



LAM Research Alliance PhD Scholarship Supported by the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand and the Lung Foundation Australia Hope Research Fund

Deadline for applications: 20 November 2023

<p>Aim</p>	<p>This scholarship program aims to support and attract higher degree research students into Lymphangioliomyomatosis (LAM) research, in particular LAM diagnosis and management. This scholarship is funded through a collaboration between the LAM Australia Research Alliance¹, the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand and the Lung Foundation Australia Hope Research Fund.</p> <p>The recipient of the award will receive a PhD scholarship up to the value of AUD 36 000 p.a. for a period of up to three years (maximum award total value AUD 108 000). The PhD scholarship will be used to support a PhD stipend or top-up.</p> <p>The priority areas for this PhD Scholarship have been developed jointly through engagement with LAM patients and health professionals active in this field. Proposals with a focus on the following research areas will be prioritised and are encouraged to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early diagnosis of LAM. • Advances in LAM disease mechanisms, management, and treatments. • Rare lung disease, noting preference will be given to applications which include a component linking the research to LAM. <p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to engage with the LAM community to facilitate co-design relevant research programs.</p>
<p>Eligibility Criteria</p>	<p>To be eligible for the award, the applicant must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand or be endorsed by the Administering Institution in Australia or New Zealand².
<p>Condition</p>	<p>The following conditions apply to this award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recipient must be a TSANZ³ member, a professional member of Lung Foundation Australia, and a member of the LAM Australia Research Alliance before the scholarship is paid. • Funding should be used to provide a stipend or reasonable top-up to the PhD candidate or support technical staff and/or equipment, and/or consumables involved in establishing or supporting the project. It may also be used to contribute

¹ LAM Australia Research Alliance <https://www.livingwithlam.org/>

² The application is endorsed by the Administering Institution to have the requisite work visa in place at the time of accepting the successful grant:

- The applicant will remain enrolled in Administering Institution for the duration of the funding period;
- The application is endorsed by the Administering Institution;
- If the applicant is not an Australian citizen or permanent resident, have the requisite work visa in place at the time of accepting the successful award;
- The applicant will remain enrolled at the Administering Institution in the PhD program for the duration of the funding period.

³ Financial member of the TSANZ who has obtained the support of a proposer and seconder and has been endorsed by the TSANZ Board

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	<p>towards the applicant’s professional development or for travel to collaborate, learn, and present outcomes. If additional funding is secured during the project term, the proposed budget may be reallocated subject to approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scholarship will only be paid once enrolment is confirmed by the host institution. • The project must be conducted in Australia or New Zealand. • Funds should not be used to cover any overhead costs levied by the Administering Institution. • A report will be submitted at the end of each 12-month period. It is expected that this work result in an abstract submission/s to the TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting during the period of the award or in the year following its completion. In addition, the recipient will be invited to submit an abstract and/or present at LAM events, or the Australasian Rare Lung Disease conference in the final stages of their PhD. • Recipients consent to publication of their name and a brief description of their research on the LAM, LFA and TSANZ websites, member communications and social media. In addition, a photograph and quote may be requested from the recipient for publication. • The LAM Research Alliance, LFA Hope Research Fund and the TSANZ must be acknowledged on any outputs from this PhD Scholarship. <p><i>Note: These conditions must be met to remain eligible for future award rounds.</i></p>
<p>Applications</p>	<p>Applicants must submit their application via email, including the completed application cover form, to tsanzawards@thoracic.org.au.</p> <p>Your application should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal clearly stating research questions, methodology, analysis, feasibility of completing the project within time frame and engagement with those with lived experience of LAM, as appropriate (maximum two A4 pages, plus references). • Description of the project in non-specialised language (maximum one A4 pages). • The significance and innovation of the proposed project, including how the project relates to the LAM research priorities (maximum one A4 page). • An outline on how the PhD Scholarship will be spent (maximum one A4 page). • A letter detailing institutional support and pledged resources for the applicant and project (maximum one A4 pages). • A summary of how this PhD Scholarship will support your professional development (maximum one A4 page). • A track record of the student applicant and track record of the supervisor (maximum two A4 pages each). <i>Include any significant career disruptions supporting eligibility outside the listed criteria (maximum one A4 page).</i> • Publications over the last five years, excluding career disruptions (unlimited pages).

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<p>TSANZ Privacy Statement. Personal information submitted as part of an award or fellowship application will be viewed by staff of the TSANZ and the application reviewers who are TSANZ members. After assessment, the application will be stored on the TSANZ server. To clarify how your information is stored or used by the TSANZ, please contact the Privacy Officer on +61 2 9222 6200.</p>															



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Applicant Name	
Institution Address	
Contact Details	
CHECKLIST	Please tick
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you a current member of the TSANZ? 2. Are you a current member of LFA? 3. Are you a citizen or permanent resident in Australia or New Zealand, or have the requisite work or study visa and be endorsed by the Administering Institution? <p>Are all documents formatted correctly:</p> <p>All text submitted on A4 pages with a 2cm margin to the top, bottom, left and right. Text must be single line spaced, with size 12 Times New Roman font. No columns are permitted.</p> <p>Have you attached:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A proposal clearly stating research questions, methodology, analysis, feasibility of completing the project within time frame and engagement with those with lived experience of LAM, as appropriate (maximum two A4 pages, plus references). 2. Description of the project in non-specialised language (maximum one A4 pages). 3. The significance and innovation of the proposed project, including how the project relates to the LAM research priorities (maximum one A4 page). 4. An outline on how the PhD Scholarship will be spent (maximum one A4 page). 5. A letter detailing institutional support and pledged resources for the applicant and project (maximum one A4 pages). 6. A summary of how this PhD Scholarship will support your professional development (maximum one A4 page). 7. A track record of the student applicant and track record of the supervisor (maximum two A4 pages each). <i>Include any significant career disruptions supporting eligibility outside the listed criteria (maximum one A4 page).</i> 8. Publications over the last five years, excluding career disruptions (unlimited pages). 	



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What is the focus of your proposal?

- Early diagnosis of LAM.
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- Another aspect of LAM (provide text below)

Declarations

I declare that the work and investigators included in this project, including myself, have not had a real or perceived, direct or indirect link to any entity that develops or markets tobacco-based products, whether combustible or non-combustible or any entity that develops or markets nicotine delivery products that are not approved for therapeutic use.

I declare that all information provided in this application and in documents submitted is true and correct.

Signed: