

PARTNERSHIP WITH LUNG FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA for **Early Career Fellowships** for Lung Cancer Research

Background

Lung Foundation Australia is a national charity which was established in 1990 by a group of Thoracic Physicians concerned about the extent and severity of lung disease and the shortage of funds for research and medical support in the respiratory field. Lung Foundation Australia strives to support everyone in Australia living with a lung disease, including thoracic cancers, to reduce the significant and debilitating costs. The Lung Foundation’s Lung Cancer National Program works with our communities to reduce the impact of lung cancer and plays a lead role in improving outcomes for patients, carers, families and in the communities we serve.

Lung Foundation Australia has received a generous donation that will provide an opportunity to fund two year early career (post-doctoral) fellowships in lung cancer over the next fifteen years. Our aim is to leverage these funds to increase the impact and improve outcomes for lung cancer patients.

Lung Foundation Australia and its lung cancer initiatives are proud of our investment in thoracic cancer research.

Invitation

The Lung Foundation is calling for expressions of interest (EOI) from Research Centres, Universities and Organisations in Australia to partner and co-fund these early career development lung cancer fellowships. This Fellowship is ideally aimed to support a post-doctoral student who has recently completed their PhD studies and is looking to build on his/her doctoral research.

To ensure a sustained legacy for the donor, the Lung Foundation will make available a grant to the total value of \$160,000 which will be awarded every two years with the funding of each grant being provided in two installments of \$80,000 per year.

The objectives of the fellowships in Lung Cancer Research are to:

- Support high quality lung cancer research conducted by early career researchers who are able to demonstrate clear evidence of translational research capacity.
- Provide funding to encourage and retain talented individuals in the field of lung cancer research in Australia.

The Lung Foundation is seeking partners who are willing to match these funds in order to increase the lifetime value of this award. Alternatively, Lung Foundation welcomes offers to “top-up” this early career fellowship in order to provide sufficient funds to researchers to fully support their research, project costs and living expenses.

The Lung Foundation invites you to submit an Expression of Interest should your Centre or University be interested in co-funding a lung cancer post-doctoral Fellowship which will be administered and undertaken at your Centre/University. This EOI is for the first ever Fellowship grant and will be for the 2016/2017 period. Further EOIs will be released in 2017 for the 2018/2019 period.

Lung Cancer in Australia – some facts you may not know:

- Lung cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and women with over 11,500 Australians diagnosed each year
- With the latest projections this figure is expected to increase by 21 per cent by the year 2020
- More than 8,600 Australians die each year due to lung cancer, that’s more than 23 people a day
- The five year survival rate for lung cancer patients remains low at 14 per cent
- Indigenous – lung cancer is the most common cancer, and is the biggest cancer killer

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for **Early Career Fellowships** for Lung Cancer Research

Lung Foundation Australia has a set amount of funds of \$80,000 per year over a two year period (total funding: \$160,000) to allocate to this early career fellowship in Lung Cancer Research and will select a Research Institute or University to partner with on the basis of this Expression of Interest/Application Form.

Applications will undergo peer-review by Lung Foundation Australia's Lung Cancer Consultative Group Members. If they determine there are no applications of suitable merit the Lung Cancer National Program's Management Committee retains the right to decline to award a grant

This EOI process is to identify a Research Institute or University who is interested in matching Lung Foundation Australia funds. Lung Foundation Australia will launch this award and announce our first partnership at the upcoming Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand ASM (3-7 April 2016). The first recipient will receive his/her award at the Australian Lung Cancer Conference, 18-21 August – Melbourne.

All applications will be assessed against the specific selection criteria as outlined below:

Criterion	Weight
Research Institute or University – Letter of Support	Required
Contribution toward co-funding early career fellowship (matching or top up)	50%
Research Institute or University – Research Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research team and research environment • Existing infrastructure • Mentoring • Collaboration • Collaborative arrangements, including governance of partners 	40%
Promotional strategy to maximise the number of applications.	10%
Total	100%

Key dates – Timelines

Deadline for receipt of Applications	18th March 2016
Notification of successful Research Institute/University	29th March 2016
Official Announcement of Partnership – TSANZ Perth	3rd April 2016
Official Researcher Presentation – ALCC Melbourne	18th – 20th August 2016

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Please complete this form if your Research Institute or University is interested in partnering with the Lung Foundation and co-funding an Early Career Fellowship in Lung Cancer Research which will be administered and undertaken at your Institute.

To allow the Lung Foundation to identify the Research Institute or University that will be selected could you please provide a detailed letter from your Research Institute or University that address the specific selection criteria and must include:

- Brief overview of the Research Institute or University, background/history
- The commitment of funds and support for the 2 year Fellowship period
- The Fellowship Researcher will undertake research in the area of lung cancer with a priority of:
 - Supporting high quality lung cancer research conducted by early career researchers who are able to demonstrate clear evidence of translational research capacity.
- An outline of how this Fellowship will be managed by the Research Institute or University

University Details

Uni name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person Details

Title: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other Information

Sign: _____

Date: _____