

The Ray and Shirl Norman Cancer Research Trust

Call for 2020 Applications to fund cancer research into the prevention and cure of cancer and anything incidental or conducive to those purposes

Important:

- The Health Services Charitable Gifts Board (**HSCGB**) is Trustee of The Ray and Shirl Norman Cancer Research Trust (**Trust**)
- **Three (3)** funded grants of **one hundred and twenty thousand (\$120,000) (inclusive of GST)** each, per year, for up to **three (3)** years for research projects (the grant may fund more than one project)

Applications close: 5.00pm Friday, 2 October 2020

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Background

The Ray and Shirl Norman Cancer Research Trust was set up following the death of Raymond Simpson Norman to fund “*research into the prevention and cure of cancer and anything incidental or conducive to those purposes*”. The Health Services Charitable Gifts Board is the trustee of the Trust.

Purpose

Research Grants funded by the Trust are administered by HSCGB with the aim of supporting cancer research at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (**RAH**). It is recognised that aspects of work funded may be carried out at other sites.

Research Grants funded by the Trust are intended to support hypotheses-driven research projects focused on the prevention and cure of cancer that:

- have a strong scientific design; and
- are expected to achieve a meaningful conclusion within the 3-year period.

They may:

- assist researchers striving to establish new programs or new directions.
- fund initial exploratory research for which external funding will subsequently be sought.
- address circumscribed clinical problems of a sort unlikely to attract industry funding.
- survey groups of patients to assess the success rate, sequelae, safety or any other aspect of medical or surgical procedures or treatment protocols.

Preference will be given to proposals for new research not already funded or not similar to other funded projects.

Please be advised that if the researchers have submitted the same or similar title project grant application to an external funding body and the application is subsequently successful, this application will be withdrawn from consideration by HSCGB.

The grants may cover maintenance or minor equipment or be used to employ technical or support staff. They are not intended for funding of higher degree students or postdoctoral staff who should instead apply for an appropriate scholarship or fellowship. While minor equipment items may be funded, they should not be the major component of the budget.

Eligibility Criteria

The criteria include:

- Chief Investigator-A (**CI-A, Principal Investigator**) must be a member of the clinical staff (medical, nursing, allied health or scientist) working at the RAH/SA Pathology/CCB.
- Grants are open to departments and units within the RAH/SA Pathology/CCB
- Up to 3 additional chief investigators (CI-B, C or D) may be included in the application but a researcher may only be listed as CI-A on one application.

Terms and Conditions

- **Three (3) funded grants of one hundred and twenty thousand (\$120,000) (inclusive of GST) each, per year, for up to three (3) years for research projects** will be awarded based on the merit of the proposal received. The grant may fund more than one project.
- A lesser amount may be awarded if the Board considers this to be appropriate.
- Only one application per chief researcher is permitted.
- Grants are awarded for a maximum of **three (3) years**, commencing **January 2021**.
- Any unexpended funds will be automatically reclaimed at the beginning of the following year unless prior written approval has been granted from HSCGB.
- Ethics/Governance to be approved before funding is released.
- The funding by the Trust must be prominently acknowledged in all publications and reports.
- If requested, the researcher may be required to present findings to the Board
- It is expected that the research findings will be presented at a scientific meeting and submitted at the RAH Research Showcase.
- Progress Reports and Financial Statements are to be submitted to the HSCGB:
 - a. at each 12-month anniversary date for the term of the grant;
 - b. six (6) months after grant completion; and
 - c. at a further 12 months (specifically detailing any further research progress from additional funding received, any further research publication or any new research commenced from the results achieved through this grant).

(Report template available from HSCGB)

Assessment Criteria

- Applications will be independently assessed by an External Assessment panel.
- The assessors will allocate scores based upon the following criteria:
 - a. Impact on Patient Management (how will this effect patients) 35%
 - b. Quality of Proposal (clear objectives & study design) 25%
 - c. Scalability (potential for findings to be implemented at other sites) 15%
 - d. Team Track Record (especially Chief Investigator) 25%
- Scores/rankings will not be disclosed to applicants.
- The Review Panel's decision is final and no further correspondence will be considered.

