

### **EDITH E COCKELL BEQUEST**

*In accordance with the Edith Elaine Cockell Bequest to The University of Western Australia, income from the Cockell Capital Fund shall be applied for the purposes of research into the cause and treatment of mental illness*

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## **COCKELL RESEARCH COLLABORATION AWARDS CONDITIONS**

### **1. Introduction**

The Cockell Research Collaboration Awards have been established from income on funds bequeathed to The University of Western Australia by the late Edith Elaine Cockell for the purpose of facilitating research into the cause and treatment of mental illness.

The Awards shall be administered by the Raine Medical Research Foundation Research Committee.

### **2. Definitions**

- (a) The “Awards” refer to the Cockell Research Collaboration Awards.
- (b) The “Research Committee” is the Raine Medical Research Foundation Research Committee.
- (c) “Mental illness” is a health condition that is characterised by dysregulation of mood, thought, and/or behaviour.
- (d) “Biomedical Scientist” refers to basic scientists and allied health professionals.
- (e) “Clinician” refers to medically trained doctors.
- (f) “Early-career researcher” refers to a biomedical scientist or clinician who satisfies the requirements listed below (whichever is completed first)<sup>1</sup> and is within seven years of additional research experience:
  - (i) PhD degree; or
  - (ii) University medical degree plus at least three years’ research experience.
- (g) “Mid-career researcher” refers to a biomedical scientist or clinician who satisfies the requirements listed below (whichever is completed first)<sup>1</sup> and is within 15 years of additional research experience:
  - (i) PhD degree; or
  - (ii) University medical degree plus at least three years’ research experience.
- (h) “Senior researcher” refers to a biomedical scientist or clinician who satisfies the requirements listed below (whichever is completed first)<sup>1</sup> and is beyond 15 years of additional research experience:
  - (i) PhD degree; or
  - (ii) University medical degree plus at least three years’ research experience.

<sup>1</sup> Subject to ratification by the Research Committee

- (i) "Career disruption" includes pregnancy, major illness/injury, carer responsibilities including parental leave, and clinician specialty training<sup>1</sup>. This must involve a continuous absence from work for 28 days or more, or return to work on a part-time basis. "Career disruption" does not include employment outside of the research sector including time spent working in industry; clinical, administrative or teaching workload; relocation of an applicant and his/her research laboratory or clinical practice setting or other similar circumstances that impact upon research productivity.
- (j) "Organisation(s)" include industrial organisations, public agencies and the corporate sector.

### **3. Purpose**

The purpose of the Awards is:

- (a) to encourage medical research scientists in Western Australia, from early-career, mid-career to senior research levels to establish and develop national and international research collaborations that investigate the cause and treatment of mental illness;
- (b) to facilitate cross-institutional ties with academic institutions or organisations that lead to long-term alliances and advanced clinical knowledge into the cause and treatment of mental illness;
- (c) to support the establishment of research partnerships and foster global networking that seek a better understanding of the cause and treatment of mental illness.

Collaborations may involve participants from any institution or organisation outside the State of Western Australia; however the strength of the collaborating partner will be a key consideration in the assessment of applications for these Awards.

### **4. Eligibility**

Applicants shall:

- (a) be employed by a Western Australian University or affiliated institution in Western Australia;
- (b) be involved in research into the cause and treatment of mental illness;
- (c) be a biomedical scientist or clinician who satisfies the requirements listed below:
  - (i) PhD degree; or
  - (ii) University medical degree plus at least three years' research experience.

### **5. Application Procedure**

Applicants are asked to please complete and submit online the application form entitled *Cockell Research Collaboration Award*, available from the Raine Medical Research Foundation website: [www.rainefoundation.org.au](http://www.rainefoundation.org.au).

Applicants may submit up to two applications in any round<sup>1</sup>.

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Each application shall include:

- (a) The **Curriculum Vitae** of the applicant. Please ensure that the CV is no more than four pages in length, as additional pages will not be read;
- (b) A **Quote** for economy-class travel;
- (c) A **Letter of Support** from each collaborating institution or organisation, outlining their willingness and capacity to contribute to the research, as well as details of any funding contribution provided. This may be written by the Head of School or Chief Executive Officer (or appropriate representative).

