

## **CANCER COUNCIL SA BEAT CANCER PROJECT WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

### **FUNDING GUIDELINES**

**Closing Date for Applications: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 5:00pm ACST**

Applications are invited for **Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project Women in Leadership Award**.

The Beat Cancer Project is funded by Cancer Council SA, the SA Government (through SA Health), and the Australian Government (through the MRFF) and administered by the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). Further details are available on the Beat Cancer Project [website](#).

#### **Aim of the Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project Women in Leadership Awards**

The Women in Leadership Awards are an acknowledgement of successful South Australian female cancer researchers. Applications are invited from individuals who have contributed towards making a difference to cancer prevention, treatment and knowledge across the research spectrum including applied, clinical, health services and population health research fields and biomedical science.

These awards aim to honour and celebrate women who are role models and leaders in the field of cancer research. Funding via this award can be used to further support their research or research related programs.

#### **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

A total of **four (4)** awards will be available for two levels of researchers; senior and mid-career.

#### **Beat Cancer Project Women in Leadership Award – Senior career researcher**

**Two (2) awards of \$60,000** will be presented to leaders who:

- hold a senior position of leadership
- are at least 10 years post award of PhD or equivalent (at the time of applying).<sup>1</sup>

#### **Beat Cancer Project Women in Leadership Award – Mid-career researcher**

**Two (2) awards of \$40,000** will be presented to leaders who:

- hold a position of leadership
- are between 5 and 10 years post award of PhD or equivalent (at the time of applying).<sup>1</sup>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be a woman or an individual who identifies as a woman
- be employed by a South Australian Institution and be located and conduct their research primarily in South Australia
- hold a PhD or an equivalent qualification, or be able to demonstrate an equivalent track record through evidence of post-graduate training, peer-reviewed publication, grant acquisition and other achievements.

Previous recipients of Beat Cancer Project funding **are** eligible to apply for this award.

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<sup>1</sup> Post award is from the date of PhD award to closing date of this application scheme

## ASSESSMENT

Selection will be based on a written application addressing the selection criteria along with supporting documentation (submitted online).

The applicant should:

- detail key achievements in a clear, concise and sufficiently technical way
- outline past contributions and impacts on the field of cancer research.

## KEY DATES

**Applications Open: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, Wednesday**

**Application Close: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Wednesday**

**Outcomes Notified: December 2020**

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed based on the following selection criteria.

*Note: It is recommended that selection criteria be prepared in a Word document before pasting into the online application form.*

### **Research Leadership, 40% (300 word max)**

- demonstrated leadership role in delivering key projects, partnership or collaborative initiatives that contribute to cancer prevention, treatment and knowledge gain
- international and national recognition/standing in field of research
- previous mentoring and supervision of students and early-career researchers
- evidence of steering committee membership, other membership/s and/or other contributions towards cancer prevention, treatment and knowledge gain.

### **Research Output, 30% (300 word max)**

- significant achievements in the field of cancer research
- overview of track record including peer-reviewed funding
- overview of publications in peer-reviewed journals – listing 5 most influential publications.

### **Overall Impact of their research to date, 30% (300 word max)**

- general scientific and health impact that has led to changes in current thinking and treatment strategies
- demonstrated contributions to research translation
- development of any intellectual property
- development of any commercialisation activities (this could include pharmaceuticals, diagnostic tests, medical devices, granted/or lodged patents etc.)
- contribution to clinical or public health policy and practice or health services development.

A peer-reviewed assessment process will be used. Interviews of short-listed applicants will occur for final selection, if necessary.

Only up to two awards per level of research will be funded; two senior career and two mid-career researchers.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Copies of the following documents will be required to be uploaded or completed using the online application form:

- Selection Criteria Response (please note word limits)
- CV (up to 5 pages)
- Budget (up to 1 page)
- PhD Record
- Letter(s) of support.

Conformance with page limits and formatting requirements is strictly enforced. Applications that fail to comply with these requirements may be excluded from assessment.

*To ensure equity for all applications please follow the guidelines below for your documents:*

- *Layout - portrait orientation on A4 paper*
- *Font - minimum **11-point Arial**.*

### CURRICULUM VITAE

An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae with publications listed must be provided. **The CV must not be more than 5 pages in length.** It should include:

- . present employment arrangements and position
- . record of professional qualifications gained
- . relevance of expertise to the proposal, including track record of prior collaboration
- . record of publications in peer-reviewed journals
- . record of research grant success
- . record of speaking invitations at conferences
- . record of prizes and awards.

### BUDGET

Applicants must provide a detailed budget table which clearly outlines how funds will be utilised associated with this Award. **Funding term 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

Funding will only be for the direct cost (as defined by the [NHMRC Direct Research Costs Guidelines](#)) of research activities and research workforce development. Items not covered will include, but not be limited to, office space and services such as telephones, internet and basic IT facilities such as computers, faxes.

Amounts granted are exclusive of GST.

### SUPPORTING LETTER(S) FROM AREA HEAD

A letter must be attached to the application from the applicants Area Head indicating that they support the applicant and their contribution to cancer research.

### PhD RECORD

Applicants must provide evidence of the date their PhD or equivalent qualification was attained from an Academic Institution.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Career Disruption

Where applicable, applicants may wish to claim a career disruption for consideration by the review panel. Detail regarding this should be uploaded as an additional document with the online application form. The Beat Cancer Project has chosen to align with the NHMRC definition of career disruption as outlined on the following page:

*A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption to an applicant's capacity to work, due to: pregnancy, major illness/injury or carer responsibilities. Interruptions must involve either a continuous absence from work for periods of 28 calendar days or more and/or a long-term partial return to work that has been formalised with the applicant's employer.*

The period of career disruption may be used:

- to determine an applicant's eligibility for a scheme;
- to allow for the inclusion of additional track record information for assessment of an application; or
- for consideration by the panel during their deliberations.

### **Payment of funds**

Payments will be made to the South Australian Administering Institution nominated in the application and will be paid in quarterly instalments upon receipt of a tax invoice.

### **Publicity**

Successful applicants may be asked to assist with promotion of funded research and of Funding Parties of the Beat Cancer Project. It is possible for example that there will be requests to provide media publicity through interviews or other means and we hope that successful applicants will be able to participate when these opportunities arise. We shall also ask successful applicants to advise the Beat Cancer Project Manager if promotion of funded work is planned through host institutions.

### **Successful applicants**

An agreement with successful applicants will be finalised setting out terms and conditions of funding including details on reporting requirements.

Applicants will be advised of the **outcome of their application** by email in December 2020.

The Beat Cancer Project reserves the right not to award funds.

### **Tobacco Policy**

Funding will not be offered for individuals or institutions that receive support directly or indirectly from, or are involved with organisations that are part of or funded by, the tobacco industry. Applicants are asked to disclose any current or recent relationship with the tobacco industry. Unless counter-evidence is supplied, such relationships will be taken as conflict of interest and render applicants ineligible.

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The online application form is available [here](#).

Applications must include:

- Selection Criteria Response
- CV
- Budget
- Support Letter(s)
- PhD Record.

### **Contact for further information**

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