should be easily understood by the general public.

1.3 Research Grant Type

Which research grant type are you applying for? Your options are:

Program Grant
Research Support for new Senior Academic Appointments

Please note: We do not provide equipment or travel grants.

1.4 Chief Investigator/s and full contact details

Include academic qualifications, current position and percentage of time the Chief investigator will devote to this program.

1.5 Associated Investigators

Include academic qualifications, current position and percentage of time the Chief investigator will

devote to this program.

1.6 Administering Department / Clinical School

While there may be instances where research is carried out in more than one location there can be only one Administering Department for each grant.

Include list of other researchers and their institutions with whom you are collaborating on this project.

1.7 Assessor

Your application must be discussed with and approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine before application is made to the Medical Foundation for grant support.

In addition, you may nominate one assessor who you would consider appropriate to provide an assessment of the research proposal should the Medical Foundation consider necessary.

Section 2 - Research Proposal

Classifications/objectives

Broadly identify the research area and objectives of the research proposal using NHMRC Broad Research Areas and Burden of Disease categories.

Identify keywords.

2.1 Broad research area

2.2 Research Fields, Courses and Disciplines

2.3 Keywords/Phrases to describe the field of research more specifically

2.4 Keywords/Phrases – Health Issue/Disease/Clinical Condition relevant to this research

2.5 Burden of Disease

2.6 Socio-Economic Objectives

2.7 National Research Priorities

2.8 Significance – Lay Description (suitable for the media)

Provide a summary description the project that is suitable for release to the media.
(max: 500 words)

2.9 Research Proposal

Under “Research Proposal” applicants should provide evidence of his/her existing expertise in the nominated field; the demonstrated relevance of the topic to problems of medical or public health significance; the capacity of the research to make a valuable contribution to the field within the grant period; the extent to which it will contribute to the development of health and medical research expertise at the University of Sydney and an indication of possible collaboration or communication with research programs at other institutions. Include aims of the program; hypothesis to be tested

All research funded by the Medical Foundation must have the relevant ethics approval from the University of Sydney. It is not necessary to obtain ethics approval prior to application. However, funds will not be released for successful applicants until evidence of approval is supplied to the Foundation.

Publications and presentations from research supported by grants from the Foundation must acknowledge the support of the Medical Foundation and the University of Sydney.

2.10 Budget and Budget Justification

Personnel employed using Foundation grant monies must become employees of the University of Sydney and, in calculating the budget the University on-costs (30%) must be included.

Section 3 – Chief Investigators

3.1 Chief Investigator/s Details

3.2 Postal Address

3.3 Role of Chief Investigator

3.4 Qualifications

3.5 Employment

3.6 Publications

3.7 Research Support from other sources

3.8 Details of other grant applications