Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme

Introduction
The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS) is an annual national research project grants scheme which supports cancer research in identified priority areas to help reduce the impact of cancer in the community and improve outcomes for people affected by cancer.

PdCCRS grants support Australian researchers to work collaboratively to generate evidence, increase knowledge, and improve the translation of research into policy and practice.

2015 Round of the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme
This Scheme is an initiative of Cancer Australia and involves the following Funding Partners:

- Cancer Council Australia,
- Cancer Council NSW,
- Cure Cancer Australia Foundation,
- National Breast Cancer Foundation, and
- The Kids’ Cancer Project.

The NHMRC is facilitating the registration and assessment of grant applications, and will endorse grants funded through the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme.

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) and the Leukaemia Foundation have proudly co-funded high quality cancer research with Cancer Australia through the PdCCRS. In 2014, PCFA and the Leukaemia Foundation are reviewing their research support strategies. The results of these reviews will not be known until 2015. Due to the timing of these reviews, PCFA and the Leukaemia Foundation are not participating in the current round of the PdCCRS.

Three types of project grants are offered to support the conduct of cancer research in Australia. These are:

**Funding Category A**
- Project grants of up to three years duration, with funding available up to $600,000 (GST-exclusive), with a maximum in any one year of approximately $200,000 (GST-exclusive) will be offered (alone or jointly) by Cancer Australia, Cancer Council Australia, Cancer Council NSW, and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. All project grant applications ranging from 1 to 3 years within a budget ranging from $10,000 to $200,000 per annum will be considered by Cancer Australia and these Funding Partners.

**Funding Category B**
- Project grants of one year duration up to $100,000 (GST-exclusive) will be offered by Cancer Australia, Cure Cancer Australia Foundation and The Kids’ Cancer Project to support project grants by post-doctoral researchers with 1-3 years post-doctoral experience or 1-3 years post MBBS qualification undertaking a one year research project into malignant disease.

**Funding Category C**
- Project grants of up to 2 years duration for up to $200,000 (GST-exclusive) with a maximum in any one year of $100,000, will be offered by Cancer Australia and Cure Cancer Australia Foundation, to support project grants by post-doctoral researchers with 4-7 years post-doctoral experience or 4-7 years post MBBS qualification, undertaking a 1 to 2 year/s research project into malignant disease.
Funding Categories B and C cannot be used to provide a salary or other support for a young investigator as part of a larger PdCCRS project grant application.

Grant applications must relate to the research priority areas identified by Cancer Australia and/or its funding partners. For further information on research priorities, visit www.canceraustralia.gov.au

IMPORTANT PdCCRS DATES INFORMATION

- PdCCRS application documents will be available on the Cancer Australia website from 23 December 2014;
- Applications to the PdCCRS can be submitted through the NHMRC’s Research Grants Management System (RGMS) from 14 January 2015;
- Applicants intending to apply to the PdCCRS Young Investigator categories MUST complete the New Investigator form on the NHMRC website by 21 January 2015;
- Minimum application data must be entered into RGMS by 18 February 2015;
- Applications to the 2015 round of the PdCCRS close in line with the NHMRC Project Grants round at 5pm AEDT 18 March 2015.

Refer to the Call for Applications page on the Cancer Australia website.

For further information including the Rules for Applying for Grants from the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme and the Additional Questions Forms visit the Cancer Australia website: www.canceraustralia.gov.au

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