



Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

2019 Grant for Adult Stem Cell Research

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1 Applications must address the following criteria:

- a. The research meets the highest international standards of scientific excellence.
- b. Therapeutic applications are likely to arise from the research.
- c. The research is innovative, displaying novelty in its experimental approach.
- d. Receipt of this grant will be significant for the undertaking of the research.
- e. The researcher(s) have a track record of success in undertaking similar or related research.
- f. Matching funds have been secured from another source. **Please note** that in-kind support to the equivalent value of the grant does not suffice to meet this criterion.
- g. The research complies with the ethical standards set out in Chapter 6 of the *Code of Ethical Standards for Catholic Health and Aged Care Services in Australia* (attached).

2 Preference will be given to research conducted in an Australian institution.

3 Other things being equal, preference may be given to less-well resourced researchers or proposals.

4 Applications *must include* a detailed budget, and a letter from the institution providing matching funds confirming that (if the application is successful) it will provide an amount of money equal to the grant.

5 Applications *must include* the names and contact details (including postal addresses) of two referees, and written confirmation that the nominated referees are available and willing to undertake the review by **25 November 2019** (the due date for the return of reviews). Applications will be assessed with the assistance of two referees' reports, one from the referees nominated by the applicant, another chosen by the independent selection panel.

6 Applications must be submitted in both printed and electronic form. Applications should be generally no more than five or six thousand words long (excluding the covering letter, footnotes and any attachments). Six (6) hard copies must be received by the due date (**28 October 2019**), and should be sent to:

Mr Steven Buhagiar - Life, Family and Outreach Office
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street
Sydney, NSW 2000.

Electronic copies should be sent to: steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org



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PLEASE NOTE: Applications must nominate a contact person and provide contact details and a postal address for correspondence.

- 7 It is a condition of acceptance of the grant that the successful applicant agrees to provide:
- a. an interim and a final report on the research and a copy of any published material arising from work supported by the grant (which are to be sent to Mr Steven Buhagiar at the address above);
 - b. an acknowledgment of the grant (**the 2019 Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Grant for Adult Stem Cell Research**) in publications arising from the supported work; and
 - c. a signed letter confirming:
 - i. that the research supported by the grant complies with the ethical standards set out in Chapter 6 of the *Code of Ethical Standards for Catholic Health and Aged Care Services in Australia*; and
 - ii. that in particular the research will not involve the destruction of human embryos, or the use of tissues (including cells) derived from human embryos or from aborted human foetuses.
- 8 Funds will be available for expenditure from 1 January 2020 and should be expended by 31 December 2021.
- 9 The Archdiocese of Sydney reserves the right not to make an award if the independent selection panel declines to make a recommendation.
- 10 The timetable for the administration of the grant is as follows:
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| • Closing date for submissions: | 28 October 2019 |
| • Closing date for referees' reports: | 25 November 2019 |
| • Winner announced: | 9 December 2019 |
| • Funds available: | 1 January 2020 |
| • Progress report due: | 16 November 2020 |
| • Final report due: | 27 December 2021 |