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RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

(Refer to the relevant “Terms and Conditions” for further information).

Your application should address three specific areas;

- A) Administrative Aspects
- B) Research Proposal
- C) Previous Research Activity/Achievements

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS

Chief Investigator A (Principal Investigator)

Chief Investigator-A Name:	
Current Position:	
Department:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

Other Chief Investigators (Chief Investigators B-D)

Chief Investigator	Name	Institution	Position
B			
C			
D			

Associate Investigators

Associate Investigator	Name	Institution	Position
A			
B			
C			
D			

Additional Staff

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1. Research Title

2. Research Details

(Proposed appointment and the department in which the project would be carried out, indicating the number of hours per week and personnel devoted to this project.)

3. Current Research Support

(List current research supported funding for each applicant, giving the project title, value of support per annum and the source of funding.)

Grant Identifier (eg NHMRC Application No)	Funding Source	Project Title	Budgeted 2021 Funds	Budgeted 2022 Funds	Budgeted 2023 Funds

4. Application for Other Research (support currently pending)

(List all other applications for this project noting; funding agency, project title, and funds requested. If there are no other applications for this project, please advise why this application is only being made for funds from **The Ray and Shirl Norman Cancer Research Trust.**)

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(If there are no other applications for this project, please advise why this application is only being made for funds from **The Ray and Shirl Norman Cancer Research Trust.**)

5. Relationship of this Application to other Funding

(Specify why existing support cannot be utilised to support the research proposed in this application.)

6. Ethical Review

(Please provide details of all ethics clearances - evidence of ethics clearances must be provided before the grant commences.)

7. Certification

(All applications must carry certification by the Head of Department/Division that appropriate general facilities will be available to the researcher if successful and that the project will be carried out strictly in accordance with NHMRC Ethical and Scientific Practice Guidelines.)

8. Scientific Referees

Nominate a minimum of three independent external scientific referees who are experts in the field of application. Please provide full contact details.

Potential Referees	Institution	Email

B. RESEARCH PROPOSALS

1. Budget (1 page maximum)

(Itemised as indicated in the table below.)

Detailed Budget				Year-1	Year-2	Year 3
Personnel (specify employee name, employer, classification/position level, %FTE, on-costs relating to the CRIPS funding – add further lines as required)						
Name	Employer	Classification (eg GSC RN TGO)	FTE (%)	\$ Including on-costs	\$ Including on-costs	\$ Including on-costs
				\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$
Equipment (attach quotation)						
				\$	\$	\$
Maintenance Items (Goods and Services)						
				\$	\$	\$
Sub-total				\$	\$	\$
Total					\$	\$

2. Justification of Budget (Half a page maximum)

(Include comment in budget as necessary)

3. Aims (1 page maximum)

(Detail the aims of your research.)

4. Background and Research Plan (3 pages maximum)

(Applicants are reminded this section should generally include a clear definition of study end points, statistical methods to be used, power calculations and an explanation of the relationship of the study to the applicants' longer-term research agenda.)

5. References (1 page maximum)

(Include up to 6 key references.)

C. PREVIOUS RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS

(Track record for each CI (max 2 pages for each CI – this section is not required for any Associate Investigators) setting out the following:

- Academic qualifications
- Top (5) publications in the past five (5) years
- Research grants in the past five (5) years
- Higher research degree (Hons/MD/PhD) supervision
- Previous research impact on clinical practice
- Leadership roles
- Contribution to current proposal

Chief Investigator - A

Chief Investigator - B

Chief Investigator - C

Chief Investigator - D

APPLICATION

Applications must be presented in a minimum of 12-pitch type face (where possible).

Applications that exceed specified limits will be discarded.

Please submit your application by email as a PDF or a Word document to enquiries@hscgb.com.au by the closing date below. Receipt of email application will be acknowledged by email.

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