



CREATE Hope Research Fund PhD Scholarships in Pulmonary Fibrosis (PF)

An initiative of the Centre for Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis, supported by Lung Foundation Australia's Hope Research Fund

Background

The CREATE PhD Scholarships in Pulmonary Fibrosis (PF) will support research into pulmonary fibrosis in Australia.

Relevant domains of research inquiry include any form of clinical, population, laboratory, genetic or tissue-based research.

Students who are wishing to undertake a PhD or are currently enrolled in a PhD in Pulmonary Fibrosis Research, are invited to submit an application. The student must be a resident in Australia throughout the period of the research program.

The Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis (the CRE-PF) will allocate a total of two grants, each of \$28,000, for the PhD Scholarships. These scholarships will either fund a stipend for one year for a full-time student or may be extended over a second year, should the student be able to secure matching funds to permit extension of the period via their University or Research Institute. Extension of the funding in order to extend the value of the research investment by Lung Foundation Australia by securing matching funding from the host institution is encouraged and will be regarded favourably.

These funds are to be used for the student stipend. Direct, indirect research costs and/or infrastructure costs do not form part of this grant and will not be covered by this funding.

Terms and Conditions

1. The Lung Foundation Australia – CRE-PF – CREATE Hope PhD Scholarship is subject to the terms and conditions of the Lung Foundation Australia Research Grants & Awards Policy.
2. The recipient is required to become a CREATE Fellow (if not already a CREATE Fellow, see the [CREATE website](#))
3. The recipient is required to be enrolled or in the process of being enrolled in a PhD but must not have an additional source of funding for their stipend.
4. The Recipient is required to submit annual progress reports and a final report via the ResearchFish platform, and for up to 5 years following completion of the PhD Scholarship.
5. The PhD Scholarship will be awarded towards the end of 2020, with an official recognition of the award recipient to be made at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the TSANZ in 2021.
6. The recipient must take up this award within 12 months of being awarded.
7. The recipient is required to submit the results of the research for possible presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the TSANZ, the Australasian Rare Lung Disease Short Course or an equivalent international meeting within 12 months of completion of the funding.

8. Any publication/s arising from research funded through the PhD Scholarship are required to acknowledge the CRE-PF and Lung Foundation Australia as sources of funding, as per the Research Grants & Awards Policy and the CRE-PF Guidelines. The award can be cited as the *Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis Hope Research Fund PhD Scholarship in Pulmonary Fibrosis Research 2020*.
9. In the event of there being no suitable applicants, the PhD Scholarship may not be awarded.

Applications

The Research Committee of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) and two members of the Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis (the Committee) will assess all applications. Applications will be assessed using the following scoring system:

Criterion	Weight
Research Supervisor and research environment	30%
Importance and Quality of Project	30%
Academic Track Record of Student	30%
How would this funding make a difference to your project?	10%
Total	100%

CREATE Hope Research Fund PhD Scholarship in Pulmonary Fibrosis Research 2020 **APPLICATION FORM**

Before completing the below sections of the application form please read the Lung Foundation Australia Research Grants and Awards Policy [here](#)

Regarding eligibility criteria, please refer to the [CRE-PF website](#) to ensure you satisfy the conditions for application.

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. Any part of the application that exceeds the page limits will not be reviewed

Applications should be submitted via the [Lung Foundation Australia Awards Submission Portal](#) on the TSANZ website. This will require your application documents to be saved as a single PDF file before uploading.

Deadline for Submissions

Electronic submission to be dated no later than **October 31, 2020**. Applications submitted after the submission date will not be accepted.

Applicant Details

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

Project Details

Project Title			
Proposed Primary Supervisor			
Proposed Additional Supervisor/s			
Institution			
Primary Supervisor Signature		Date:	

1. Layman's Description of Project (*half page maximum*)

2. Research Background, research plan and relevant literature (*3 pages maximum inc. references*)

Provide a detailed introduction to your proposed research project with sufficient detail to enable assessment of scientific merit and feasibility (include hypothesis, aims, methodology, sample size and statistical analysis)

3. Significance of the project (*one page maximum*)

4. Track record/CV of Student (*one page maximum*)

Include, for example, research experience, any publications or presentations, academic performance, relevant work experience

5. Track record of student supervision by supervisor/s (*half page maximum*)

6. Please attach CV of Supervisor(s).

7. If there is a possibility that a successful application will be able to attract matching funding, please include a letter of support from your institution.

Applicant 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 CRE-PF Guidelines and agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions	
2.	You meet the eligibility criteria for the Grant and your application falls within the relevant domains of research enquiry for this award (see background)	
3.	Applicant details and Research Plan sections are completed	
4.	Supervisor track record is included (one-half page maximum)	
5.	Signature of Principal Supervisor	
6.	Letter of Support on letterhead from Research Institution to contribute matched or greater funds is included (if applicable)	
7.	Evidence of Lung Foundation Australia membership (Health Professional Category) is included or you agree to provide if successful.	
8.	Evidence of Thoracic Society of Australia & New Zealand membership is included or you agree to provide if successful.	

Timeline

Date / time	
18 September 2020	Open to application
31 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, VIC

Enquiries

For application preparation enquiries:

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For application submission / post-submission enquiries:

Attention of TSANZ Awards Coordinator

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