



EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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1. ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

Definitions

Administering Institution* The institution that receives and administers the funds. For the purposes of GST arrangements, this institution is defined as the supplier.

Applications are lodged through the Administering Institution.

Actual Institution* The institution at which the grant will be undertaken

***The Administering Institution and the Actual Institution may be the same institution.**

GST Goods and Services Tax imposed in accordance with the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999, and related Acts and Regulations.

Intellectual Property Includes all industrial and intellectual property rights including but not limited to copyright, patents, trade/business or company names, registered and unregistered trademarks, registered designs, trade secrets, know how, rights in relation to circuit layout and all other rights of intellectual property as recognised by the law in force in NSW.

Supplier Means the persons or bodies party to the written agreement engaged to perform the services and includes officers, employees, agents and authorised sub-contractors (and their employees and agents) utilised by the Supplier.

2. OVERVIEW OF CANCER INSTITUTE NSW RESEARCH PROGRAMS GUIDING PRINCIPLES, PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA

INTRODUCTION

The Cancer Institute NSW is Australia's first state-wide, government supported cancer control agency. We are saving lives through promoting the best cancer research, prevention, early-detection, and treatment and education initiatives. The Cancer Institute NSW is driving innovation in cancer care in New South Wales by working in partnership with the leaders in our field to deliver the best cancer results for the people of New South Wales.

STATE CANCER RESEARCH PRIORITIES

The Cancer Institute NSW has the statutory responsibility to substantially improve cancer control in NSW under its Act.

The specific objectives of the Cancer Institute NSW are to:

- I. increase cancer survival;
- II. reduce cancer incidence
- III. improve the quality of life of cancer patients and their carers; and
- IV. provide expert advice to patients, the public, health care professionals and the Government.

3. INTRODUCTION TO THE CANCER INSTITUTE NSW EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

- 3.1 The ongoing education of clinicians and allied health staff working in oncology is considered crucial to maintaining a skilled and knowledgeable workforce. This program aims to ensure cancer health professionals caring for cancer patients are well supported by further enhancing their knowledge, clinical skills and expertise.
- 3.2 Applications are invited for funding of relevant courses commencing in 2009. If the course commenced Semester 1 applicants may apply for funding commencing Semester 1. The Cancer Institute NSW will fund a number of cancer professionals to participate in accredited oncology courses such as graduate certificates, diplomas and masters courses. They may be administered face-to-face or via distance education. Interstate universities also provide similar educational opportunities in a range of cancer related disciplines. This scholarship type is not open to cancer health professionals wishing to complete a PhD.
- 3.3 These scholarships are open to the following disciplines providing care to oncology patients: Nurses working in oncology disciplines (medical, radiation, surgery, haematology or palliative cancer care) or clinical trials, data managers, social workers, psychologists, radiation therapists, medical physicists and other health professionals working in the area of cancer services (e.g. cancer genetic counsellors, dieticians, occupational therapists, physiotherapists or speech therapists).
- 3.4 The Education Scholarship Program is only open to cancer health professionals currently employed within the NSW public hospital sector, cancer centres and/or NSW hospitals, or community health services that provide cancer care and/or treatment. During the period of

the scholarship, the recipient must remain working in oncology or palliative care, or relinquish the scholarship.

- 3.5 These Grants are valued up to \$20,000 (including GST) and may be used to assist the applicant to undertake nominated accredited studies within the timeframe suggested by the educational institution. Funds will be paid to the Administering Institution on a Semester basis. Where the total cost of the course exceeds the funding available through this grant, additional resources must be identified when submitting the application.
- 3.6 Funds are intended to cover course registration fees. If a recipient is undertaking a course by distance education, residential activities, return travel and reasonable accommodation expenses may be included in the course expenses outlined in the application form.
- 3.7 Applications must be submitted via the Administering Institution.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Cancer Institute NSW Education Scholarships are to:

- 4.1 Provide an opportunity for cancer health professionals to further develop their knowledge, clinical competency and/or research skills;
- 4.2 Encourage cancer health professionals to develop long-term careers in a specialised oncology practice in NSW;
- 4.3 Facilitate the transfer of clinical expertise, knowledge, and/or new research outcomes directly into patient care;
- 4.4 Facilitate evidence-based clinical practice and the use of multi-disciplinary patient care.

