

Sydney Vital Travel Awards for 2018

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.

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.

The specific goals are:

- a) Facilitate the generation of practice improving research and its more rapid adoption for improved patient outcomes.
- b) Facilitate evidence into practice.
- c) 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.
- d) Build capacity in research and improve competitive advantage in securing other funds.

Sydney Vital invites applications for **Travel Awards** to the value of \$1,500 for domestic travel and \$3,000 for international travel. Our aim is to encourage outstanding PhD students, ECRs, researchers and clinicians from within the Sydney Vital network and institutions to present their scientific research progress at national or international conferences.

Eligibility criteria

- The award must be used to present (oral or poster) your research findings at a national or international scientific conference. A copy of conference program should be submitted as part of the application.
- Applicants must complete all sections of the application form and supply necessary approvals and signatures.

Conditions of the Award

- All eligibility criteria must be met.
- Provide Sydney Vital with a copy of your Power Point presentation or poster, conference program, and receipt of your conference registration.

- The applicant needs to obtain conference leave and approval in accordance with the relevant institutional policy for travel.
- 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 travel application round. Information regarding membership of Sydney Vital and how to apply and can be found [here](#).
- Applicant must not have received a Travel Award from Sydney Vital previously
- The applicant must also explicitly demonstrate their involvement in one of the following:
 - Actively engage in Sydney Vital's research goals and objectives.
 - Update their 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.

Successful applicants must also:

- Acknowledge Sydney Vital's support in any documentation related to this travel award in accordance with Sydney Vital Funding Acknowledgement Guidelines and Sydney Vital Guidelines for Logo Use, as well as promote Sydney Vital's translational cancer research activities via your professional network.
- The successful applicant will be required to attend and live tweet Sydney Vital (@Sydney_Vital) the highlights of the plenary sessions and other sessions of interest.
- The successful applicant will also be required to prepare a report of the event and present a Sydney Vital Annual Cancer Conference.
- Sign a Letter of Acceptance and agree to these conditions in writing.

Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria will be used in the assessment of the Sydney Vital Travel Awards:

- Suitability of selected conference or seminar organizations with respect to the application's research.
- Member engagement and alignment of the proposed activity's learning goals with Sydney Vital's overall strategy.

Submission Guidelines

Applications must be combined in a single PDF file and must be submitted as attachment in an email to SydneyVital.admin@sydney.edu.au. Please use the following naming convention:

Last Name_ First Name_ Travel Award_ Application_2018

Last Name_ First Name_ Travel Award_ Supervisor_2018

Applications will close on Friday 2nd November 2018. Sydney Vital Centre Manager, Suzie Nguyen, can be contacted on 9926 4726 or at SydneyVital.admin@sydney.edu.au to assist with any queries.

Application includes:

Part A- Application Details

Part B – Conference Details

Part C – Attachment (copy of your conference program).

Part A- Application Details

First Name	
Last Name	
Contact Mobile number	
Email	

Part B – Conference Details

Conference/seminar title	
Date and location	
Brief description of conference objective	
How have you/will you engage with Sydney Vital	
What is the expected benefit of the conference to you/ your research? <i>(Max approx. 300 words)</i>	
Proposed use of funds	

Part C – Attachment (please combine the conference program, registration confirmation and confirmation of poster/oral presentation in one single PDF)