

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PhD Scholarship in Lung Cancer Research

Background

Lung Foundation Australia is a national charity which was established in 1990 by a group of Thoracic Physicians concerned about the extent and severity of lung disease and the shortage of funds for research and medical support in the respiratory field. Lung Foundation Australia strives to support everyone in Australia living with a lung disease, including thoracic cancers, to reduce the significant and debilitating costs. The Lung Foundation's Lung Cancer National Program works with our communities to reduce the impact of lung cancer and plays a lead role in improving outcomes for patients, carers, families and in the communities we serve.

In 2013, the Lung Foundation worked with the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer

(IASLC) to deliver the 15th World Conference on Lung Cancer in Sydney, Australia. Working with co-chairs Professors Kwun Fong and Michael Boyer, together with the dedicated health professionals who formed the local organising committee, we developed an exciting WCLC program that was a great success and attracted nearly 6,000 international delegates and returned a surplus of \$220,000. These PhD Scholarships in lung cancer research are made possible due to the WCLC success and Lung Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank the hard work of those involved.

Lung Foundation Australia and its lung cancer initiatives are proud of our investment in thoracic cancer research.

Invitation

Lung Foundation Australia is calling for expressions of interest from Universities in Australia to partner and co-fund PhD Scholarships in Lung Cancer Research. This PhD Scholarship is ideally aimed at a researcher who is commencing a higher degree.

Lung Foundation Australia has **THREE** PhD scholarship opportunities with a set amount of funds of \$15,000 per year over a three year period (total funding: \$45,000).

The Lung Foundation invites you to submit an Expression of Interest/Application should your University be interested in co-funding a PhD Scholarship which will be administered and undertaken at your University.

Lung Cancer in Australia – some facts you may not know:

- Lung cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and women with over 11,500 Australians diagnosed each year
- With the latest projections this figure is expected to increase by 21% by the year 2020
- More than 8,600 Australians die each year due to lung cancer, that's more than 23 people a day
- The five year survival rate for lung cancer patients remains low at 14 per cent
- Indigenous – lung cancer is the most common cancer, and is the biggest cancer killer
- People living in remote and very remote areas of Australia have higher mortality rates of lung cancer than those living in more urbanised areas
- About 90% of lung cancer in males and 65% in females are estimated to be a result of tobacco smoking
- **Only five per cent** of tumour-specific research funding was spent investigating lung cancer, despite being Australia's number one cancer killer.



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Lung Foundation Australia has a set amount of funds of \$15,000 per year over a three year period (total funding: \$45,000) to allocate to this Lung Cancer PhD Scholarship and will select a University to partner with on the basis of this Expression of Interest/Application Form.

Note: these funds are to be used for direct costs associated with the conduct of the research and may include allowance funding; indirect and/or infrastructure costs do not form part of this grant and will not be covered by Lung Foundation Australia.

It is at the discretion of the University as to their funding contribution towards this co-funded PhD Scholarship and the type of Postgraduate Scholarship stipend and allowances. For example: a University may contribute approximately 50% for a Standard Stipend of \$28,100 including allowances; however if the University identifies a Clinical Stipend of \$40,738 including allowances, then the University's contribution would be a higher percentage of the total PhD Scholarship funding - equates to Lung Foundation \$15,000 (37%) & University \$25,738 (63%) contributions.

Figures quoted are from the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship Stipend and Allowance Rates for 2015.

Applications will undergo peer-review by the Australasian Lung Cancer Trials Group (ALTG) Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). If the SAC determine there are no applications of suitable merit the Lung Cancer National Program's Management Committee retains the right to decline to award a grant.

The judging criteria for submitted applications will be:

Criterion	Weight
University - Letter of Support	70%
New Student/PhD Scholarship	30%
Total	100%

This award will officially be awarded during the Awards Ceremony at the upcoming sixth Australian Lung Cancer Conference, which is being held at the Melbourne Convention Centre from 18th – 20th August 2016.

Key dates for 2015/2016 – Timelines

Call for Expression of Interest released	13th November 2015
Deadline for receipt of Application	31st March 2016
Review Period / Correspondence	4th April – 20th May 2016
Notification of Successful Applicant	1st June 2016
Official Presentation – ALCC, Melbourne	18th – 20th August 2016

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Please complete this form if your University is interested in partnering with the Lung Foundation and co-funding a PhD Scholarship in Lung Cancer Research which will be administered and undertaken at your University.

To allow the Lung Foundation to identify the University that will be selected to deliver this co-funded PhD Scholarship could you please provide the following:

- A detailed letter of support from your University which must include:
 - Brief overview of the University, background/history;
 - The commitment of funds and support for the 3 year PhD period;
- That this will be advertised for a new Student and/or PhD Scholarship, and aimed for someone commencing a higher degree; and
- An outline of how this PhD Scholarship will be managed by the University.
- A draft proposed advertisement publicising this PhD Scholarship.

University Details

Uni name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person Details

Title: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other Information

Sign: _____

Date: _____



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