



Asthma Foundation of SA Early Career Researcher Grant

The Asthma Foundation of SA's EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER GRANT provides funds to encourage a new researcher (an individual who has NOT previously been named as a principal investigator in an accepted national competitive grant).

Project budgets of no more \$25,000, plus GST, are preferred.

Purpose of Award

The purpose of the Award is to assist an early career researcher to undertake research related to asthma from an epidemiological, clinical, basic scientific or social perspective.

Eligibility

- Applicants may have already commenced their postdoctoral studies. Postdoctoral fellows must be less than 5 years since graduating from a PhD. Academic transcript detailing date of PhD or MD graduation must be provided.
- Applicants will **not** be eligible for an Award if they do not have ethics approval for the project. Evidence of ethics approval must be provided by the time of commencement of the award.
- It is a requirement of this grant that applicants hold Australian citizenship or have permanent residency status.
- All research funded by The Foundation of SA must be based in South Australia

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be assessed on;

1) Track record: publications or abstracts, awards and achievements, extra curricular activities such as scientific membership, administrative expertise, work experience in research

2) Project proposal assessed on scientific quality, relevance to asthma and the epidemiological/clinical/scientific/social impact

Application Deadline

Applications are to be submitted using the Asthma Foundation of SA Application Form. An electronic copy of the application must be received on or before 5.00 pm on Friday April 30th 2010. Hard copy can follow. Funding will commence July 1st 2010.

Applications to be emailed to simon@asthmasa.org.au and hard copy mailed to:

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GRANT CONDITIONS

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This Grant Conditions document will be a schedule to the Offer of Grant letter and will form part of the terms of arrangement between the Asthma Foundation of SA and the recipient of an Asthma Foundation of SA Research Grant.

1. Acceptance

- 1.1 Acceptance is to be confirmed by the grantee/s and when applicable, by the Institution at which the research is to be performed, by signing both the Offer of Grant letter and the Grant Conditions schedule and returning signed originals of these documents to the Asthma Foundation of SA.
- 1.2 Acceptance by the Grantee/s and Institution includes their responsibilities for providing research staff, administrative services, facilities and equipment for the project. In acceptance, the Grantee/s and Institution undertake to keep separate records detailing staff and other expenses applicable to the projected funded by this grant.
- 1.3 Endorsement is required by the Head of the Department in the Institution in which the work of the research project is to be performed and by a person with authority to accept on behalf of the Institution the administrative responsibilities to be undertaken.

2. Use of Project Grant Money

- 2.1 Project Grant monies shall be employed solely for purposes specified in the approved Application for Grant.
- 2.2 In agreeing to administer and to provide staff and facilities/equipment for use by the Grantee/s, the Institution undertakes to absorb all on-costs, overhead expenses.

3. Project Grant Payments

- 3.1 Project grant payments will be paid in two instalments in reimbursement to the Grantee/s and Institution and in response to claims providing appropriate details of the expenditure. The first instalment (50%) will be paid on commencement. The second instalment (50%) will be paid within 30 days of receipt of a satisfactory mid term status report.
- 3.2 Grants are exclusive of GST.

4. Reports and Acknowledgements

Grantee/s, as a firm condition of the grant are required to furnish certain reports to the Asthma Foundation of SA.

- 4.1 **Mid-Term Status Report**
Grantee/s will furnish a Mid-Term Status Report to the Asthma Foundation of SA. Such a report will advise the actual or planned date of commencement of work on the research project, the planned date of completion, together with a narrative describing progress, revised timings (if necessary) and any points of interest noted in the work in progress. The Report will be reviewed by the Foundation who may use this Report to provide an update on its website, and possibly to donor bodies.

- 4.2 **Final Report**
Grantee/s will furnish a Final Report to the Asthma Foundation of SA at the completion of the research project or within 3 months of completion. This Final Report will summarise results achieved against the declared aims of the project. It will describe and detail the work undertaken and identify further points of interest. Plans for submissions to publishers resulting from work on the research project are to be detailed in this Final Report. The Report will be reviewed by the Foundation and the Foundation will use this Report to provide an update on its website, and possibly to donor bodies.
- 4.3 **Asthma Foundation of SA Research Events**
The Asthma Foundation of SA may request the Grantee/s to make presentations relevant to the research and to participate in media reviews, seminars or workshops etc.

5. **Submissions and Publications**

- 5.1 Grantee/s will provide the Asthma Foundation of SA with a copy of each publication by any journal which results from the research project.
- 5.2 Any publications (papers or conference abstracts) derived from the project must acknowledge the financial support of the Asthma Foundation of South Australia.

6. **Termination/Forfeiture**

- 6.1 The Asthma Foundation of SA may decline to pay the second instalment if a satisfactory Mid-Term Status Report is not provided.
- 6.2 Cessation of work, failure to communicate by Mid-Term Status Report or failure to maintain work in progress at a rate in accordance with the schedule originally proposed, may be due case for termination.
- 6.3 Unless applied for, and an extension approved, research projects which are not commenced and completed within six months of the original schedules as outlined in the grant application, may result in forfeiture of unclaimed grant monies.
- 6.4 Any unforeseen impediment which may result in the research project not being completed by the Grantee/s must be advised to the Asthma Foundation of SA, as soon as it is apparent to the Grantee/s or Institution.
- 6.5 Failure by the Grantee/s or the Institution to comply with any condition set down in this document or its associated Offer of Grant or any misleading information conveyed in the Application for Grant will be cause for cancellation of the Grant.
- 6.6 Special attention is drawn to the provision of Clause 4.1 Mid-Term Status Reports and Clause 4.2 Final Reports, which are to be furnished without further request. Performance in respect to "Reports and Acknowledgements" herein will influence considerations in any other Application for Grant by the Grantee/s to the Asthma Foundation of SA.



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Successful grant applicants will be required to sign a copy of this document.

Grantee/s to sign:

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....

Signed for Institution:

Head of Department:

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....

Administration Officer:

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....