

## **Sir Edward Dunlop Research Fellowship Application Guidelines**

**Closing Date: Friday, 20 April 2018**

### **Purpose of the Fellowship**

This is the fifth cancer research Fellowship named in memory of Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop AC, CMG OBE, to mark his contribution to Australia and, in particular, to the work of Cancer Council Victoria.

The Fellowship is intended to identify and further develop the career of a cancer researcher with the intellectual and personal qualities to ultimately take a national/international leadership role in cancer research.

The Fellowship provides funding for up to five years, commencing in mid-2018, or as soon as possible thereafter, for a candidate located at a Victorian Hospital, University or Medical Research Institute.

### **Cancer Council Victoria**

Cancer Council Victoria is a non-profit cancer charity organisation involved in cancer research, patient support, cancer prevention and public advocacy. Our mission is to prevent cancer, empower patients, save lives. Our core business is cancer control. We conduct and support research as well as delivering statewide support and prevention programs and advocating regulation and other interventions to reduce the physical and emotional burden of cancer.

### **Who is eligible for the Fellowship?**

Applications are welcome from candidates in all fields of cancer research, in laboratory, clinical and other relevant settings. Applicants must be mid-career researchers who are at least 2 and less than 10 years from the date that their PhD thesis (or equivalent qualification) was passed. Applicants should be committed to pursuing a leadership role in cancer research. Senior, established investigators will not be considered.

Applicants must be Australian citizens, or be graduates from overseas with permanent Australian resident status. Applicants need to have the explicit support of an appropriate host Victorian research institution for both their candidacy and their proposed research program. It is also essential that the candidate will have arranged for a mentor, under whose guidance the proposed research program will be conducted. The mentor will need to be a senior figure in cancer research.

### **Fellowship Package**

Applicants should submit a five year budget proposal to a maximum of \$1.55 million, including personal salary and salary on-costs, direct research costs, cost of accessing

research infrastructure, travel etc. As a guide, proposed salary would be in the range provided by ARC Future Fellowships.

## **How will the Fellowship be administered?**

The institution is required to enter into a funding agreement with Cancer Council Victoria. The conditions in the agreement will cover the standard research contract areas including acknowledgment, intellectual property, reporting requirements etc. Payments will be made quarterly in advance to the host institution.

## **How will the successful applicant be selected?**

Applications will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

### **The applicant's -**

- research experience and achievements to date
- academic, research and publications record relative to opportunity
- potential to assume a leadership position in cancer research
- personal attributes including motivation, presentation and communication skills

### **The research proposal -**

- the quality of the proposal, its relevance to cancer, and the potential impact of the research on cancer control
- the level and quality of support offered by the host institution
- the proposed arrangements for mentorship

### **The impact of the Fellowship -**

- on the applicant's career and capacity to achieve
- on cancer research in Victoria

All applications will be assessed by an expert panel. Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview. Cancer Council Victoria reserves the right not to award the Fellowship.

## **Other funding sources**

### ***What is the effect of funding from other sources?***

Complementary funding for the applicant's research from other sources is expected. Additional funding for salary may be appropriate according to the applicant's situation (eg part-time clinical appointment), and will require disclosure to the Cancer Council.

### ***Tobacco industry***

Funding will not be granted to any researcher who is receiving or who is an applicant for funding from the tobacco industry or any of its agencies or subsidiaries.

Funding will be withdrawn without notice from any researcher or research for which an application is made to, or funding received from, the tobacco industry or any of its agencies or subsidiaries during the currency of the fellowship.

## Submitting an application

Applications are requested in the following format.

- A covering letter addressing the selection criteria and providing contact details of three appropriate referees
- A research plan of no more than six pages including references
- Budget details
- Your CV

Please submit your application as a single pdf document to [rgu@cancervic.org.au](mailto:rgu@cancervic.org.au). Please name your document using your surname and initial (example: **Dunlop\_surname\_initial.pdf**).

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