

CANCER COUNCIL SA BEAT CANCER PROJECT TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PACKAGE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Closing Date for Applications: 24th February 2023 – 5pm ACST

Applications are invited for a Translational Research Package offered through **Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project**.

The Beat Cancer Project is funded by Cancer Council SA and the SA Government (through SA Health) and administered by the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). Further details are available on the Beat Cancer Project [website](#).

Aim of the Translation Research Package

The Beat Cancer Project Translational Research Package aims to support the objectives of the Beat Cancer Project by promoting a highly collaborative, translational research environment within the South Australian health system.

The scheme aims to support practice-based research and evaluation projects, and identify targeted, multidisciplinary translational research that address specific State priorities. The scheme also aims to support the translation of that research into policy and practice for improved health outcomes of the community.

The Translational Research Package will be directly aligned with the deliverables of the Beat Cancer Project and must demonstrate strategies for capacity building of early and mid-career researchers and a strong collaborative approach with the South Australian Local Health Networks (LHN), as well as other research teams, consumers, policy makers, health administrators and service providers.

The objectives of the Beat Cancer Project Translational Research Package funding scheme are to:

- Translate research results to inform complementary research activity, health policy development and health service delivery for better health outcomes.
- Provide opportunity to build teams including early and mid-career researchers with clear opportunities for career progression and skill development in research translation.

Funding Available

Two (2) Beat Cancer Project Translational Research Package will be available in this round. Funding will be available for a 3 year period and will support cancer research with a strong knowledge translation/implementation plan, which shows great potential to be translated into policy and practice, and will ultimately improve the care and health outcomes of cancer patients.

The research should be directly related to clinical health systems, patient outcomes and/or population health services and be backed by demonstrable evidence to warrant the intended research.

The funding scheme aims to provide financial support through a package of up to **\$250,000 over three years**. The scheme will support cancer researchers who can bring matched dollar-for-dollar funding taking the collective value of the package up to **\$500,000 over three years**.

Funding can cover salary costs, including principal and ancillary research/administrative staff, related infrastructure and research costs.

Matched dollar-for-dollar funding must be from sources external to Cancer Council SA and SA Health. Applications that are unable to provide matched funding will not be considered. **The matched funding component is essential.**

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be located and conduct their research in South Australia and be employed by a South Australian institution for the duration of the funding period.

Track record

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a track record through evidence of post-graduate training, peer-reviewed publication, grant acquisition and other research related achievements. Applicants who can demonstrate existing research collaborations and translational research outputs will be highly regarded.

Consumer Engagement

Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project values the input and participation of consumers in health and medical research. Applicants will be required to address criteria relating to consumer engagement activities within their research. These responses will be reviewed and considered by a peer and consumer review panel as part of the selection process.

Assessment

Applications will be subject to a peer and consumer review process.

The Beat Cancer Project reserves the right not to make an appointment.

KEY DATES

Applications open: **Monday, 5th December 2022**

Applications close: **Friday, 24th February 2023 – 5pm ACST**

Outcomes notified: **April 2023**

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed based on the following selection criteria, giving attention to the Objectives of the scheme above.

Applicants should address each of the **selection criteria** below in the Translational Research Package online application form, and where applicable, provide examples which best demonstrate their strength in the area, with an emphasis on the last 5 years.

Note: It is suggested that applicants prepare their Selection Criteria in a word document first, before pasting into the online application form.

1. **Research Output and Leadership = 40% (1000 Words Max)**

Applicants should describe their **current** performance and **future plans** in relation to:

- demonstrated research translation outputs
- expected impact and benefit of research outcomes
- their ability to disseminate new knowledge to a range of stakeholders
- availability of mentoring plans for early-career researchers
- any development of intellectual property
- any development of commercialisation activities (*this could include pharmaceuticals, diagnostic tests, medical devices, granted/or lodged patents etc.*)

- contribution to clinical or public health policy and practice or health services development.

