



Centre of Research Excellence in
Pulmonary Fibrosis



CREATE Hope Clinical Fellowship in Pulmonary Fibrosis (PF) Research

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

Background

The CREATE Hope Clinical Fellowship in Pulmonary Fibrosis (PF) will support clinical research into pulmonary fibrosis in Australia.

The Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis (the CRE-PF) will allocate a total of one fellowship for \$75,000 over the period of one year. The Fellowship is open to early career researchers (ECRs) who have graduated with a PhD or equivalent within the last five (5) years, relative to opportunity, of the closing date for this application; or have reasonable expectation that they will have submitted their completed PhD to the university by June 30, 2022. Fellows must currently be working in an area directly related to PF research.

The Fellowship will be allocated for clinical research. Relevant domains of research inquiry include any form of clinical research including health economics or population research. Clinical research is defined as "research that centres on groups of patients or other human subjects, individuals with informative clinical problems or are physiological in scope". The involvement of patients can be at the level of correlations between clinical observations and laboratory or pathology findings or observed effects of specific therapeutic interventions. **Applications that do not fulfil these criteria will not be considered.**

Leverage of the funding in order to extend the value or duration of the research investment by Lung Foundation Australia by securing matching funding from the host institution is encouraged and will be regarded favourably. Proposed research which aligns with the research priorities of the CRE-PF will likewise be regarded favourably. Researchers whose planned projects include collaborations between scientists and clinicians are encouraged to apply.

These funds are to be used for salary only. 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 CREATE Hope Clinical Fellowship is subject to the terms and conditions of the [Lung Foundation Australia Research Grants & Awards Policy](#).
2. The recipient is required to be a CREATE Fellow on the date applications open.
3. The applicant must be resident in Australia throughout the period of the Fellowship.
4. The recipient is required to be up to five years postdoctoral, relative to opportunity, or have reasonable expectation that they will have submitted their completed PhD to the university by June 30, 2022.
5. The duration of the CREATE Hope Clinical Fellowship is twelve (12) calendar months from the date of commencement.
6. Grant funds (the Award) are paid upon notice of commencement of the Fellowship.
7. If the Grant is not taken up within twelve (12) calendar months the Award will be forfeited.

8. The Fellowship will be awarded in the first half of 2022, with an official recognition of the award recipient expected to be made at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the TSANZ in April 2022.
9. The recipient is required to submit results of their research conducted during the Fellowship 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.
10. Any publication/s arising from research funded through the Fellowship 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 and Lung Foundation Australia Hope Research Fund Clinical Fellowship in Pulmonary Fibrosis Research 2022*.
11. In the event of there being no suitable applicants, the Fellowship may not be awarded.

Assessment

The CRE-PF Steering Committee will assess all applications. Applications will be assessed using the following scoring system:

Criterion	Weight
Academic Track Record of Researcher (relative to opportunity)	40%
Importance and Quality of Research	30%
Research Supervisor and Research Environment	15%
Justification of how this funding would make a difference to your PF research career	15%
Total	100%

Reviewers will take into account consumer feedback provided by the PACT Consumer Advisory Group. Consumers will review applications across four domains: (1) importance of the problem addressed by the research; (2) potential benefit for people with PF; (3) feasibility of methods, including burden of participation; and (4) consumer involvement in research development.

Further considerations for reviewers outside the scoring criteria may include alignment with CRE-PF research priorities, opportunity for collaboration within the wider CRE-PF group, availability of matching funding and importance to the personal employment circumstances of the applicant(s) with respect to continuing in PF research.

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APPLICATION FORM

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

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

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 To Kate Christian, CREATE Coordinator via create@cre-pf.org.au. We will require your application documents to be saved as a single PDF file before sending.

Deadline for Submissions

Electronic submission to be dated no later than **February 28, 2022** 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:	

Principal Supervisor / Research Group Lead

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

Proposed Fellowship Research Plan

1. Research Title

2. Lay description of research, including significance (*one page maximum*).

This lay description will be important for your project's assessment by the PACT Consumer Advisory Panel. The PACT Consumer Advisory Group will review all applications as described in the Assessment section of the full application document.

3. Summary of 12 month research program to be undertaken during the Fellowship term (*two page maximum including references*)

4. Track record/CV of Applicant (*two page maximum*) relative to opportunity

Covering overall track record:

- Career summary (qualifications, employment and appointment history)
- Contribution to the field of research
- Top publications (maximum 5) in the past 5 years including reasons
- National / international standing including invitations to speak, committee membership
- Peer review (granting bodies, journals / editorial roles)
- Research support including grants / fellowships
- Professional activities (committees, conference organisation / participation)
- Supervision and mentoring
- Collaborations
- Community engagement and involvement
- Translation of research into practice and health commercial outcomes (patents etc)
- If relevant, include a relative to opportunity statement describing any research career disruptions.

5. Supervisor track record in related research field and supervision (*half page maximum*)

6. Justification of how this funding would make a difference to your PF research career (*half page maximum*)

Briefly outline your career development objectives for the next five years and how the proposed funding will foster these, particularly with respect to PF research. If relevant, describe any collaborations that will be facilitated by your research. You may wish to describe the impact the award of the Fellowship could have on your personal circumstances (e.g. permit extension of your visa, provide extension of a position which would otherwise terminate etc), if relevant.

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.

8. Please briefly outline how you would expect to use the \$75,000 award (noting it is for salary only), e.g. "to support 0.6 FTE research position over 12 months"

Preference may be given to applicants for whom the funding will enable continued pursuit of a PF research career; where other salary funding to support research time is unavailable.

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.	Evidence of PhD conferral or letter of support on letterhead from Supervisor outlining reasonable expectation of submission of completed PhD to the university by June 30, 2022	
7.	Letter of Support on letterhead from Research Institution to contribute matched or greater funds is included (if applicable)	
8.	Evidence of Lung Foundation Australia membership (Health Professional Category) is included or you agree to provide if successful	

Timeline

Date / time	
10 January 2022	Open to application
28 February 2022 5pm (AEST)	Applications close
End March 2022	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
April 2022	Public announcement of successful applicant during TSANZ's Annual Scientific Meeting (provided review process is completed)
May 2022	Public awarding during LFA's Research Awards luncheon

Enquiries

For application enquiries:

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