

**Deadline for applications: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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| <p><b>Aim</b></p>                  | <p>The TSANZ Vertex Adult Cystic Fibrosis Fellowship will support a health practitioner or research scientist working in respiratory medicine who wishes to undertake research into adult cystic fibrosis, accompanied with professional development in adult cystic fibrosis in Australia or New Zealand.</p> <p>This is a unique opportunity to secure a fellowship that supports either research and/or clinic based training / professional development in the adult cystic fibrosis specialty area.</p> <p>The fellowship shall be to the value of <b>AUD\$50,000</b> per annum for two years.</p>   |
| <p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> | <p><b>To be eligible for the award, the applicant must:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a current member of the TSANZ<sup>1</sup>,</li> <li>2. Be a citizen or permanent resident in Australia/New Zealand,</li> <li>3. Have 6 months experience in cystic fibrosis or equivalent,</li> <li>4. Be a medical or other health practitioner or scientist who;             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is currently undertaking, or has completed training in respiratory medicine within the last five years, or</li> <li>b. Is currently undertaking or has completed a research higher degree in an area directly relevant to respiratory research within the last ten years.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Have excellent communication skills and a demonstrated ability to liaise effectively with other health and science professionals,</li> <li>6. Have an ongoing commitment to further education and professional development, and</li> <li>7. Have an understanding of research methodology, have research experience and intend to undertake research during the fellowship.</li> </ol>                                    |
| <p><b>Condition</b></p>            | <p><b>The following conditions apply to this award:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The funds are to support the salary (including on-costs) of the successful Adult Cystic Fibrosis Fellow.</li> <li>• Any clinical training must be conducted within an Adult CF Clinic within Australia or New Zealand.</li> <li>• Each year's stipend should be spent within 12 months of the Fellowship being taken up.</li> <li>• Progress reports are required every 6 months by the TSANZ – at the 6, 12, 18 and 24 month marks.</li> <li>• Research conducted during the term of the Fellowship is expected to be submitted to an appropriate session at a future TSANZ ASM.</li> <li>• Any publications and research output from this Fellowship must acknowledge the source of funding.</li> <li>• The applicant must not hold another fellowship<sup>2</sup> at the time of commencement of this fellowship.</li> </ul> <p><i>Notes: If the Fellowship is considered by TSANZ to not be used for its intended purpose, the Fellowship may be revoked.</i></p> <p><i>These conditions must be met to remain eligible for future award rounds.</i></p> |

<sup>1</sup> Financial member of the TSANZ who has obtained the support of a proposer and seconder and has been endorsed by the TSANZ Board

<sup>2</sup> Fellowship is defined as funding for the recipient's salary that is competitively granted and external to their own institution

| <p><b>Applications</b></p>  | <p>Applicants must submit their application via the <b>TSANZ awards submission portal</b> <a href="http://www.thoracic.org.au/researchawards/tsanz-awards-submission-portal">http://www.thoracic.org.au/researchawards/tsanz-awards-submission-portal</a></p> <p>Your application should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A response to each eligibility criterion</b> (maximum three A4 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide information about how you fulfil the eligibility criteria, and</li> <li>○ Detail how the Fellowship will assist in achieving your planned career path.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>A Fellowship proposal</b> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How this Fellowship will be used to support your training and/or professional development specific to adult cystic fibrosis (one A4 page).</li> <li>○ A research proposal clearly stating proposed supervisor research questions, methodology, statistical analysis, sample size calculation and feasibility of completing the project within time frame (three A4 pages, plus references).</li> <li>○ Details on the significance of this project (including clinical training or professional development) and how this fellowship integrates into your career (career path in next 5 years, one A4 page).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A track record (maximum two A4 pages). Include any significant career disruptions supporting eligibility outside the listed criteria.</li> <li>• Publications over the last five years, excluding career disruptions (unlimited pages).</li> <li>• Attached coversheet/checklist.</li> <li>• All text must be submitted on A4 pages with a 2cm margin to the top, bottom, left and right. Text must be single line spaced, with size 12 Times New Roman font. No columns are permitted.</li> </ul> |           |            |                    |     |                             |     |              |     |              |             |
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| <p><b>Selection Process</b></p>   | <p>Applications will be assessed by members of the TSANZ Research Committee using the responses to the criteria questions, and the following criteria to assess the fellowship proposal:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="435 1171 1437 1346"> <thead> <tr> <th>Criterion</th> <th>Weight (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Scientific Quality</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Significance and Innovation</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Track Record</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Note: In the event of there being no suitable applicants the Fellowship may not be awarded.</i></p>   | Criterion | Weight (%) | Scientific Quality | 50% | Significance and Innovation | 25% | Track Record | 25% | <b>Total</b> | <b>100%</b> |
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| Track Record  | 25%  |           |            |                    |     |                             |     |              |     |              |             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>100%</b>  |           |            |                    |     |                             |     |              |     |              |             |
| <p>Please direct enquires to <a href="mailto:TSANZawards@thoracic.org.au">TSANZawards@thoracic.org.au</a> or contact the Awards Coordinator on <a href="tel:0292226206">02 9222 6206</a>.</p>   |  |           |            |                    |     |                             |     |              |     |              |             |
| <p><b>TSANZ Privacy Statement.</b> Personal information submitted as part of an award or fellowship application will be viewed by staff of the TSANZ and the application reviewers who are TSANZ members. After assessment, the application will be stored on the TSANZ server. To clarify how your information is stored or used by the TSANZ, please contact the Privacy Officer on (02) 9222 6205.</p> |  |           |            |                    |     |                             |     |              |     |              |             |