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# Lung Foundation Australia – Cassy Morris Grant in Aid

## Lung Cancer Research

### Background

Cassy Morris was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer in June 2017. A young woman and never smoker, Cassy was diagnosed with EGFR type lung cancer. She died exactly 12 months after her diagnosis, leaving behind her 3 young daughters and husband. During her courageous 12 month battle, Cassy was acutely aware of the devastating impact lung cancer has on the community as Australia’s biggest cancer killer and that her fight, was already made more difficult, due to the lack of funding and resources available and lasting stigma and association with tobacco smoking. Cassy was action oriented and outcome driven. She would strongly support research in developing biomarkers and medicines that can lead to better diagnosis, treatment and outcomes for patients and families, who sadly, now find themselves in the same situation that she and her family went through. She would want nothing more than to contribute in a positive way, so others may be spared the same fate in the future.

Cassy would be humbled, proud and honoured that this opportunity is being provided to assist researchers, who are actively taking on this devastating disease, seeking hope and ultimately a cure. Tahlia, Kiara, Harper and Kane are proud to partner with Lung Foundation to name this research grant in her honour. Valued at **$10,000** (+ GST) awarded funds may be used as a contribution towards existing or new lung cancer related research projects. In memory of Cassy, the Morris family welcome applications focused on genetic drivers, biomarkers and/or precision medicine in lung cancer.

## 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 cancer research within the last five (5) years of the closing date for this application.
2. Applications from ECRs must be supported by a senior investigator (Supervisor) with a strong track record in cancer research. A letter of support on university / institution letterhead co-signed by the Supervisor and an authorised research administrative officer from your university / institution **is required** as part of your application.
3. Grant applicants **must** be a member of Lung Foundation Australia (Health Professional Category). Evidence of membership is required as part of the Grant application.

## Terms and Conditions

1. The Lung Foundation Australia – Cassy Morris Grant in Aid for Lung Cancer Research is subject to the terms and conditions of the Lung Foundation Australia Research Grants and Awards Policy
2. The duration of the Lung Foundation Australia – Cassy Morris Grant in Aid for Lung Cancer Research 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 Grant is not taken up within twelve (12) calendar months the Award will be forfeited.
5. Applicants must agree to participate in marketing and communication's activities to promote the Foundation and our work.
6. Applications must agree to measure long term benefit from the Grant through the Foundation's ResearchFish platform.

### **Application Assessment**

Applications will be assessed by an expert panel selected by Lung Foundation Australia using the following criterion:

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| **Criterion** | **Weight** |
| Demonstrated interest in the area of lung cancer research and alignment with research priorities specified by the Morris family | 25% |
| Feasibility of project, including budget | 25% |
| Scientific merit including appropriateness of methods | 25% |
| Anticipated impact of project on relevant field and patient outcomes | 25% |
| **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 Lung Foundation Australia at the attention of the General Manager Clinical Programs, Research & Innovation**,** Lung Foundation Australia   
e: [enquiries@lungfoundation.com.au](mailto:enquiries@lungfoundation.com.au)

Applications submitted after the submission date will not be accepted.

### Applicant Details

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| Title | Dr Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other: | | | |
| Title |  | | | |
| First Name |  | | | |
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**Proposed Research Plan**

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| Project Title |  |
| Institution |  |
| Supervisor |  |

1. **Research Summary:** *One page maximum.*

*Provide a brief introduction to your proposed research project with sufficient detail to enable assessment of scientific merit, feasibility, appropriateness of methods, expected results and anticipated impact within research field or on patient outcomes*

1. **Layman’s Description of the Research** *One-half page maximum.*
2. **Proposed Budget / Use of Award Funds** *One-half page maximum. Include an itemized description of direct research costs. If funds are to be used as a contribution to a larger value project, please specify which costs are supported by the Grant.*
3. **Supervisor track record in related research field** *One page maximum.*

### Application Checklist

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

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| Item | Details | ü |
| 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 Research Plan sections are completed, including budget |  |
| 4. | Supervisor track record is included (one page maximum, 10-point, Century Gothic font) |  |
| 5. | Letter of Support co-signed by your Supervisor and authorised research administrative officer from your university / institution |  |
| 6. | Evidence of Lung Foundation Australia membership (Health Professional Category) is included |  |

### **Timeline**

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| Date / time | |
| 4 February 2021 | Open to application |
| 5 March 2021 5pm (AEDST) | Applications closed |
| 9 -16 April 2021 | 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 |
| 22 April 2021 | Public awarding during Lung Foundation Australia’s Hope Research Luncheon, Sydney. Virtual attendance options available for interstate Award recipients |

### Enquiries

**For all application enquiries:**

Attention of General Manager Clinical Programs, Research & Innovation**,** Lung Foundation Australia   
e: [enquiries@lungfoundation.com.au](mailto:enquiries@lungfoundation.com.au)