

# Research Scholar Award 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 Research Scholar Award

The **Sydney Vital** Research Scholar Award scheme aims to support translational cancer research projects which closely align with the aims and objectives of **Sydney Vital**.

### Award Specifications

- Successful applicants will be awarded a Research Scholar Award to the value of \$10,000 to support research projects of 12 months duration
- Projects must focus on translational cancer research

### Permitted use of funds

The specific purpose of the funding is to be decided at the discretion of the applicant and their supervisor and may include;

- Consumables
- Equipment which is unique and essential to the project (including computers)
- Specialized software
- Statistical or other assistance
- Conference and travel expenses related to presentation of your research funding

### Eligibility

- Applicant must be a member of **Sydney Vital**
- The applicant's supervisor 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 research student (PhD or Masters) or an active researcher with a minimum MBBS qualification and currently engaged in research activities which are supervised by a senior researcher.
- Previous recipients of a **Sydney Vital** Research Scholar Award may re-apply for funding in this round; however you will need to have submitted your final report.
- Applicants must complete all sections of the application form and supply necessary approvals and signatures by the due date.
- Applicants must not have applied for or received similar funding from another TCRC.
- Applicants are not eligible if they have previously received two **Sydney Vital** Research Scholar Awards.

### Condition of Award

All eligibility criteria must be met.

- Research projects must have appropriate ethics and governance approvals.
- Recipients are required to submit a report to **Sydney Vital** at the end of the 12 month period.
- Recipients will be required to present at least once at a **Sydney Vital** Research Symposium
- Recipients must maintain their enrollment in a postgraduate degree (PhD or Masters) at their University or on-going active participation in a research project for clinician researchers.
- Acknowledge **Sydney Vital's** support in any documentation related to this award in accordance with **Sydney Vital** Acknowledgement Guidelines and **Sydney Vital** Guidelines for Logo Use.
- Both the applicant and the applicant's principal supervisor must be a member of Sydney Vital. Sydney Vital must be this supervisor's primary affiliation (as opposed to another Translational Cancer Research Centre or Unit).
- The applicant must be a confirmed member of Sydney Vital with a minimum of 8 weeks membership from the advertising date of this scholarship application round. Information regarding membership of Sydney Vital, how to apply and upcoming members can be found here.
- The applicant must also explicitly demonstrate your involvement in one of the following:
  - Actively engage in Sydney Vital's research goals and objectives.
  - Update your Sydney Vital member profile regularly (member will have their designated member's login).
  - Share information and collaborate 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.
  - Contribute to Sydney Vital's monitoring and reporting program.
  - Provide information (metrics/measurement) when required.
  - Cite Sydney Vital when research and presentations was funded by Sydney Vital.

**Applications close Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

### How to apply

Applicants should complete the **Sydney Vital** Research Scholar Award Application Form and submit this along with their Supervisor's Report to [sydneyvital.admin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydneyvital.admin@sydney.edu.au)

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