

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY CANCER RESEARCH FUND

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS 2011

GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

USCRF Research Infrastructure Grants will provide funding for key research platforms, core equipment and capacities that enhance the cancer research effort of the University. They are intended to promote strategic development of capability and greater levels of collaboration by cancer researchers.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible uses of the funds include equipment and other technical capacity such as databases and electronic platforms.

Requests for salary support will not be considered.

Applicants must be:

- Employed by the University, or formally appointed as an affiliate, and
- A member of the University of Sydney Cancer Research Network.

Please also see General Information, below.

FUNDING

Requests of up to \$250,000 will be considered. Where the application is for part funding of a purchase greater than \$250,000, funding for the remainder must already have been secured and evidence for this funding must be supplied with this application.

Please also see General Information, below.

ASSESSMENT

Eligible applications will be reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Committee of the USCRF and ranked according to the following criteria:

- the extent to which the proposed infrastructure will enhance cancer research at the University;
- the degree of alignment of the proposal with the research strategy of the University, its Divisions and Faculties;
- the degree to which collaboration and critical mass will be enhanced at the University;

- the strength of the research groups that will use this infrastructure. Refer to external funding, publications, research higher degree completions and any other relevant measures.
- the degree to which the proposal leverages funding secured from other sources.

TIMETABLE

Applications open: **10th October 2011**

Applications close: **11th November 2011**

Announcement of outcomes: End November 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- Affiliates must have all their research productivity (e.g., grant applications, postgraduate research student supervision, publications) submitted through and administered by the University to be eligible to apply to this scheme.
- Researchers may join the Cancer Research Network online at <http://sydney.edu.au/cancer-research/>
- This scheme does not fund equipment that will become assets of other institutions. Items purchased through this scheme must be listed on the University Asset Register. If they are purchased 'off-site', they still need to be recorded on the University's Assets Register with a fractional ownership if the equipment is jointly owned.
- Any acquisition of goods or services must be in accordance with the University's Purchasing Policy (http://sydney.edu.au/finance/docs/procurement_policy.pdf or visit the website http://sydney.edu.au/procurement_services/index.shtml). **You must** contact procurement services before obtaining any quotes. Please contact procurement.services@sydney.edu.au or phone +61 2 9114 0963 for further assistance. Please also consult Campus Property & Services and ITC regarding the proposed location and accommodation of any equipment and other relevant aspects impacting facilities management. If your application involves research please contact the Director, Research Development (Andrew Black on +61 2 8627 8143).
- All financial obligations arising out of exposure to foreign currency fluctuations, irrespective of the value of the equipment, remain with the applicant. If there is potential for foreign exchange exposure of items valued at more than A\$100,000 please contact Mr Michael Rook on +61 2 9351 3260 in Investment & Capital Management for advice and arrangements for foreign currency purchases..
- All funds awarded must be committed by October 31, and expended by December 31 of the year following the award, unless prior approval to vary these conditions has been obtained from the DVCR.
- Any funds not committed by 31 October of the year following the award will be retained by the USCRF.
- Requests for funding will be supported on a GST-exclusive basis.
- All enquires concerning applications to this scheme should be directed to the CRN Executive Officer: cancer-research@med.usyd.edu.au, or the Director, Research Development (andrew.black@sydney.edu.au).