

Lung Foundation Australia – Cochrane Airways Systematic Review Scholarship

Background

A Cochrane review is an ideal undertaking for any health professional seeking to conduct clinically-oriented research as well as those initiating a PhD program as most reviews can be completed within one year. Completed reviews are published on the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (Impact Factor 7.755 as of July 2018) and indexed in Medline. Conducting a review provides experience in critical appraisal of the literature and several other aspects of evidence-based medicine.

Lung Foundation Australia together with Cochrane Airways Australia now invite applications for the 2021 Lung Foundation Australia - Cochrane Airways Australia Systematic Review Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to assist with the completion, update and/or presentation of a Cochrane Systematic Review. The systematic review needs to be within the scope of respiratory medicine covered by **Cochrane Airways** see the [Cochrane Airways website](#) for more information.

Choosing a topic

There are several options for choosing a review topic. These include initiating a new review or updating a review previously published, especially if in a rapidly advancing area. Assistance can be provided with protocol development and searches by members of the satellite of [Cochrane Airways Australia](#) and the central Cochrane Airways Group Editorial Office in London.

Valued at **\$2,500** (+ GST) awarded funds may be used in a number of ways; some examples of appropriate use include:

- Subsidy of travel/accommodation costs to facilitate face-to-face meetings with supervisor(s) and/or attend their centre for a short period of time to work on systematic review
- Fund protected leave from usual clinical / academic duties in order to facilitate Cochrane review completion
- Assistance with travel costs to TSANZSRS ASM to present review findings

Eligibility

1. This Grant in Aid is open to early career researchers (ECRs) who are undertaking or have completed advanced training in any health or science discipline **or** ECRs who have graduated with a higher degree in an area directly related to respiratory research within the last five (5) years of the closing date for this application.
2. Applicant has not previously held the scholarship
3. The Cochrane systematic review is within the scope of the Airways group
4. The nominated Supervisor must have previously completed a Cochrane systematic review and be approved by Cochrane Airways Australia satellite advisory group.
5. Preference will be given to Applicants who have not previously been the lead author of a Cochrane review and who are junior in their research or clinical career.
6. The review should not be in the later stages of completion at the time of application (e.g. no preliminary results presented at conferences etc).
7. Preference will be given to the generation of new reviews over review updates

8. Applicants **must** be a member of Lung Foundation Australia (Health Professional Category)

Terms and Conditions

1. The Lung Foundation Australia - Cochrane Airways Australia Systematic Review Scholarship is subject to the terms and conditions of the Lung Foundation Australia Research Grant Policy.
2. The duration of the Lung Foundation Australia - Cochrane Airways Australia Systematic Review Scholarship is twelve (12) calendar months from the date of commencement.
3. Grant funds (the Award) are paid upon notice of commencement of the research project (75% total Award value) and upon submission of the final reporting milestone (25% of total Award value).
4. If the Scholarship is not taken up within twelve (12) calendar months the Award will be forfeited.
5. Recipients are to commence their project early in the year of the Grant
6. The Recipient will present systematic review findings at the TSANZSRS ASM the year following completion
7. Lung Foundation Australia and Cochrane Airways Australia are to be acknowledged jointly in any manuscripts or publications arising from the Scholarship.

Application Assessment

Applications will be assessed by Cochrane Airways Australia.

Criterion	Weight
Importance of the proposed review question	10%
Feasibility of project plan to complete the review, including timeline and budget allocation	30%
Rationale for how the scholarship will assist career development	30%
Track record relative to opportunity	30%
Total	100%

Application Form

Before completing the below sections of the application form please read the Lung Foundation Australia Research Grants and Awards Policy

Please complete **all** sections of the Application Form using size 10 Century Gothic font and ensure your application has all supporting documents requested. Applications which do not comply with these requirements will not be assessed.

Applications should be submitted to **Dr Christian Osadnik** (Coordinator, Cochrane Airways Australia) by email christian.osadnik@monash.edu Please note that applications submitted after the submission date will not be accepted.

Applicant Details

Title	Dr	Mr	Mrs	Ms	Miss	Other:
Title						
First Name						
Last Name						
Postal Address						
Suburb		State			Postcode	
Contact	T:		M:			
Email:						
Signature					Date:	

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Systematic Review Plan

Project Title	
Institution	
Supervisor	

- 1. Propose a topic for the systematic review** *One-half page maximum.*
For new reviews, the topic area must not already have been covered in an [existing systematic review](#). Registration of the title is subject to submission of a Review Proposal form and its approval by Cochrane Airways or if updating a review, complete the [Update Proposal Form](#).
- 2. Detail how the scholarship will assist your career development** *One-half page maximum.*
- 3. Provide a brief plan for completion of the review, including timeline and budget** *One page maximum.*
- 4. Supervisor track record in relevant research field** *One-half page maximum.*
- 5. Provide your CV** *Two pages maximum.*

Application Checklist

Before submission, please review your application documents using the following checklist:

Item	Details	✓
1.	You have read the Lung Foundation Australia Research Grants and Awards Policy, and agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions	
2.	You meet the eligibility criteria for the Grant	
3.	Applicant details and Systematic Review Plan sections are completed	
4.	Supervisor track record is included (half-page maximum, 10-point Century Gothic font)	
5.	Applicant CV is included (two pages maximum, 10-point, Century Gothic font)	
6.	Evidence of Lung Foundation Australia membership (Health Professional Category) is included	

Timeline

Date / time	
1 September 2020	Open to application
13 October 2020 5pm (AEDST)	Applications closed
11- 18 December 2020	Notification period All applicants will be advised of the outcome by email Please note that notification may be delayed if the review process being undertaken exceeds estimated time frame
May 2021	Public awarding during TSANZ's Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne, VIC

Enquiries

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