

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION

Grant-in-Aid 2011

Information and eligibility criteria



The Leukaemia Foundation is the only national not-for-profit foundation dedicated to the care and cure of patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma, and related blood disorders. Through its National Research Program, the Foundation seeks to foster innovative research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of these cancers, and the care of patients and families. The program includes grants for research projects, in addition to scholarships and fellowships to foster the careers of talented young scientists and doctors.

The Leukaemia Foundation invites **expressions of interest for grants-in-aid** for research projects to support basic, applied and translational research in **all fields of research** which will improve outcomes for people with blood cancers and related disorders. Applicants are encouraged to develop innovative approaches to haematological problems, especially in the areas of basic or fundamental research.

Expressions of interest will be reviewed to assess their relevance to haematological cancers and their scientific merit. **An invitation** to submit a **full application** will be issued to a short list of approximately 10-15 applicants.

All applications for funding by the Leukaemia Foundation in every state and territory are now assessed through one central national process. This includes applications for funds which are state specific by request of donor(s). Unless specified otherwise, **all** grant-in-aid applications should be made through the single **expressions of interest application form**.

Applications for grants-in-aid in the range \$50,000 - \$100,000 per annum will be considered for research staff salaries and/or maintenance costs to support research projects. Leukaemia Foundation grants-in-aid **are not intended to fund shortfalls for other grants received**. Applications for shortfall funding **will not** be considered.

Funding is normally for one year but consideration will be given for a second year of funding for top ranked applications at the discretion of the MSAC.

It is anticipated that at least five general grants-in-aid and at least three CLL Research Initiative grants-in-aid may be awarded nationally in 2011. The highest ranked grant-in-aid application in the general category will be considered for two years funding. If additional funds become available we will notify potential applicants via the website. All applications are assessed in the same independent process by the national Grants Review Committee overseen by the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee (MSAC).

Please read eligibility criteria carefully as there have been changes made to criteria of past years.

Grants will be awarded for one year.

General Information for Applicants:

The grants-in-aid program aims to foster cutting-edge research to improve our understanding of leukaemia and related malignancies and to benefit patients and families in the short or longer term. The applications for these grants-in-aid will be assessed through a rigorous review process by a team of experts in the field based on the merit of the proposed research, the achievements of the applicant and the relevance and significance of the proposed work in enhancing our knowledge or treatment of haematological malignancies and improving the way we care for these patients and their families.

Conditions of Award for Research Grants-in-Aid

1. The Leukaemia Foundation wishes to support research in Australia into the causes, treatment and care of people with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders.
2. Persons working in a public hospital, university, or recognized research institute in Australia will be eligible to apply for research funding, fellowships and scholarships from the Foundation.
3. Applications for Grants-in-Aid will be considered for specific projects to support any of the following:
 - a) Salaries for research workers;
 - b) Maintenance costs for research projects.
4. **Expressions of interest are invited once per year.**
5. **Expressions of interest must follow** the format prescribed by the Foundation, as detailed in the 'Instructions to Applicants - EOI'.
6. **Expressions of interest will first be reviewed** by a national, external panel of independent experts (Grants Review Committee - GRC) to assess their relevance and their scientific merit. **An invitation to submit a full application will be issued to a short list.** The invited full applications will be reviewed and ranked by the GRC and recommendations for funding will be made to the LF Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee (MSAC).
7. The MSAC will recommend to the Board of the Leukaemia Foundation in rank order, those applications worthy of funding, with recommendations where appropriate as to the level of funding for each application. The Board will decide which, if any, applications to approve for funding in any year after considering the recommendations of the MSAC and the availability of funds.
8. In applying for research funding from the Foundation, applicants confirm that they will:
 - a) Ensure the ethical conduct of research under the grant;
 - b) Report annually on progress made towards scientific goals;
 - c) Lodge a final report within three months of the termination of the grant;
 - d) Identify any applications to other organisations for the same project;
 - e) Acknowledge the support of the Leukaemia Foundation in any publications (including scientific articles, press releases and abstracts) arising from work carried out under the grant.
9. By virtue of the signature of the appropriate administrative officer on the application form, institutions confirm that they will ensure:
 - a) That monies given by the Foundation will be administered by the institution only for the purpose designated by the Foundation and in accordance with any directions given by the Foundation;

- b) That a financial statement (outlining budget and expenditure against the project) will be provided annually by the institution to the Foundation for each grant funded by the Foundation;
- c) That physical facilities and infrastructure support will be provided and maintained to allow research under the grant to proceed.
- d) That the applicant has the work time available to undertake the proposed study when existing commitments are considered

10. Any grant will be conditional upon the relevant institution and the applicant(s) entering into an appropriate form of agreement with the Leukaemia Foundation as to the disposition of the grant.

11. Recipients of grants may be asked by the Foundation to present the results of the research funded by the Leukaemia Foundation at a public symposium, in media or other promotional activity organised by the Foundation.

More information

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