5. ELIGIBILITY

Administering Institution:

- 5.1 Must have in place policies and procedures for the management of public funds and provide basic professional workspace and access to IT for the grantee.
- 5.2 Must administer the Scholarship and meet the responsibilities outlined in the Deed of Agreement between the Cancer Institute NSW and the Institution.
- 5.3 Must support the applicant to attend required study within the study leave policy of that institution and within the employment Award of the grantee.

Individual Grantee/Scholar:

- 5.4 Must be an individual providing care to oncology patients i.e. nurses working in oncology disciplines (medical, radiation, surgery, haematology or palliative cancer care) or clinical trials, data managers, social workers, psychologists, radiation therapists, medical physicists and other health professionals working in the area of cancer services (e.g. cancer genetic counsellors, dieticians, occupational therapists, physiotherapists or speech therapists).
- 5.5 Currently employed in NSW in an oncology specialty area (medical, radiation, surgery, haematology or palliative care), or in areas where a significant proportion of their work load is with people affected by cancer (community settings).
- 5.6 Must be employed at least .5 FTE in a clinical oncology environment.
- 5.6 Currently a resident of NSW and an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

- 5.7 Must provide evidence of enrolment to commence an accredited post-graduate course in 2009, preferably at time of application. Otherwise evidence of enrolment will need to be presented prior to funds being released.

Postgraduate course/program:

- 5.9 Must be an accredited course e.g. Masters Degree, Diploma, Graduate Certificate, with a focus on oncology.
- 5.10 Must be provided through a recognised university or tertiary institution.
- 5.11 May be undertaken face-to-face, via distance education or online learning.
- 5.12 May be undertaken on a part-time basis if the course allows.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

In awarding an Education Scholarship the following criteria will be taken into account:

6.1 Track record and potential of applicant (60%)

Ability and excellence commensurate with stage of career; potential as a future clinical leader in their specialty; clear career development pathway.

6.2 Postgraduate course/ program (40%)

The proposed Postgraduate course/program is high quality, contains depth, and fits with the overall development of the applicant and his/her career in an oncology related discipline. In addition, how the course will add skills, knowledge and understanding that will benefit the care of cancer patients in NSW.

7. REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Upon receipt, applications will be reviewed for completeness and for eligibility by the Grants Secretariat. *Late, incomplete or ineligible applications will not be accepted.*
- 7.2 The independent, interstate Cancer Institute NSW Grants Review Committee will score and rank applications based on:
- An assessment of merit against the stated selection criteria.
 - Consideration of independent assessor or referee reports if required.
- 7.3 Applications may be reviewed by appropriate independent assessors.
- 7.4 Recommendations for the award of Education Scholarships will then be made by the Grants Review Committee to the Board of the Cancer Institute NSW.
- 7.5 The lodging of an application does not confer any entitlement upon the applicant.
- 7.6 The making of a recommendation is totally within the discretion of the Cancer Institute NSW.
- 7.7 The Grants Review Committee requires its members and independent assessors to declare conflicts of interest and to withdraw from considering applications where such conflict exists.

8. ADMINISTERING INSTITUTION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1 The Administering Institution is responsible for the administration of the funds in accordance with the executed agreement and accepts financial responsibility.
- 8.2 Payment of the funds will be made to the Administering Institution in accordance with the payment schedule in the executed agreement. Funds may only be used for the purposes as detailed in the application and approved by the Cancer Institute NSW.
- 8.3 It is expected that the grant will also be supported within the respective Actual Institution(s).
- 8.4 It is the responsibility of the Administering Institution to ensure that appropriate ethical clearances are obtained before any research commences.
- 8.5 These Awards may be regarded as a “taxable supply” and therefore a Goods and Services Tax may be payable. The Award will be increased by 10% and the Administering Institution will be required to collaborate in the recovery of the GST component. The written agreement with the Cancer Institute NSW will therefore include the following clauses:
- *To the extent that the Supplier is liable to pay GST in connection with services supplied under this Agreement, the fees specified in this Agreement are inclusive of GST.*
 - *The Supplier will forward their Australian Business Number ("ABN") to Cancer Institute NSW at the commencement of the Agreement. Where no ABN is supplied, Cancer Institute NSW will withhold from any payments an amount of 48.5% in accordance with GST legislation unless appropriate documentation is provided.*
- 8.6 For the purposes of payments under this agreement, the Supplier (the Administering Institution is the Supplier) may be required to provide invoices to the Cancer Institute NSW in the form of a GST Tax Invoice as prescribed in the GST legislation.

