

Seed Funding Guidelines

OVERVIEW

Sydney Vital is a Translational Cancer Research Centre based in Northern Sydney and funded by the Cancer Institute NSW (CINSW). It has been established to develop and translate new cancer research discoveries into improved patient outcomes. It is a functional aggregation of collaborating facilities in basic, clinical and population based research. A primary function of the centre is to build a sustainable translation research platform which can foster collaborations among researchers and clinicians. The specific goals are:

1. Facilitate the generation of practice improving research and its more rapid adoption for improved patient outcomes.
2. Facilitate evidence into practice research.
3. Facilitate the more efficient and effective incorporation of research, clinical training, education and service delivery within a formal governance structure that supports networks and enhanced collaboration between centres of research excellence and centres of clinical excellence which may include regional settings.
4. Build capacity in research and improve competitive advantage in securing other funds.

Sydney Vital members come from a number of institutions and hospitals including, the University of Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Technology, Sydney, the Kolling Institute of Medical Research, Royal North Shore Hospital, Northern Sydney LHD, the Mater Hospital, and others. We support our members by providing the enabling resources required to empower members to formulate and implement research-led advances in cancer diagnosis, treatment and care.

Sydney Vital Seed Funding Scheme

The **Sydney Vital** Seed Funding Scheme intends to **seed new ideas**, with the goal of generating data to a point where external funding may be sought. The ideas to be tested should be (i) **new in concept** and (ii) **distinct from currently or previously funded research**. Projects should focus on Translational Cancer Research and closely align with one or more of **Sydney Vital's** Flagship Programs which are;

- Inflammation
- Translational Theranostics
- Nanotechnology

Applications will be assessed by a Review Committee according to the following criteria:

- Extent to which the project is new in concept
- Extent to which the project is distinct from currently or previously funded research
- Scientific Merit of proposed research
- Applicant track record relative to opportunity
- Alignment with **Sydney Vital's** Flagship Programs

Award Specifications

- Successful applicants will be awarded Seed Funding to the value of **\$25,000** to support research projects of 12 months duration
- Projects must address all award criteria

Permitted use of funds

It is recognised that the funds are insufficient to employ new staff, so projects may be undertaken within the broad context of an existing project as long as the ideas tested are new in concept. Acceptable use of funds may include (but are not limited to) the following;

- Consumables
- Equipment which is unique and essential to the project (including computers)
- Specialized software
- Statistical or other assistance

Eligibility

- All eligibility criteria must be met.
- The Applicant must be a member of **Sydney Vital** and **Sydney Vital** must be their primary affiliation (as opposed to another Translational Cancer Research Centre),
- The applicant must be a confirmed member of **Sydney Vital** with a minimum of 8 weeks membership from the advertising date of this seed funding application round. Information regarding membership of **Sydney Vital** and how to apply can be found [here](#).
- The applicant must also explicitly demonstrate their involvement in one of the following:
 - Active engagement in **Sydney Vital's** research [goals and objectives](#).
 - Updating your **Sydney Vital** member profile regularly (member will have their designated member's login).
 - Sharing information and collaborating with other members in our network.
 - Contribute to and participate in member events and activities, both face-to-face and virtually.
 - Become involved in specific **Sydney Vital** led and/or supported research projects or flagship programs.
 - Provide information (metrics/measurement) when required.
 - Cite **Sydney Vital** on abstracts and presentations where **Sydney Vital** provided funding.
- Applicants must complete all sections of the application form and supply necessary approvals and signatures by the due date.
- Projects must align with **Sydney Vital's** Flagship Programs and/or Translational Centres of Excellence
- Applicants must not have applied for, or received similar funding from another TCRC.

Condition of Award

- Research projects must have appropriate ethics and governance approvals.
- Recipients are required to submit a report to **Sydney Vital** one month after the end of the funding period.
- Recipients will be required to present their project at least once at a **Sydney Vital** Research Symposium
- Acknowledge **Sydney Vital's** support on all publications and research outputs associated with this award and in accordance with **Sydney Vital** Acknowledgement Guidelines and **Sydney Vital** Guidelines for Logo Use.

Applications close Friday 9th March 2018

How to apply

Applicants should complete the **Sydney Vital** Seed Funding Application Form and Supervisor's Report (if required) and submit these to sydneyvital.admin@sydney.edu.au

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