

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION

Senior Research Fellowship 2012

Information and eligibility criteria



Aims and purpose:

This is the most prestigious of the Leukaemia Foundation's personal awards and will provide sustained support for an outstanding young researcher preferably between 3 and 10 years postdoctorate who has established an international reputation for research in the field of leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood cancers and disorders. Candidates in any field of research relevant to blood cancer are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will have an established track record in research at the highest level and will be expected to establish an innovative new program of research in these blood cancers.

This Fellowship is particularly targeted at outstanding young researchers currently based overseas and who wish to return to Australia to develop independent research programs, although outstanding candidates already based in Australia will be eligible. Researchers who are currently working within Australia will be expected to have spent less than two years in their current institution if they plan to apply for this Fellowship in the same location.

Applicants are expected to have academic qualifications and, at the preliminary application stage, should normally have between **three and ten years research experience** from the date of their doctoral degree. Due allowance will be given to those whose career has been affected for personal reasons.

The successful applicant will be expected to have an emerging profile as a top level researcher and will have made major contributions that have been published in leading international journals. They will have strong potential for further outstanding contributions to the field of blood cancer research and will have demonstrated an ability to carry out innovative independent research.

The Fellow will be expected to act as an Ambassador for the Leukaemia Foundation eg. attending and speaking at functions, being available for media interviews, media release announcements and provision of images and research information for distribution to the media.

The Fellow would be expected to restrict activities unrelated to the fellowship (e.g. teaching duties, clinical duties) to less than 0.2 FTE per week.

The successful applicant would be expected to take up their position within 12 months of an offer being made.

Duration: 5 years.

Funding:

\$200,000/annum

The award is a one line payment intended to cover salary, on-costs (payroll tax, workers compensation, superannuation etc), research support, maintenance and travel. It is expected that successful applicants will negotiate the allocation of funds with their employing institution.

Relocation assistance may be available up to a maximum amount of \$5000.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must be Australian citizens, permanent residents or New Zealand citizens holding a Special Category Visa. Applicants who have applied for, but not yet been granted permanent residency or a Special Category Visa, may apply for the award. Evidence of the appropriate status must be provided before the start of the award. Research funded by the Fellowship must be conducted in an Australian Institution.

Information for Applicants:

The Leukaemia Foundation Fellowships and Scholarships Program aims to encourage and support young researchers and 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 this fellowship 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.

The conditions of award are:

- (1) The field of study must be in accordance with the objectives of the Foundation, namely research into the causes, prevention, treatments or cure of leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood and bone marrow cancers.
- (2) **The research must be full-time** and must be undertaken in an appropriate Institution in Australia with an accredited program ("Institution" means a University, affiliated Medical Research Institute, Public Hospital or Public Benevolent Institution);
- (3) The applicant must have the approval of the appropriate authorities in the Institution in which the work will be carried out to enrol for the appropriate program, degree or study;
- (4) The award is payable only while the candidate remains a Fellow of good standing, and subject to satisfactory progress of the Fellow's work;
- (5) Funds detailed for consumables and research support for the Fellowship will be provided to the Department in which the Fellow is engaged to provide exclusively for costs associated directly with the Fellow's research on the following conditions:

- (a) that expenditure of this amount is fully accountable to the LF Board;
 - (b) that the sum listed for the Fellowship includes an allowance for travel expenses to allow the Fellow to attend scientific meetings in Australia or overseas
 - (c) that other expenditure from this allowance is used exclusively to further the research of the fellow, and not be used for general expenditures of the Department in which he or she is working;
- (6) Outcomes
- (a) Any publication or publicity arising from the research undertaken under the auspices of this Fellowship must acknowledge the assistance of the Leukaemia Foundation
 - (b) A copy of each publication arising from work undertaken with this Fellowship must be sent to staff at the National Research Program (for the information of the LF Board).
 - (c) The Fellow agrees to participate in any publicity associated with Leukaemia Foundation activities.

Timeline:

May 2011	Applications open
1 July 2011	EOI due
Late August 2011	Invitation for full application
Dec 2011/ Jan 2012	Announcement of successful applicant

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