

Sydney Vital Flagship 1

Preclinical modelling of new therapies for treatment-resistant cancers

Call for applications for seed funding.

The Sydney Vital Flagship 1 program has up to \$25,000 available to encourage the development of new research ideas in preclinical studies of treatment-resistant cancers. Projects should concern

- (i) new therapies for treatment-resistant cancers, or
- (ii) the identification of new biomarkers of treatment resistance.

Applications are sought from Sydney Vital members for two 1-year grants of up to \$12,000 each in either of the above areas. Each applicant may submit only one application in this funding round. These grants are not intended to support the extension or expansion of existing research projects, but are to seed new ideas, with the goal of generating data to a point where external funding may be sought.

It is understood that the funds are insufficient to employ new staff, so proposals may be undertaken within the context of an existing project as long as the ideas tested are new in concept and entirely distinct from currently or previously funded research.

How to apply.

Applications ***in the form of a single pdf document*** should be emailed to:

Sydney Vital Administration, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, NSW 2065,

Email: SydneyVital.admin@sydney.edu.au, by Sunday May 17, 2015.

Applications with an email date later than May 17 will not be considered for funding.

The pdf document must include the following:

SECTION A: APPLICANT 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 and duration if awarded the grant (maximum duration 1 year).

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

- (i) ***Statement not exceeding 1 page***, outlining 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.
- (ii) Publications (5 most relevant to this proposal, since 2010).
- (iii) Research grants and funding (since 2010): 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 grant will be held.
- (ii) Brief description of research facilities, academic activities etc. within the host department/campus (maximum 200 words).

SECTION D: RESEARCH PROPOSAL

(*not to exceed 2 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.

(iv) Brief description of how this proposal meets the Flagship purpose - *Preclinical modelling of new therapies for treatment-resistant cancers* and is distinct from any currently funded research.

SECTION E: JUSTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE

Provide a brief description of how the grant will be used.