2. Strength of Research Team, Collaborators and Environment to support the research = 20% (1000 Words Max)

The Research Team can comprise of up to 5 Chief Investigators (including CIA). Applicants should describe:

- track record of team members who will directly contribute to the research including experience relating to translational research
- their collaborative relationships with other researchers that will impact on the research
- any current engagement with a South Australian Local Health Network (LHN), or future plans to engage with LHNs.
- existing partnerships that can impact on research translation
- access to research infrastructure and environment
- opportunities for personal mentoring and career development, specifically the implementation of a formal mentoring plan within 12 months of the Fellowship commencing.

3. Consumer and Community Engagement = 10% (500 Words Max)

Applicants should describe:

- their track record relating to Consumer and Community engagement activities associated with health research, practice or policy
- their Consumer and Community engagement strategy associated with this research proposal.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

RESEARCH PROPOSAL = 30%

To ensure equity for all applications please follow the guidelines below for your Research Proposal:

- *Layout - portrait orientation on A4 paper*
- *Font - minimum **11-point Arial**. Applicants must ensure that **all** font is readable when printed, including diagram/figure and image text.*
- *Page limit - 6 pages maximum including references.*

Applicants are encouraged to include in their Research Proposal details outlining:

- the proposal's appropriateness for generating innovative and significant evidence for policy and/or practice
- the anticipated impact on cancer prevention, patient care or health service delivery
- the importance to cancer control
- detailed strategies around research design and translation
- collaborations with other researchers, policy makers, service providers
- dissemination strategies of research outputs
- references (max 1 page).

CURRICULUM VITAE (Relative to Opportunity)

Please provide a 2 page NHMRC-style CV for each member of the research team (maximum of 5 CIs including CIA) demonstrating:

- Career Summary and a brief overview of their role in the project
- Five Best Publications (last five years)
 - In particular, publications that demonstrate previous collaboration
- Overall Track Record including:
 - Publications
 - Funding
 - Awards and Prizes
 - Professional Activities
 - Mentorship
 - Example of Impact of Previous Research

An additional 1 page per CI is permitted to outline any career disruption claims. Details that need to be included for an eligible career disruption claim are:

- Start and end Date of the disruption
- Duration (in days)
- A brief description of the impact of the disruption, in terms of research outputs and work productivity during this period.

BUDGET

Applicants must provide a detailed budget which clearly details expenditure associated with this Fellowship. **The budget must include a breakdown of Beat Cancer Project funding and the additional matched funding, along with a clear description of how all funding will be utilized over the three-year project.**

Funding can cover salary costs, including principal and ancillary research/administrative staff, related infrastructure and direct research costs, as defined by the [NHMRC Direct Research Costs Guidelines](#).

Items not covered will include, but not be limited to, office space and services such as telephones, internet and basic IT facilities such as computers, mobile phones, laptops.

It is the responsibility of the grant holder to manage salaries and other expenditure within the limits of the grant.

The funds offered will not be supplemented. No additional claims may be made on the Beat Cancer Project to extend awarded packages.

Amounts granted are exclusive of GST.

SUPPORTING LETTER FROM MATCHED FUNDING BODY

Matched dollar-for-dollar funding must be from sources external to Cancer Council SA and SA Health. Supporting documentation outlining details of the matched funding must be included in the application in the form of a letter of support from the matched funding body or administering institution signed by an individual with the authority to act on behalf of the Institution. **Applications that are unable to provide matched funding will not be considered.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Other Sources of Funding

Funding from further additional sources would be welcomed during the term of the package. Recipients must advise the Beat Cancer Project Manager of additional funding relevant to the scheme.

Payment of Funds

Payments will be made to the South Australian Administering Institution nominated in the grant application and will be paid in quarterly instalments upon receipt of a tax invoice.

Ethics, Compliance and/or Safety Approvals

If Ethics, Compliance and/or Safety Approvals are required, the applicants must ensure their Administering Institution has received all clearances required for the research activity before invoicing of funds can commence. Copies are to be provided to the Beat Cancer Project upon request.

Consumer Engagement

Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project values the input and participation of consumers in health and medical research. Applicants will be required to address criteria relating to consumer engagement activities within their research. These responses will be reviewed and considered by a consumer representative on the peer-review panel as part of the selection process.

