

## Moderna Research Award for Lung Health - Respiratory Viruses

Deadline for applications: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<p><b>Aim</b></p>	<p>This Moderna Research Award aims to foster excellent and innovative research into respiratory viruses and their impact on lung health. The Research Award will be to the value of <b>AUD 15,000</b> for one year.</p> <p><i>* Please note that any Phase 1-4 vaccine studies are ineligible for this funding.</i></p>
<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p>	<p><b>To be eligible for the award, the applicant must be:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The recipient must be a TSANZ<sup>1</sup> member; and</li> <li>2. A citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand or be endorsed by the Administering Institution in Australia or New Zealand<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>3. Be a <b>mid-career researcher</b>. Have completed advanced training in any health or science discipline or graduated with a higher degree in an area directly relevant to respiratory research. The applicant will be up to ten years' post PhD and with not more than 2 years as an Associate Professor, at the time of applications closing - career interruptions should be specified in track record.</li> <li>4. Be capable of undertaking high quality research, demonstrated by past performance.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Condition</b></p>	<p><b>The following conditions apply to this award:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Research Award will be awarded at the <a href="#">TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting</a> (22-26 March 2024) and must be taken up by the end of the calendar year.</li> <li>• Funding may be used to support technical staff and/or equipment, and/or consumables involved in establishing or supporting the project. It may also be used to contribute towards the applicant's salary or for travel specified in the proposal.</li> <li>• Funds may not be used to cover any overhead costs levied by the Administering Institution.</li> <li>• The project must be wholly or partially conducted in Australia.</li> <li>• A final report will be submitted 3 months following completion of the project. It is expected that this work would result in an abstract submission to the TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting in the year following its completion.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Financial member of the TSANZ who has obtained the support of a proposer and seconder and has been endorsed by the TSANZ Board

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<b>Applications</b>	<p>Applicants must submit their application via email, including the completed application cover form, to <a href="mailto:tsanzawards@thoracic.org.au">tsanzawards@thoracic.org.au</a>.</p> <p>Your application should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A proposal clearly stating relevance to respiratory viruses and lung health, research questions, methodology, statistical analysis, sample size calculation and feasibility of completing the project within time frame (maximum two A4 pages, plus references).</li> <li>• Description of the project in non-specialised language, and proposal for any future work of the research (maximum one A4 page)</li> <li>• Outline how the Research Award will be spent. Include information of other salary support (both available and applied for) and the proportion of time which will be devoted to the project (maximum one A4 page).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applications with demonstrated evidence of matched partner funds (either in-kind or cash contributions) will be viewed favourably.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A track record (maximum two A4 pages). <i>Include any significant career disruptions supporting eligibility outside the listed criteria in a separate page (maximum one A4 page).</i></li> <li>• Publications over the last five years, excluding career disruptions (unlimited pages).</li> <li>• All text must be 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.</li> </ul>										
<b>Selection Process</b>	<p>Applications will be assessed by members of the TSANZ Research Committee according to the following criteria (based on NHMRC criteria):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Criterion</th> <th>Weight (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Scientific Quality</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Significance and Innovation</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Track Record relative to opportunity</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event of there being no suitable applicants the Research Award will not be awarded.</li> <li>• The award will be recognised at the TSANZ ASM; however, the successful applicant will be notified prior to the ASM.</li> </ul>	Criterion	Weight (%)	Scientific Quality	50%	Significance and Innovation	25%	Track Record relative to opportunity	25%	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
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