



## KCA Translational Cancer Research Project Grants for New Research

KCA invites applications from its members for grants of **\$200,000** for translational cancer research projects with funding to commence at the beginning of 2019.

### Purpose of grant

The KCA Translational Cancer Research Project Grants are designed to support KCA Members who are translational cancer researchers working on innovative research within the KCA network. Applications are welcomed from all post-doctoral researchers with preference being given to early and mid-career researchers. The grants are to support those not already receiving funding from KCA.

### Applicant Eligibility

- The Applicant must:-
  - Be a KCA member
  - Work at a KCA partner institution (Children's Cancer Institute, Children's Medical Research Institute or Sydney Children's Hospital Network) or work within the KCA network at UNSW Sydney or the University of Sydney.
  - Be endorsed by a KCA executive member.
  - Be a post-doctoral researcher. Preference will be given to early (7 years or less post-doctoral experience) to mid-career (12 years or less post-doctoral experience) researchers. Career interruptions will be taken into consideration.
  - Not be in current receipt of KCA project funding (scholarships and travel grants are not considered project funding)
  - An Australian citizen, **or**;
    - Permanent resident currently residing in Australia, **or**;
    - Temporary resident holding visas currently working at a New South Wales institution.

Please contact the KCA Program Manager if in doubt about eligibility.

### Timeline

- First call for applications: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Deadline for applications: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- Successful short-listed applications announced mid-November
- Successful final application/s announced mid-December
- Grants awarded for work to commence in January next year.

### Application guidelines

KCA is a Translational Cancer Research Centre funded by Cancer Institute New South Wales  
Kids Cancer Alliance, Children's Cancer Institute, Lowy Cancer Research Centre, UNSW, NSW 2031



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- Projects must be new research, at an exceptional level, in the field of translational child cancer research.
- We encourage applications from preclinical investigators who can define a path and feasible timeline for their research to be translated into clinical practice. This will require you to approach clinical researchers to assist you to define translational goals and timeframes for your project. Preclinical projects with active clinical collaborators and feasible timeframes for clinical translation have an improved chance for shortlisting.
- The application will be a four (4) page project description which will include the following:-
  - title, names of investigators and their primary institutions
  - background, aims, hypotheses, methods
  - population to be studied, research plan, timeline, and measurable outcomes
  - details of staff to be employed
  - evidence of leadership and active involvement across both the Randwick and Westmead campuses, and potentially Newcastle
  - evidence that the funding will not be used to simply provide a clinical service
  - The document is to be formatted in Word using Times New Roman, 12 pt, single spaced, with 1 cm margins. References are not required.
- The project description should be saved as a PDF document using the following naming convention:-

KCA\_NEW PROJECT GRANT\_YYYY\_SURNAME OF CI\_INITIAL OF CI

Eg. KCA\_NEW PROJECT GRANT\_2018\_SMITH\_J

- The PDF file will be forwarded to the judges and external reviewers. To keep the file size at a minimum, please do not scan your document to a PDF file.
- Applications are to be emailed to [admin@kca.org.au](mailto:admin@kca.org.au) with the subject heading “NEW PROJECT FUNDING 2019” with the PDF file attached.
- **Please note:** KCA may reject applications that do not meet the formatting and submission requirements. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

### Judging process

- KCA Administration and the KCA Program Manager will review applications for completeness and eligibility
- Applications will be allocated to eight members of the KCA executive management group (EMG) for judging
- Conflicts of interest will be considered whereby judges will be excluded from judging an application if a conflict exists
- Applications will be judged according to 5 categories, each of equal value:
  - Scientific quality of research (feasibility & experimental design)
  - Scientific innovation



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- Human health impact
- Translational potential
- Will this work in future, be published in a high impact journal and/or lead to the awarding of NHMRC funding?
- The top three applications will be sent to interstate and/or international external reviewers for comment
- A rebuttal may be required from the applicant if required or advised by the external reviewers
- The top three applications are then re-ranked by the EMG after external review and rebuttal are taken into account.
- The top two project grants will then be awarded \$100,000/annum for 2 years.
  - The submission of an application does not confer any entitlement upon the applicant.
  - The judges' decision is final. KCA will not enter into any correspondence over final application rankings.

### Grant conditions

- The successful applicant will be expected to execute a signed letter of offer and return to KCA administration before grant funding can be released.
- To enable funds to be transferred the successful applicant will need to advise KCA of their institutions account details prior to the grant period.
- Cancer Institute NSW has strong diligence over reporting and accountability. KCA will require, at least yearly, reports in writing to the KCA Executive Management Group, and an oral presentation when requested.
- KCA reserves the right to prematurely end funding if milestones or reporting obligations are not met.
- The funding cannot be used for routine clinical care, but only for new projects of high academic excellence in the field of translational cancer research.

Please submit applications to [admin@kca.org.au](mailto:admin@kca.org.au) and for enquiries please contact Michael Evtushenko, KCA Program Manager at [Mevtushenko@ccia.org.au](mailto:Mevtushenko@ccia.org.au)