

**Centre for Stem Cell Research  
Robinson Institute  
Collaborative Grant Scheme  
INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

## **1. OBJECTIVES OF THE COLLABORATIVE GRANT SCHEME**

From 2009 the Centre for Stem Cell Research will allocate funds for a collaborative grant scheme. The aim is to provide funds to seed high quality research projects which i) will be competitive for NHMRC Project Grant, ARC Discovery Grant or equivalent funding or attract international/industry funding on a competitive basis; and ii) encourage collaboration between Centre members as well as with others from outside the Centre. Within two years of being awarded the grant, recipients must submit an externally funded competitive grant application through the University of Adelaide based on the research funded by this Scheme. Up to 3 grants may be awarded for 2010.

## **2. ELIGIBLE AREAS OF INVESTIGATION**

### **Eligible Investigators**

Only Centre Members can apply. Applications must include at least one other Research Group. This can be from within the Centre, or externally.

## **3. GUIDELINES**

### **3.1 Location of Research**

The project must be carried out through a Centre Group.

### **3.2.1 Eligibility**

All Centre Members with exception of those listed below are eligible to apply. The Centre member responsible for the application must be the first named Chief Investigator on the application.

### **3.2.2 Associate Investigators**

An Associate Investigator is a researcher who makes a contribution to the project but is not involved to the extent of a Chief Investigator. Their track records are not included in the assessment of the application.

### **3.2.3 Ineligible to Apply**

A person seeking a grant for a project which forms part of his/her higher degree studies.

### **3.3 Amount**

Each grant will be for a maximum of \$75,000.

### **3.4 Duration of Grants**

Funds will be awarded for up to two years on the understanding that further grant applications for the project, or research related to it, will be submitted through the University of Adelaide.

### **3.4 Use of Funds**

Funding cannot be used to support the salary of a chief investigator;

- Where salaries for support staff are requested it must be well justified;
- Discipline or School levies will not be funded.

## **4. APPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Number of Applications**

No Chief Investigator may submit more than **one** application.

### **4.2 Other research grants and granting schemes**

Applicants are required to indicate any other sources of funds, or applications for funds, for the proposed project. Grants will not supplement projects being funded from other sources.

### **4.3 Closing Date**

The closing date for applications to be received by Centre is **5pm on Friday 16 October 2009**.

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## **5. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES**

### **5.1 Assessment Committee**

Applications will be assessed by the Centres Grants Committee.

### **5.2 Assessment Criteria**

The Committee members will assess proposals against the criteria listed below:

- Quality of the research proposal, methodology, budget and feasibility
- Potential to lead to funding from other sources and
- Strength of the research team/environment.

### **5.3 Funding**

The budget will be assessed as to whether it is feasible and justified and whether the research objectives can be achieved with the resources requested. The Centre reserves the right to award an amount less than that requested in the application.

### **5.4 Feedback to Unsuccessful Applicants**

Resources do not exist to provide feedback on the quality of the application.

## **6. APPEALS**

The decisions of the Committee are final.

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### **Instructions to Applicants**

Electronic versions of the Application Form, the Guidelines and these Instructions are available on the Centres website at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/stemcell>

#### **Number of Copies**

The original (single-sided) plus 4 double-sided copies are required.

### **THE APPLICATION FORM**

The remaining instructions address those sections of the application form which may require further explanation.

#### **Item 2 Project Summary**

The summary must be presented in clear, plain English.

#### **Item 4.1 Budget Information**

- **Budget Headings**

All individual items under the following headings should be attempted even if not applicable (N/A).

- **Personnel; Maintenance; Travel; & Other**

The amounts of funding sought under each of these headings should be rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### **Item 5 Keywords**

Select up to six keywords to describe the proposed research of the kind normally required for submitting an article to a major refereed journal. Keywords may help determine assessors for your application.

#### **Item 6.1 Concurrent Applications**

Indicate whether the project has been submitted (even in part) as an application to any other funding scheme for 2010/2011 and the outcome or when a decision is expected.

#### **Item 7.1 Participant Details**

- **Current position**

For example: Lecturer Level A; or NHRMC Research Fellow.

#### **Item 9 Future funding strategy**

Emphasis will be placed on the applicant demonstrating an understanding of the various sources of funding that might be available to support their research in future, rather than relying on the one source. This question provides an opportunity to do this, to outline the strategy for obtaining such funding.

#### **Item 10 Certification**

- **Ethics and Safety Clearances**

Funding is subject to confirmation that suitable ethics and/or safety clearances have been obtained.

#### **Item 12 Description of the project**

Number the pages used in this section of the application. Use a maximum of 3 pages in size 12 Arial Narrow font with 2.5 cm margins. References are to be included in the 3 pages. Pages in excess of 3 will not be considered.

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Please use the following headings and avoid the use of jargon so as to make the application accessible to as wide an audience as possible, and written in such a way that a **non-specialist reader can understand the project**. Remember that assessors reviewing the application may not be experts in your field. **Applications may be penalised in the assessment process if they are not sufficiently intelligible to non-expert panel members.**

- **Aims, hypotheses, significance and expected outcomes of the project:** Include reference to the present state of knowledge in the field at the international level and its relationship to this proposal and any pilot data. Cite key references where appropriate.
- **Research plan, methods and techniques, and timetable:** This section should make clear the scope and limitations of the project, report on progress to date if the project has already commenced and should include a project timetable. Include the experimental design if appropriate.
- **Justification of budget:** You will need to supply a justification for each item listed under Item 4.1.
- **Role and contribution of each participant:** Give details of each Chief Investigator's proposed role in and contribution to the project. Provide the names, roles and levels of involvement of other participants, e.g. Associate Investigators, technical staff, postgraduate or honours students.

**Other required documentation (additional to the 3-page statement)**

a) The publications list. b) A maximum ½ page statement detailing of the research team /environment in terms of mentoring, resources and supporting funding and any additional track record achievements.

**Publications:** List all refereed publications of each Chief Investigator from 2005 onwards by category (books, book chapters, journal papers). List only items that have been published or accepted for publication (not those submitted) and include full details of pagination. Use asterisks to identify publications relevant to this project. Impact factors should be included on listed publications and the publications considered to be in the most important journals should be highlighted using two asterisks.

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