If the collaborating group is from an industrial organisation, public agency or the corporate sector, please upload the following **Supporting Documents**:

- (i) a brief profile of the organisation; and
- (ii) a statement outlining their expertise in relation to the proposed research activity;
- (d) A signed **Certification Form** with signatures of the applicant and the Head of School/Centre/Institution (or appropriate representative). This form can be downloaded from the Raine Medical Research Foundation website (<http://rainefoundation.org.au/>).

## 6. Funding

A maximum of \$15,000 shall be available for each Award.

- (a) Funding may be requested for costs directly associated in developing the collaboration, such as travel, accommodation, and workshops.
- (b) Minor funding for project and publishing costs may be considered for funding.
- (c) Funding will not be provided for teaching, salaries, scholarships or computers.
- (d) Economy-class travel only will be considered and quotations shall accompany the application.
- (e) Projects already partly funded from other sources shall clearly indicate the value of funds received and their contribution to research expenses.
- (f) Applicants may be awarded only one successful application in any round<sup>1</sup>.

## 7. Assessment

The assessment process shall be administered by the Research Committee.

The assessment criteria for an Award shall be based upon:

- (a) *Applicant track record* – taking into consideration any career disruption;
- (b) *Collaborative research potential* – the proposal shall outline strategies for building productive, sustainable, long-term research collaborations in the field of mental illness, linking the host institution with top national and international academic institutions or organisations; and

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- (c) *Measurable outputs* – expected outcomes and demonstrable results of the collaboration, as identified in the proposal. This may include, for example, joint research projects, co-authored scientific publications, combined funding applications, or the advancement of research skills and techniques into the cause and treatment of mental illness.

## **8. Intellectual Property**

Award recipients are required to comply with the Intellectual Property requirements as described in the Raine Priming Grant Conditions of Application, at Clause 7 (<http://rainefoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Raine-Priming-Grant-Conditions.pdf>).

## **9. Management of Funding**

- (a) Awards may not normally be deferred to a later year.
- (b) Award recipients are required to comply with the financial obligations set down in these Conditions, including the responsibility to:
  - (i) manage and be accountable for the expenditure of funds awarded;
  - (ii) maintain a high standard of governance;
  - (iii) obtain prior approval from the Research Committee for any proposed deviation from the approved budget, or to the completion date of Award.
- (c) Award funding shall be:
  - (i) administered by Raine Management Office; and
  - (ii) used only for the purposes approved by the Research Committee.
- (d) Award funding that is:
  - (i) used for purposes other than that for which it was awarded, shall be recoverable by the Raine Committee.
  - (ii) unspent by the end of the first quarter following the 12 month Award period, will be recouped by the Raine Management Office, unless prior approval to carry forward the funds has been obtained from the Research Committee.

## **10. Reporting and Statutory Requirements**

- (a) *Compliance Requirements for Human or Animal Experimentation, and/or Use of Recombinant Nucleic Acids* -  
It is the responsibility of the Award recipient to obtain, from the appropriate ethics or safety committee, approval for any research involving animal or human experimental subjects, or the use of genetically altered materials. Where applicable, funding may not be awarded until the required approval number/certificate is submitted.
- (b) *Reporting Requirement* -  
Award recipients will be required to submit a report and acquittal statement within one month of completion of the Award. Reports shall detail all activities undertaken with the Award funding and shall identify key outcomes, such as:
  - (i) dissemination of knowledge and expertise gained from the collaboration;

- (ii) submissions and publications (with Journal Impact Factor and citations to date, where available);
- (iii) grant applications and approvals (planned and submitted);
- (iv) research training and advancement of skills and/or technical knowledge in the field of mental health research;
- (v) an indication of the project's sustainability over the long-term.

Report and acquittal statement templates will be available on the Raine Medical Research Foundation website (<http://rainefoundation.org.au/>).

#### **11. Acknowledgement**

Publications arising from research facilitated by the Awards shall acknowledge the support provided by the E E Cockell Bequest and host facility.

Successful recipients may be asked to present their research outcomes in an annual showcase of research supported by the Raine Medical Research Foundation.

*The Research Committee, representing the Edith E Cockell Bequest, reserves the right not to make an Award.*