9. PERMITTED USE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- 9.1 Funds are intended to cover course registration fees. If a recipient is undertaking a course by distance education then residential activities, return travel and reasonable accommodation expenses may be included in the course expenses outlined in the application form.
- 9.2 The Administering Institution must administer the Education Scholarship Grant and ensure appropriate infrastructure and support is provided to the individual grantee. All funds must be spent on the direct support of his/her postgraduate course/program.
- 9.3 Funds awarded may NOT be used for purposes associated with overhead infrastructure costs (i.e. institutional overheads or administrative levies).

10. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 Recipients must submit copies of course transcripts at the conclusion of each semester. Failure to provide a transcript by the required date will prevent payment to the scholarship recipient for the following semester’s course work.

Scholarship recipients must achieve a minimum pass in all subjects. Where a recipient fails a subject, he/she will be required to reimburse the Cancer Institute NSW for the cost of the subject in full, unless due cause for failure can be shown to the satisfaction of the Institute.

- 10.2 Recipients will be required to submit **Progress Reports** at the end of each calendar year (or part thereof) that includes information on the progress made in the Grant.
- 10.3 **Progress Reports** must be submitted to the Grants Secretariat by 31st January following the end of each calendar year (or part thereof). Report proforma's are available at www.cancerinstitute.org.au.
- 10.4 The Grants Review Committee reserves the right to recommend the suspension of a grant if progress is unsatisfactory.
- 10.5 Recipients will be required to submit **Financial Reports** at the end of each financial year that includes information on the expenditure of funds in relation to the Grant.
- 10.6 **Financial Reports** must be submitted to the Grants Secretariat by 31st July following the end of each financial year. Report proforma's are available at www.cancerinstitute.org.au.
- 10.7 Recipients will be required to submit a **Final Financial Report** to Cancer Institute NSW within 3 months of the conclusion of the funding period or at other times as reasonably requested by Cancer Institute NSW which includes all information on the expenditure of funds in relation to the Grant.
- 10.8 **Financial Reports** must be submitted to the Grants Secretariat, report proforma's are available at www.cancerinstitute.org.au.
- 10.9 The Grants Review Committee reserves the right to recommend the suspension of a grant if expenditure of funds is not consistent with the terms in the funding agreement.
- 10.10 Where a Grant recipient fails to submit satisfactory reports, as required, the Cancer Institute NSW may determine that funds have not been used in accordance with conditions applicable to the Grant, and that all or part of Grant must be repaid. In this case, the Cancer Institute NSW may withhold the remainder of the Grant payments for the current year or initiate recovery of the Grant money.
- 10.8 Recipients may be required to participate in and present at forum(s) at the request of the Cancer Institute NSW.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT

- 11.1 All publications, media releases or discussion of results from grant carried out with the assistance of a Cancer Institute NSW Grant must acknowledge the support of the Cancer Institute NSW.
- 11.2 Grantees must indicate their status as recipients of Cancer Institute NSW Grant support in scientific publications and programs of scientific meetings and in any other public connection.

12. PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 12.1 Documents containing personal information will be handled and protected in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. Personal

information would be disclosed only with permission of the individual to whom it relates or where the Act allows.

