

## Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre Conference Support

### Overview of the Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre

The Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre (SWTCRC) was established in 2011 with grant funding from the Cancer Institute NSW, and brings together over 500 experts in cancer care and research in western Sydney to work together to accelerate the fight against cancer. The SWTCRC devotes itself to removing barriers, and to support, groom and amplify the skills and achievements of our workforce so they can provide ever greater benefits to our local community.

The strategy of the SWTCRC aims to:

1. Provide activities and support that promote connections between talented people so they can unite in a common purpose.
2. Identify important new areas of research which have the potential to improve patient outcomes.
3. Develop new funding partnerships which not only increase resources for our people, but make our projects sustainable into the future.
4. Work closely with other like organisations around NSW to identify new findings, share ideas, and team up for mutual gain.

This combination of activities brings together our many clinical and research experts, and our trainees, uniting them around common goals, and provides them resources to do what they do best. By getting the best we can from our human and technical resources, we will maximise our impact on reducing the burden cancer causes to our community.

### Conference Support

The SWTCRC will be providing financial support to cancer researchers and clinical professionals to present their work at a national or international conference. Applicants are required to have an abstract accepted for presentation at the conference.

This conference support scheme aims to:

- Support the professional development and expand the knowledge of SWTCRC members.
- Build interest and expertise in translational cancer research and evidence based clinical practice.
- Disseminate important feedback from national and international conferences to members through the SW-TCRC Knowledge Portal and other events as appropriate.

To support the objectives of the SW-TCRC, priority will be given to applications where the conference and/or the abstract submission has a focus on translational cancer research or evidence based clinical practice.

## Specifications

- There will be two rounds of funding in 2020.
  - **Round 1:** Conference Travel from January 1 – June 30, 2020. Closing Date March 7, 2020.
  - **Round 2:** Conference Travel from July 1 – December 31, 2020. Closing Date August 7, 2020.
- Successful applicants will receive up to:
  - \$1,000 to attend a conference within Australia.
  - \$3,000 to attend an International conference.
- If your travel is prior to the closing date in either Round 1 or Round 2 you are required to submit your application **before** the date of travel. Applications submitted after travel has commenced will not be considered.
- Funding can be used for registration fees, travel and reasonable accommodation expenses. Awardees are required to submit original invoices or receipts before payment will be made.

## Requirements

- Recipients will be required to provide a conference report to the SWTCRC. The conference report will be made available to all SWTCRC members on the SWTCRC Knowledge Portal. Recipients may also be required to participate in SWTCRC events to share their work or experience for the benefit of other members.
- The Cancer Institute NSW and the SWTCRC must be acknowledged in presentations made by individuals supported by SWTCRC funding. The CINSW logo and the SWTCRC logo should be used on all presentations made by individuals supported by SWTCRC funding.

## Eligibility

- Conference Support awards are open to the following cancer researchers and health professional disciplines:
  - Basic/Biomedical researchers
  - Clinical researchers (Research Fellows, Research Registrars)
  - Medical staff (Registrars in training, Fellows)
  - Nurses working in oncology disciplines (medical, radiation, surgery, haematology or palliative cancer care) or clinical trials
  - Data managers
  - Social workers, Psychologists, Radiation therapists, Medical physicists
  - Other health professionals working in the area of cancer services (e.g. Cancer Genetic Counselors, Pharmacists, Dieticians, Occupational therapists, Physiotherapists or Speech therapists)
- Applicants should have an abstract accepted and be the presenting author for a conference between 1 January and 30 June, 2020 (Round 1) or July 1 and December 31, 2020 (Round 2). Individuals may apply for funding before knowing the outcome of their abstract submission. Confirmation of funding will not proceed until proof of abstract acceptance has been provided.
- **Applicants must have been members of the SW-TCRC for at least 8 weeks prior to application.** SWTCRC membership is free of charge and open to individuals involved in cancer care and research in western Sydney including, but not limited to, Westmead, Nepean, Blacktown and Mt Drutt Hospitals, and the Westmead Institute for Medical Research. Please contact the SWTCRC Manager (contact details below) for more information about becoming a member.
- Applicant's primary site of work or training must be a SWTCRC affiliated institution. Priority will be given to applications where a significant percentage of the work was carried out at a SWTCRC affiliated site.
- Applicants may not have received similar funding from another CINSW TCRC in the past 2 years.
- Cancer researchers and health professionals who have access to other conference and travel funding schemes may apply to this scheme under the following conditions:

- Any other support received must be declared at the time of application or when such funding is awarded.
  - The SWTCRC may at its sole discretion reduce the amount funding awarded if an applicant receives other funding to support attendance at the same conference.
- Individuals are only eligible to receive one SWTCRC Conference Support award within a 2-year period.

Applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Potential benefit to the applicant's professional development.
- Quality and impact of the conference, and potential interest to the wider SW-TCRC community.
- Alignment with the priority areas of the conference support scheme.

### **How to apply**

Applications should include:

- A completed SWTCRC Conference Support Application Form
- A copy of submitted abstract
- Evidence of abstract acceptance where applicable (please submit as soon as available)

Applications should be submitted by email to

[bronwyn.robertson@sydney.edu.au](mailto:bronwyn.robertson@sydney.edu.au)

Please use **SWTCRC Conference Support Application** in the subject line.

### **Enquiries**

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