



## The 2024 Gunn Family Haematology Fellowship

### Summary

The Snowdome Foundation is proud to announce our support for a new haematology fellowship.

Total package up to \$450,000 available.

### Background on The Snowdome Foundation

The Snowdome Foundation was formed in 2010 with a mission to accelerate next-generation treatments for Australian blood cancer patients to help them live longer, better lives. Since then, we have raised over \$60 million and have been unlocking access to new treatments by channelling philanthropic investments into early phase human clinical trials of next-generation treatments.

Snowdome is the leading not-for-profit organisation exclusively focused on raising funds to support translational research into blood cancers, providing Australians with blood cancer the best opportunity for a cure. To date, Snowdome has extended over 67 research grants to fund over 98 multi-year research positions. Across Australia, we have facilitated 119 clinical trials, helping more than 1,800 patients access world-class clinical trials.

### The Opportunity

Snowdome is inviting applications for a haematological amyloidosis project that could translate into learnings for that condition with funding for a 3-year fellowship (final year subject to performance). The purpose of this Grant is to accelerate clinical implementation for patients with amyloidosis and related diseases through the support of cutting-edge, high-quality translational existing or planned clinical trials and studies targeted to new drugs in therapy with a focus on AL amyloidosis (the proposal can investigate any manifestation of AL amyloidosis but not other types of amyloid).

The successful applicant will receive maximum funding of \$150,000 per year for up to three (3) years. Total funding available is \$450,000. Pre-set milestones will be agreed upon in advance.

### Timeline

Applications Open	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Applications Close	5pm AEST Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Short List Notified	Late June 2024
Short List Interviews	July 2024
Outcome Announced	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Eligibility Criteria

- The researcher will preferably have a PhD with Post Doc experience in haematology. Candidates without a PhD should provide evidence of their substantial expertise and accomplishments in areas relevant to the grant focus on amyloidosis. Equivalent experience may include, but not limited to, extensive research experience in academia, industry or government settings, with a proven track record of contributions to the field of medical research.
- Australian citizen or eligible for permanent residency and will be conducting research at an Australian research institute.
- The successful appointee will perform top quality, high impact research towards the discovery of new therapies that is aligned with the Snowdome Foundation's mission.
- A project specifically applicable to or addressing amyloidosis and related diseases through the support of cutting-edge, high-quality translational existing or planned clinical trials and studies or targeted to new drugs in therapy with a focus on AL amyloidosis conditions are encouraged.
- The research must NOT predominantly involve supportive care or psychosocial support.
- The research should be primarily conducted in translational human clinical studies in preference to animal studies.
- Track record of successful completion of research projects presentation of research results at conferences, internal forums and via published manuscripts.
- Institutional commitment required to provide research space, resources (equipment).

## Assessment Criteria

- Strength and quality of research proposal
- Alignment with Snowdome Foundation & Research Pillars
- Alignment with eligibility criteria
- Strength of CV & publications
- Track record of successful completion of research projects
- Written and verbal communication skills (demonstrated by presentation of research results at conferences, internal forums and via published manuscripts)

*Applications will be subject to review by members of the Snowdome Foundation Grant Committee and expert selection panel. Shortlist applicants will be required to present a 10-minute oral presentation in July 2024 on their project as part of their interview. The Snowdome Foundation reserve the right not to award the Gunn Family Fellowship if no suitable applicants are identified in 2024.*

## Finance & Costs

The successful applicant will receive maximum funding of \$150,000 per year, for up to two (2) years with the further performance based 1-year extension\*

Applicants must justify use of the requested budget. Budget items must be directly related to the proposed research project. Expenses must be incurred between the grant start and end dates. Allocated and indirect costs will not be funded.

Eligible expenditure costs include:

- Salary costs
- Recurrent costs & costs directly attributable to the project such as patient recruitment, research services
- Consumables
- Equipment essential to conduct the proposed research
- Research Governance/Ethics fees

\*With the exception of applicants who request a salary at 1FTE where at least a 90%-time commitment is acceptable, all other salary and time commitments must be equivalent. Part time positions (stipend pro rata) will be considered to a minimum of 0.8 EFT.

## How to Apply

Applicants should *carefully* follow all outlined instructions when applying.

Submit the following electronically in *one* document no later than ***5pm AEST on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024*** to [grants@snowdome.org.au](mailto:grants@snowdome.org.au):

1. Completed Application Form (saved in Word or PDF) with the file name of *2024GunnFellowshipApplication\_[Surname]*
2. Letter of support
3. CV (max. 2 pages) with the file name *2024GunnFellowshipCV\_[Surname]*. This must include:
  - Current & prior positions (last 5 years)
  - Positions of responsibility (last 5 years)
  - Top ten publications (last 10 years)
  - A 100-word statement of impact of your research on clinical outcomes

All queries should be directed to [grants@snowdome.org.au](mailto:grants@snowdome.org.au)