

Victorian Cancer Agency Funding Program 2008-09

Introduction

The Victorian Cancer Agency is a Consultative Council to the Victorian Minister for Health, created to link cancer research with patient care for improved patient outcomes. The first priority of the Victorian Cancer Agency is the development of a cancer research strategy for Victoria.

Funding Programs

The 2008-09 Victorian Cancer Agency Funding Program is specifically designed with flexibility in its funding structure to enable a range of opportunities to be considered.

The following funding opportunities are available in 2008-09:

Workforce Development Initiatives

- Clinical Research Fellowships
- Supportive Care Scholarships & Clinical Research Fellowship
- Link and Learn Grants
- Early Career Seed Grants

Capacity Building Initiatives

- Supportive Care Capacity Building Grants
- Regional Research Capacity Building Grants
- Clinical Trials Capacity Building & Pilot Study Grants
- Platform Technology Capacity Building Grants

Consumer Initiatives

- Consumer Research Grants

Workforce Development Initiatives

Clinical Research Fellowships

These fellowships are aimed at strengthening and supporting clinical research, and increasing the pool of clinical researchers who can facilitate the translation of cancer research into practice.

Supportive Care Scholarship & Clinical Research Fellowship

The scholarship and clinical research fellowship are aimed at increasing the pool of experienced researchers who are able to conduct high quality research into supportive care, palliative care and survivorship.

Early Career Seed Grants

These grants are aimed at supporting early career clinician-researchers or laboratory researchers, and to encourage and retain talented individuals in the field of cancer research.

Link and Learn Grants

These one-off grants are provided to allow opportunities for collaboration or acquisition of specialised skills in another location in Victoria, interstate or overseas.

Consumer Initiatives

Consumer Research Grants

Consumer Research Grants are designed to promote consumer involvement in translational cancer research, either through direct research by consumers or by facilitating consumer involvement for existing researchers.

Funding initiatives in Tumour Streams will be announced later in 2008 or early 2009.

How much is available?

The Victorian Cancer Agency has committed up to \$5 million to this funding program.

Who can apply?

Any organisation that is, or will be involved, in the conduct of cancer research in Victoria is eligible to apply for funding through this program.

How to apply

Please go to the website for details of how to apply for each of the funding programs: www.victoriacanceragency.org.au.

The closing date for all applications is **2pm Thursday 30 October 2008**.

How will the applications be evaluated?

All applications will be assessed by an independent funding panel who will make a recommendation to the Agency's Consultative Council.

The Council will then finalise funding allocations and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission.

Further information

Information can be obtained by contacting the Agency on 03 9635 5481 or via email on

Capacity Building Initiatives

Supportive Care & Regional Research Capacity Building Grants

Both of these grants are aimed at building research capacity and capability, and may include:

- Physical infrastructure
- Salary support
- Training and education of staff

Clinical Trials Capacity Building Grants & Pilot Study Grants

The Clinical Trials Capacity Building Grants are similar to the Supportive Care and Regional Research Capacity Building Grants in the type of proposals the Agency will consider.

The Pilot Study Grants are designed to support early stage pilot studies for cancer clinical trials. They may also include the development of proposals for future clinical trials in Victoria.

Platform Technology Capacity Building Grants

Rather than funding actual platform technology procurement, this grant is designed to support access to platform technology, for example:

- Training or accreditation of staff
- Educational assistance
- Workforce/salary support
- Funding access to fee-for-service research services