- 12.2 Applicants consent to the information supplied as part of their application being disclosed for the purposes of the assessment of their application and for purposes connected with the making and administration of the Grant. Such disclosure includes, but is not limited to, disclosure to members of the Grants Review Committee, independent readers/assessors requested by the Committee to provide advice, and relevant employees of the Cancer Institute NSW and Government involved in the Grant process.
- 12.3 Applicants acknowledge that announcement of the successful applicant from this grant round will involve the dissemination of information to the public about the general nature of the grant funded including the lay description provided in the application, the applicants involved in the grant, and the administering institution and any actual organisations at which the grant is being carried out.
- 12.4 Information contained in applications will be regarded as confidential.

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Applicants must adhere to an Intellectual Property Policy approved by the governing body of the host organisation(s) that is congruent with the document "National Principles of Intellectual Property Management for Publicly Funded Research" released in September 2001: http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/01_01.pdf

14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All parties involved in or associated with Cancer Institute NSW funded proposals/projects are required to disclose to the Cancer Institute NSW, any conflict of interest which has the potential to influence, or appear to influence, the project and activities, publications and media reports, or requests for funding related to the proposal/project. Such conflicts must be disclosed to the Cancer Institute NSW at the time of the submission of a proposal, and in reporting on Cancer Institute NSW-funded grants as soon as practicable after the conflict of interest is identified.

15. FUNDING AGREEMENT

- 15.1 All parties involved in a Proposal should familiarise themselves with the standard Funding Agreement (available at www.cancerinstitute.org.au), but only the Administering Institution and the Cancer Institute NSW will be parties to the Funding Agreement. Parties involved in a funded project must accept the terms of the Funding Agreement and the Administering Institution must sign the Funding Agreement before payments commence.
- 15.2 Projects must commence as required by the Funding Agreement. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Funding Agreement.
- 15.3 Administering Institutions should note that the Funding Agreement covers post-award management, including reporting requirements and financial management. The standard Funding Agreement can be viewed on the Cancer Institute NSW's Web Site.

16. VARIATIONS TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT

Requests to vary the Funding Agreement must be forwarded in writing by the Administering Institution to the Cancer Institute NSW. Forms are available on the Cancer Institute NSW's Web Site. Amendment of any clauses of the Funding Agreement will be at the Cancer Institute NSW's absolute discretion.

17. TIMEFRAME

Action	Date
Call for applications	20 February 2009
Applications close	03 April 2009
Funding commencement	July 2009

18. SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

18.1 How to Apply

Applicants must use the Cancer Institute NSW Education Scholarship Application Form.

This is available from the Cancer Institute NSW web at: www.cancerinstitute.org.au

18.2 Format

Paper: Double sided, A4

Margin: 2cm on each side

Font: At least 12 point

(preferred fonts are Times New Roman, Arial and Helvetica).

18.3 Submission Date

Applicants must submit **BOTH** electronic and hard copies of the application to the Cancer Institute NSW by 5pm on Friday 03 April 2009. Late applications will be considered ineligible.

18.4 Electronic Copy

18.4.1 Must be submitted in PDF format, to grants.secretariat@cancerinstitute.org.au

18.4.1 Signatures are not required on the electronic version of the application.

18.4.2 You must name the PDF file in the following way:

GRANT CODE_1st applicants surname_ Part 1 or 2 (if applicable)

e.g. **CLF_Smith** or **ECF_Smith_Part1**

18.5 Hard Copy

Cancer Institute NSW Education Scholarships
Closing Date: 03 April 2009
Guidelines for Applicants

10 hard copies (1 original plus 9 copies) double sided, stapled on top left hand corner of the application should be lodged with the Grants Secretariat.

Hard copies should be sent to:

Courier address

Grants Secretariat
Cancer Institute NSW
Biomedical Building
Suite 101, 1 Central Avenue
Australian Technology Park
EVELEIGH NSW 2015

OR

Mail Address

Grants Secretariat
Cancer Institute NSW
PO Box 41
ALEXANDRIA NSW 1435

19. ENQUIRIES

Enquiries about Cancer Institute NSW Grants can be directed to the Grants Secretariat at grants.secretariat@cancerinstitute.org.au or on 02 8374 3530/5644