

## **HOWARD FLOREY CENTENARY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

The National Health and Medical Research Council annually awards grants for the advancement of medical research from funds made available by the Commonwealth Government. Applications are invited for the Howard Florey Centenary Research Fellowships.

The fellowships are named after the late Lord Howard Florey, an Australian scientist who shared the 1945 Nobel Prize for the discovery and development of penicillin and later became the first Australian to be president of the Royal Society. The fellowship celebrates the centenary of Lord Florey's birth in Adelaide on 24 September 1898.

### **PURPOSE**

*The purpose of the fellowship is to provide a vehicle for Australian researchers working overseas to return to Australia and continue with a biomedical /public health / clinical research career.*

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants would usually have between two (2) to five (5) years postdoctoral experience. Potential applicants with less than 2 years postdoctoral experience at the time of application should apply for an Australian-based Fellowship.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must at the time of application:

- (i) hold a doctorate in a health related field of research.
- (ii) be more than two years postdoctoral at 30 June 2006,
- (iii) be actively engaged in such research overseas, either full or part time;
- (iv) be Australian citizens, or be graduates from overseas with permanent Australian resident status, not under bond to any foreign government;
- (v) must not have been a recipient of an NHMRC overseas training fellowship.
- (vi) provide a specific study plan within a clearly-defined area of research; and
- (vii) have an agreement with an Australian institution to carry out the study.

### **TENURE**

The fellowships are full-time and will be awarded for a period of two years. A Howard Florey Centenary Research Fellow must take up the fellowship within 12 months of the Offer of Award.

The fellowships are tenable only in institutions approved by the NHMRC, such as teaching hospitals, universities and research institutes.

### **OTHER NHMRC GRANTS**

Applicants for the Howard Florey Centenary Fellowship, or holders of the Fellowship, may apply for an NHMRC Project Grant as a Chief Investigator, either concurrently with applying for this Fellowship, or during the tenure of the Fellowship. Both the Fellowship and the Project Grant may be held concurrently.

### **APPLICATION**

All applications should be submitted on the special forms that, together with details of the salary package and conditions associated with NHMRC grants and fellowship awards, are available from the NHMRC's web site or research administrative officers of universities, hospitals and other research institutions.

General information is available on the Internet on NHMRC's home page:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>

Applications should be submitted through, and have the endorsement of, the Australian research institution from which the fellowship will be administered.

Applications must be lodged with NHMRC electronically (see Instruction Booklet). In addition, the original single-sided A4 application and a double-sided copy must be submitted to NHMRC by the due date. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all referees reports are provided by the due date. Of particular importance is the statement from the proposed supervisor agreeing to host the Fellow, without which the application will be deemed ineligible.

Forms are provided for completion by:

- (i) two referees, one of whom should be well acquainted with the applicant's work and able to comment on the proposed project and the applicant's ability to undertake the work using the skills brought back to Australia by the applicant. The second is to be an independent referee. This referee is to have had no substantive professional or private contact with the applicant or to have had any previous or current collaboration with the applicant's recent or planned supervisors, but should be knowledgeable in the field of study. This referee should not be at the applicant's current institution.
- (ii) the Australian sponsor to comment on ability, academic performance and suitability of the work proposed and benefits to the group / institution. This referee is to attach to their report a 2 page CV incorporating the following:  
Personal details: name, title, current position  
Education: degrees/qualifications, year, institution  
Experience: postgraduate professional and research positions held in last 5 years  
Support: details of current and past (last 6 years) grants held.  
Publications: list in chronological order the titles, all authors and complete citation of publications (of the supervisor) pertinent to the application.

**Referees should email the report to**  
[NHMRC.Referee.CARSS@health.gov.au](mailto:NHMRC.Referee.CARSS@health.gov.au)

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**IMPORTANT: CLOSING DATE 07 JULY 2006. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

Howard Florey Centenary Research Fellowships are awarded in open competition on the basis of merit following detailed assessment. The Council may exercise its discretion as to the number and type of fellowships to be offered in any one year, and may not recommend any, if such a course is warranted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS**

A decision on awards will be made before the end of November each year. Applicants will be advised as soon as possible thereafter.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF FELLOWSHIPS**

Howard Florey Centenary Research Fellowships will usually be administered by the Australian institution through which the applicant has applied and to which the NHMRC shall forward stipend payments, travelling expenses, family allowances etc. Certification is required that the institution is willing to administer the grant.

No payments will be made until the appropriate clearances are received by the Secretary.

## **SALARY PACKAGE, TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES**

Fellowship salary packages at the Training Support Package level 2 (currently at \$73,750) and if appropriate, clinical loadings will be paid. It is the successful applicants' responsibility to negotiate a salary in accordance with the institution's Workplace Agreement or salary guidelines.

Salary packages and allowances are payable to the Australian Institution nominated by the Fellow and approved by the Council. Such payments shall be made quarterly in the case of salary packages and at such periods as may be appropriate and as determined by the Council in respect of other payments. Advances against anticipated and authorised expenses may be paid.

The Council may, at its discretion, for what is considered grave cause, suspend the tenure of the Fellowship for such time as is thought fit, or deprive a Fellow of his/her Fellowship and from that date the stipend or other payments shall cease.

The NHMRC will provide for the Australian Institution's employer's contribution to superannuation. This will include the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution (SGC) and contributory superannuation components. These amounts, along with other institutional on-costs are included in the TSP 2 salary package

The commencement date of a fellowship for payment purposes is the date on which work is commenced at the nominated centre.

Minimum airfares will be provided for Fellows and their dependants for the direct journey to the designated research centre within Australia. In addition a relocation allowance of \$5000 is payable to Fellows relocating from overseas.

The cost of any travel requirements in excess of those authorised by the Council under these rules shall be met by the Fellow. No allowance shall be payable in respect of the conveyance of luggage, goods or chattels not covered by the free allowance provided under normal passenger agreements.

An allowance of \$10,000 p.a. is payable for research support, including conference travel.

These allowances are reviewed annually by Council.

## **AUSTRALIAN ALLOWANCES**

A maintenance and conference travel allowance for research support of \$10,000 p.a. is payable.

Under certain circumstances fellows may earn additional income.

See the Schedule to the Deed of Agreement for details of these additional allowances.

## **OTHER FEES**

It is expected that any compulsory fees, and additional research related expenses incurred during the tenure of the fellowship will be the responsibility of the host institution.

## **REPORTS ON FELLOWSHIP**

**A report** within 12 months of completion of the fellowship, detailing current employment status and new knowledge and publications arising from the fellowship, is required.

Appropriate recognition for the assistance of Council should be included in publications resulting from work undertaken during the tenure of a fellowship, by stating that the author (or co-author) holds a National Health and Medical Research Council, Howard Florey Centenary Research Fellowship, and quoting the fellowship App ID number.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All applications must be sent to the NHMRC through the appropriate research administrative officer of the Australian institute concerned. To meet the deadline of 07 July, applications must be submitted to that officer by.....

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