**CANCER COUNCIL SA BEAT CANCER PROJECT**

***PARTNERSHIP GRANT SUPPORT***

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Closing Date for Applications:** There is currently no closing date for this funding scheme.

**Cancer Council SA Beat Cancer Project**

The Beat Cancer Project is funded by Cancer Council SA and the SA Government (through SA Health) and administered by the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). Further details are available on the Beat Cancer Project [website](https://www.sahmriresearch.org/research-support/beat-cancer-project).

**Aim of Partnership Grant Funding Support**

Beat Cancer Project Partnership Grant Funding will be directed towards research projects that require matched funding from a partner organisation i.e. NHMRC Partnership Grants and ARC Linkage Grants or equivalent research funding schemes. These projects must have a focus on improving cancer prevention, treatment and knowledge across the research spectrum including applied clinical, health services and population health research fields and biomedical science.

**Funding Available**

Under the Beat Cancer Project a pool of funds is available for Partnership Grant Funding support. Researchers are invited to submit proposals where they require matched funding. Funding of up to $250,000 will be available per proposal. A letter of support can be provided for researchers if required to enable them to apply for funding from other organisations. This will need to be specified in proposals submitted.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for Partnership Grant Funding, applicants and the Administering Institution must both be based in South Australia.

**Assessment**

Assessment will be based on a written application which addresses the selection criteria of the scheme for which they are applying, clearly showing how the funding will support the proposed research project, and demonstrates the innovative aspects and scientific merit of the proposed research and its relevance to the objectives of the Beat Cancer Project.

NOTE: The External peer review process will be undertaken by the NHMRC, ARC or equivalent research funding agency.

Additional information may be requested prior to making funding decisions.

The Beat Cancer Project reserves the right not to award any funding.

**SELECTION CRITERIAOCUMENTATION**

Applicants should address each of the selection criteria below using the online application form.

Applications will be assessed based on the following selection criteria giving attention to the Objectives of the Beat Cancer Project. Where applicable, applicants should provide examples which best demonstrate their strength in the area.

*Note: It is recommended that selection criteria be prepared in a word document before pasting into the application form.*

Describe:

* how the proposal addresses the selection criteria of the scheme for which they are applying
* potential significance of the research proposed
* the applicants track record in research and expertise in the area of enquiry
* the staffing, budget and timelines are realistic

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONOCUMENTATION**

**Research Proposal:**

Applicants are required to include a research proposal which outlines:

*(maximum 2000 words excluding references)*

Description of the research application to be supported and its expected outcomes, including information relating to:

* policy relevance of research outcomes
* translational components of research project
* collaborative and multi-disciplinary partnerships
* potential to contribute to new knowledge or fill a research/policy gap in South Australia
* increased research and innovation outputs
* a clear timeline in which research objectives and outcomes will be achieved
* its importance to cancer control

**Curriculum Vitae**

Applications should include a current CV of the CIA outlining:

(maximum 5 pages including publications)

* record of publications in peer-reviewed journals
* record of research grant success
* record of speaking invitations at conferences
* record of prizes and awards
* record of professional qualifications gained

**Budget**

Applicants must provide a detailed budget which clearly details expenditure associated with this Application, specifically the way in which the Beat Cancer Project contribution will be expended.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Other Sources of Funding**

Funding from further additional sources would be welcomed during the term of the package. Applicants must advise the Beat Cancer Project of additional funding and be able to demonstrate its complementary value.

**Payment of Funds**

Payments will be made to the South Australian Administering Institution nominated in the grant application and will be paid in quarterly instalments upon receipt of a tax invoice.

**Ethics, Compliance and/or Safety Approvals**

If Ethics, Compliance and/or Safety Approvals are required, the applicants must ensure their Administering Institution has received all clearances required for the research activity before invoicing of funds can commence. Copies are to be provided to the Beat Cancer Project upon request.

**Publicity**

Successful applicants may be asked to assist with promotion of funded research and of Funders of the Beat Cancer Project. The applicant's capacity to act as an ambassador for the Cancer Council SA’s Beat Cancer Project will be considered. There will be requests to provide media publicity through interviews or other means and we ask that successful applicants participate when these opportunities arise.

Successful applicants will be required to:

* Include the following statement in all communication activities relating to the funded research:

*‘Undertaken with the financial support of Cancer Council SA’s Beat Cancer Project on behalf of its donors and the State Government through the Department of Health.’*

* Establish an Email signature block that acknowledges their Cancer Council SA’s Beat Cancer Fellowship role.

Successful applicants must ensure that the support of the Funding Parties in relation to the Project is acknowledged. The Funding Parties have specific requirements in regards to the form and content of the acknowledgement (details available from SAHMRI).

Successful applicants cannot make any public announcement in respect of the Project or the Beat Cancer Project without the prior written approval of SAHMRI (and acknowledges that SAHMRI may need to obtain the approval of the Funding Parties for any such announcement), unless such announcement is required by law or a regulatory body.

Successful applicants are required to adhere to all obligations required of SAHMRI by the Funding Parties with regard to acknowledgement and announcements, and shall use their best endeavours to assist SAHMRI to adhere to any contractual obligations in this regard.

**Changes to Applications**

Modifications to applications after final submission will not be allowed. The Beat Cancer Project must be notified of any changes that may impact on the application such as withdrawal of matched funding. If an applicant’s employment circumstances change the Beat Cancer Project must be notified immediately.

**Commencement Date**

Commencement date is negotiable but must be within 3 months of the formal date of offer.

**Reporting Requirements**

The Beat Cancer Project Manager will liaise with researchers to provide further details on reporting requirements. A final report will be required, plus other reports on research progress and financial status. Failure to submit requested reports may make researchers ineligible for further funding. The information provided in reports will be made available to SAHMRI and the Funders.

**Successful Applicants**

An agreement with the administering institution will be finalised setting out terms and conditions of funding including specific reporting requirements.

**Tobacco Policy**

Funding will not be offered for individuals or institutions that receive support directly or indirectly from, or are involved with organizations that are part of or funded by, the tobacco industry. Applicants are asked to disclose any current or recent relationship with the tobacco industry. Unless counter-evidence is supplied, such relationships will be taken as conflict of interest and render applicants ineligible.

**Unspent Funds**

At the completion or discontinuation of the funding term, unexpended money must be returned to SAHMRI to manage on behalf of the Beat Cancer Project.



The online application form will be available [here](https://redcap.sahmri.com/surveys/?s=RXE3MAY8XY) from 31st July 2017.

To ensure equity for all applications please follow the guidelines below for your research proposal.

* Layout - portrait orientation on A4 paper
* Font - minimum 11 point Arial

Applications must include:

* An online application form including answers to the Selection Criteria
* Research Proposal
* CV
* Budget

**Contact for further information**

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