

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Research Fellowship in the area of
Implementation of supportive care for cancer patients**

Sydney Vital is a Translational Cancer Research Centre based at the Kolling Institute of Medical Research, Royal North Shore Hospital, in partnership with the Northern Sydney Cancer Centre, Macquarie University and Private Hospital, the Mater Hospital and Melanoma Institute of Australia and the Sydney Adventist Hospital. Sydney Vital is funded by the Cancer Institute NSW, with the University of Sydney as a co-funder and the administrator of the grant.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified researchers for a Research Fellowship under Sydney Vital Flagship Program 3: **Implementation of evidence based supportive care strategies for cancer patients**. The fellowship will be primarily suited to a postdoctoral researcher with experience of implementation research in an area relating to the key focus areas of supportive care research in the Sydney Vital affiliated institutions i.e. Breast Reconstruction, Pain Management, Lymphoedema management, Scalp cooling, Support Groups in Melanoma and Communication skills teaching for clinicians and researchers. The fellowship will be based in the unit of a clinical researcher who is a member of Sydney Vital.

The appointment will be offered for 12 months part-time.

Selection Criteria:

1. Experienced researcher with PhD or equivalent training and experience in translational cancer research in the T3 (evidence into practice) area.
2. Demonstrated achievement including publications in translational research, particularly in an area relating to the clinical setting of the project.
3. Demonstrated high level written and verbal communication skills.
4. Ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team and interact with the wider hospital community.
5. Letter of support from Clinical Unit / Institution where the research will be based with evidence of relevant infrastructure to support the position.

Conditions of the Award:

1. It is expected that the fellowship will be taken up no later than March 31, 2015 and will run for 12 months. Any variation from this must be explicitly requested under Section A (v) of the application.
2. The recipient will be required to submit a written report within 1 month of the end of this fellowship and present the findings of their research at a forum to be determined by Sydney Vital. It is a requirement of this funding that this fellowship be acknowledged on all publications and research outputs associated with its award.

The appointment, to be taken up early in 2015, is expected to be in the range of Level B Academic, depending on years of postdoctoral experience, with exact salary and conditions in accordance with the relevant employing organisation.

Submission and Closing Date:

Applications must be submitted by email in **pdf form** to Sydney Vital Administration at: SydneyVital.admin@sydney.edu.au, by Friday December 5th, 2014. Professor Fran Boyle, can be contacted on 0419128168 or email frances.boyle@sydney.edu.au assist with any queries.

Applications received after **Friday December 5, 2014** will not be accepted.

The pdf document must include the following:

SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

- (i) Name
- (ii) Degrees and other postgraduate qualifications (including institutions and dates of award)
- (iii) Current position including level of appointment
- (iv) Past positions/appointments since January 2010
- (v) Expected starting date if awarded the fellowship.

SECTION B: TRACK RECORD (assessed relative to opportunity).

- (i) **Statement not exceeding 1 page**, outlining (a) evidence of your capacity to conduct high quality, innovative translational research – this may include comments on research training, awards received, significant publications, student supervision and other teaching, collaborations, other research highlights, career interruptions, etc., and (b) your career research objectives with specific description of the translational nature of this proposal.
- (ii) Publications (career total) are to be listed under the following headings: refereed journal articles, scholarly book chapters, peer-reviewed reviews, and other. Include citations and impact factors where appropriate.
- (iii) Research conference, symposium and other research speaking opportunities.
- (iv) Research grants and funding (career total): Investigators, title, years funded, funds each year, indicating proportion of funds going to you if multi-investigator grants.

SECTION C: RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

- (i) Institution and Department where this Fellowship will be held.
- (ii) Name and qualifications of mentor/supervisor (must be a Sydney Vital member).
- (iii) Brief description of research facilities, academic activities etc. within the host department/campus, opportunities for you to be mentored by senior staff, etc.

SECTION D: RESEARCH PROPOSAL

(Not to exceed 3 pages, including any figures and references).

- (i) Proposal Title
- (ii) Summary of proposal: in no more than 100 words of **plain language**, summarise aims, significance and expected outcomes.
- (iii) Brief Project Description including Background, Aims, Research Plan, Translational Significance and References.

REFEREES REPORTS (*not part of the single pdf document*)

Please arrange for reports from two referees, who may comment on both your research proposal and your suitability for fellowship funding, to be emailed directly to SydneyVital.admin@sydney.edu.au, by Friday December 5th, 2014.

One of these two referees should be the head of the clinical unit where you intend to hold this Fellowship. This report must include confirmation of the mentoring/supervisory arrangements for the nominated project, the source of any additional salary funds if relevant, and an assurance that the necessary facilities and funding will be available to undertake the proposed research.