Mentors

The applicant must include details of a mentor who has expertise in the field of research relevant to the project. Details of the mentoring process and goals should be clearly set out in the relevant section of the selection criteria in the online application form.

Career Disruption

Where applicable, applicants may wish to claim a career disruption for consideration by the review panel. Details regarding this should be included in the relevant section in the online application form. The Beat Cancer Project has chosen to align with the NHMRC definition of career disruption/relevant to opportunity as outlined below:

A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption to an applicant's capacity to work, due to:

- *Pregnancy;*
- *Major illness/injury; or*
- *Carer responsibilities.*

Interruptions must involve either a continuous absence from work for periods of 28 calendar days or more and/or a long-term partial return to work that has been formalised with the applicant's employer.

The period of career disruption may be used:

- *to determine an applicant's eligibility for a scheme;*
- *to allow for the inclusion of additional track record information for assessment of an application; or*
- *for consideration by the panel during their deliberations.*

Publicity

Successful applicants may be asked to assist with promotion of funded research and of Funding Parties of the Beat Cancer Project. The applicant's capacity to act as an ambassador for the Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project will be considered. There will be requests to provide media publicity through interviews or other means and we ask that successful applicants participate when these opportunities arise. We also ask successful applicants to advise the Beat Cancer Project, Project Manager if promotion of the funded work is planned through their Administering Institution.

Successful applicants will be required to include the following statement in all communication activities relating to the funded research:

'Undertaken with the financial support of Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project on behalf of its donors and the State Government through the Department of Health.'

Successful applicants cannot make any public announcement regarding the Clinical Investigator Award or the Beat Cancer Project without the prior written approval of the administering body, SAHMRI (and acknowledges that SAHMRI may need to obtain the approval of the Funding Parties for any such announcement), unless such announcement is required by law or a regulatory body.

Successful applicants are required to adhere to all obligations required of SAHMRI as the administering body, by the Funding Parties with regard to acknowledgement and announcements, and shall use their best endeavours to assist SAHMRI to adhere to any contractual obligations in this regard.

Changes to Applications

Modifications to applications after final submission will not be allowed. The Beat Cancer Project must be notified of any changes that may impact on the application such as withdrawal of matched funding. If an applicant's employment circumstances change the Beat Cancer Project, Project Manager must be notified immediately.

Commencement Date and Time commitment

Commencement date is negotiable but must be within 3 months of the formal date of offer.

The Clinical Investigator may apply for an unfunded contract extension, to align with any delays to the research project timeline.

Referee Details

Applicants will be required to provide the names and contact details of three referees in the application form. Referee reports may be requested during the assessment phase.

Reporting Requirements

The Beat Cancer Project, Project Manager will liaise with researchers to provide further details on reporting requirements. A final report will be required, plus other reports on research progress and financial status. Failure to submit requested reports may make researchers ineligible for further funding. The information provided in reports will be made available to SAHMRI and the Funding Parties.

An agreement with the Administering Institution will be finalised setting out terms and conditions of funding including reporting requirements.

Tobacco Policy

Funding will not be offered for individuals or institutions that receive support directly or indirectly from, or are involved with organisations that are part of or funded by, the tobacco industry. Applicants are asked to disclose any current or recent relationship with the tobacco industry. Unless counter-evidence is supplied, such relationships will be taken as conflict of interest and render applicants ineligible.

Unspent Funds

At the completion of the research term, unexpended money must be returned to SAHMRI as the funding administering body to manage on behalf of the Beat Cancer Project.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The Beat Cancer Project online application portal will be available from the [website](#) from 5th December 2022.

Applications must include:

- ☐ A completed online application form including responses to the Selection Criteria
- ☐ Research Proposal
- ☐ Research team CVs
- ☐ Budget, which provides clear evidence of matched funding sources
- ☐ Letter from applicant's administering institution confirming that they:
 - . Support the application
 - . Consider the project to be compatible with the applicant's interests, capabilities and career development needs
 - . Agree that all conditions of employment will be met by the institution
- ☐ Letter from matched funding body or administering institution confirming matched funding sources

Contact for further information

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