



2017 Grant for Adult Stem Cell Research

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites applications from Australian-based researchers for a grant of \$100,000 to support and foster research on the therapeutic potential of adult stem cells.

This is the eighth occasion on which this grant has been offered. Research supported previously has explored the potential of stem cells from non-embryonic sources to assist in the treatment of Parkinson's disease (2003), the regeneration of skin after severe burns (2005), the treatment of stroke victims (2007), the regeneration of normal blood functioning for cancer sufferers (2009), improving the success of tissue transplantation (2011), the use of umbilical cord blood stem cell transplants for patients with blood cell diseases (2013), and restoring eye health and sight in patients with a debilitating corneal disease (2015). The Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking to continue this support of internationally-competitive science with its 2017 grant.

The grant is awarded on the recommendation of an independent panel according to the following criteria:

1. The research meets the highest international standards of scientific excellence.
2. Therapeutic applications are likely to arise from the research.
3. The research is innovative, displaying novelty in its experimental approach.
4. Receipt of this grant will be significant for the undertaking of the research.
5. The researcher(s) have a track record of success in undertaking similar or related research.
6. Matching funds have been secured from another source.
7. 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*.

The closing date for applications is **30 October 2017**. Applications for the grant should address each of these criteria. Funds will be available for expenditure from 1 January 2018 and should be expended by 31 December 2019. The Archdiocese reserves the right not to make an award if the independent panel declines to make a recommendation.

For further information, including the "Instructions for applicants", please visit **www.sydneycatholic.org** or contact:

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