



# TSANZ RESEARCH STRATEGY

## We will support:

- **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**We will support research projects that aim to prevent, cure and relieve disability from lung disease; from discovery and basic science through to clinical science and policy.**

TSANZ supports basic and discovery science which tests ideas and provides proof of concept data. This research takes an observation or new concept and tests it in a simple model of the lung to develop an understanding of the mechanisms which underpin disease.

TSANZ supports the translation of laboratory discoveries into human research.

TSANZ supports clinical science, observations and ideas taken from basic and discovery science that can be tested with patients in real time. Clinical investigations can be rapidly translated to improve quality of life.

TSANZ supports health service and policy research. Taking new discoveries and concepts and using them in public policy helps us and the Government to work better, use clinical finances more wisely, and achieve a better quality of life for our patients.

- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

**We offer fellowships, travels awards and prizes for members with significant and innovative ideas and engagement.**

TSANZ supports career development of our members to facilitate quality research and training. Fellowships help fund researchers so they can concentrate on conducting their studies. Travel awards allow important findings to be disseminated, facilitate training opportunities, and encourages national and global collaborations to develop. Prizes reward our members for their first-class research and their ability to communicate.

- **ADVOCACY DRIVEN RESEARCH**

TSANZ supports advocacy driven research that demonstrates a need or highlights a gap in knowledge about respiratory health. This provides an evidence-based reason for action so we can work to change relevant policy. TSANZ will seek to support research in emerging areas that quickly require evidence to affect public health.

- **INDIGENOUS HEALTH**

TSANZ is committed to improving the respiratory health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and will pursue research activities that seek to close inequities in respiratory health across Australia and New Zealand.

## How?

- **DIRECT TO RESEARCHER FUNDING**

TSANZ promotes direct to researcher funding. TSANZ pushes the research dollar as far as it can go by seeking matched fund for research, leveraging financial support from award recipient institutions, and by not funding institutional infrastructure costs.

- **PARTNERSHIPS**

**We are able to harness the in-kind support and expertise of our 1500+ membership.**

TSANZ carries a strong organisation track record and reputation in administering and overseeing high quality research.

TSANZ will work with industry when there is a common interest and an identified need to conduct research in a specific area of respiratory medicine. TSANZ is a network of respiratory health care and research professionals across Australia and New Zealand and has access to an abundance of specialist resources. TSANZ will also partner with members by providing research management, communication and marketing support on major projects.

- **INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Clinical Trials Network
- Quality Registries
- Equipment

TSANZ has established a Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Network that will span Australia and New Zealand. This platform will provide infrastructure for disease-specific clinical trials with robust organisational oversight ensuring top quality and integrity throughout. TSANZ will support Quality Registries where there is a need to investigate specific populations.

## Underpinning Governance and Funding Management:

- **EQUITY AND DIVERSITY**

TSANZ is committed to upholding equity and diversity across all aspects of our research management.

- **RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION**

TSANZ has dedicated research management. We provide research administration and scientific review for all TSANZ awards and external organisation awards.

- **AWARDS PROCESS**

All awards are reviewed by independent, established researchers and experts in their fields, who have been endorsed by the TSANZ board as members of the TSANZ Research Subcommittee (RSC). Members of the RSC will declare and resolve any conflicts of interests with applicants, supervisors and institutions before taking on award reviews. Reviewers are sought from a balanced background of basic and clinical science.

- **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION**

TSANZ has a research award portfolio valued at nearly \$1 million and growing. TSANZ provides dedicated research management and scientific review for external organisations. Our processes are compliant with Medicines Australia Code of Conduct and Medicines New Zealand Code of Practice.

