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THE RAMACIOTTI FOUNDATIONS

Guidelines for the 2017 Ramaciotti Awards



ABOUT THE RAMACIOTTI FOUNDATIONS

The Clive & Vera Ramaciotti Foundations are collectively one of the largest contributors to biomedical research in Australia having granted over $57 million to research projects since 1970.

As Trustee of the Foundations, Perpetual Trustee Company Limited (referred to as 'we', 'our' and 'us' below) is pleased to carry out the vision and generosity of Vera Ramaciotti, OBE. Vera established the Foundations to give substantial support to biomedical research – an interest shared by Vera and her brother Clive.

The Ramaciotti Foundations continue to support biomedical research and each year make significant distributions via the Ramaciotti Awards.

RAMACIOTTI AWARDS

The Ramaciotti Foundations have three award categories, each of which has its own guidelines detailed on the following pages.

1. Ramaciotti Medal for Excellence in Biomedical Research
2. Ramaciotti Health Investment Grants
3. Ramaciotti Biomedical Research Award

We provide these awards with the help and recommendations of the Ramaciotti Foundations' Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). Members of the SAC are selected with due consideration to their skills in basic and applied medical science, seniority and experience in academic medical fields.

2017 RAMACIOTTI AWARDS TIMELINE

1. RAMACIOTTI MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH	
6 March 2017	Nominations open
31 May 2017	Nominations close (5pm AEDT)
September 2017	Nominators advised of outcome
October 2017	Recipient announced at Ramaciotti Awards event
2. HEALTH INVESTMENT GRANTS	
6 March 2017	Applications open
31 May 2017	Applications close (5pm AEDT)
September 2017	Applicants advised of outcome
October 2017	Recipients announced at Ramaciotti Awards Event
3. RAMACIOTTI BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD	
6 February 2017	Calls for Expressions of Interest (EOI) *2017 applicants must be NSW based
17 March 2017	Closing date for submission of EOI
April 2017	Successful short-listed applicants advised to submit a full detailed proposal
May 2017	Closing date for detailed proposals
July 2017	Interviews held with short-listed applicants in Sydney
August 2017	Applicants advised of outcome
October 2017	Recipient announced at Ramaciotti Awards Event

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1. RAMACIOTTI MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

MEDAL AND $50,000 GRANT

This is awarded to a person who has made an outstanding discovery (or discoveries) in clinical or experimental biomedical research that has had an important impact on biomedical science, clinical medicine, or the way in which healthcare is delivered.

NOMINATIONS

Candidates for the Medal are provided by nomination only from professionals within the medical and scientific research community. The Ramaciotti Foundations' SAC may nominate candidates, seek nominations or advice from other biomedical scientists.

We do not accept self-nominations. Previous nominees may be nominated again.

CONDITIONS OF NOMINEES

- The greater part of their work leading to the discovery (or discoveries) must have been conducted in Australia.
- The nominee should still be actively engaged in this work.

SUBMISSIONS

The person nominating should make a submission which includes the following:

- A citation (not more than three pages) outlining the background to and consequences of the nominee's discovery (or discoveries) and their recent scientific achievements.
- Brief curriculum vitae of the nominee and a list of selected publications.

Submissions must be received by 31 May. The Medal recipient will be notified in September.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Payment of the grant will be made to the institution nominated by the Medal recipient. It is up to the institution to ensure that the funds are passed on to the individual Medal recipient for their use.

2. RAMACIOTTI HEALTH INVESTMENT GRANTS

GRANTS OF UP TO $150,000

These Grants are awarded to individuals in universities, public hospitals or institutes for a contribution towards the undertaking of health or medical research with a potential path to clinical application within five years.

A Health Investment Grant is intended to provide enabling research support for an autonomous early career investigator who is taking or has recently taken a substantive position.

It is expected that up to five grants will be awarded in 2017.

ELIGIBILITY

We accept applications from NHMRC administering institutions. To be eligible for funding your institution must also have Australian Taxation Office Tax Concession Charity (TCC) endorsement.

Institutions that meet the above criteria may submit one application per department, up to a maximum of three applications per administering organisation.

Any additional applications received from the administering organisation above the maximum limit will be deemed ineligible for funding.

It is the applicant's responsibility to liaise and coordinate with the administering institute's central research office or equivalent, only approved applications will be deemed eligible.

Grants awarded must be expended only for the purposes approved by the Trustee. Funds may not be used for the payment of administration fees, charges, or levies to the host institution or its offices.

CONDITIONS

Applications may be made for a contribution of up to 50% (to a maximum of $150,000) of the total cost towards the proposed project.

A Health Investment Grant is subject to the host institution providing a matching grant of the amount requested and raising the balance (if any) of the full cost of the proposed project. The matching grant must be cash for cash (not in-kind) but can include the salaries of project personnel (excluding the salary of the Chief Investigator).

2. RAMACIOTTI HEALTH INVESTMENT GRANTS (CONTINUED)

APPLICANTS

- The applicant must not have more than ten years post-doctoral experience (PhD or equivalent post graduate research qualification) as at 1 January 2017. Any career disruptions, as defined by the NHMRC, must be fully documented.
- The applicant must be the Chief Investigator of the proposed project and be in, or starting, a full-time position with an appointment of at least three years terminating no earlier than 31 December 2020.. Details of the appointment must be certified by the head of the department.
- All applicants must be able to start the project no later than 1 July 2018. The grant must be fully expended within three years of the receipt of the grant.

USING THE GRANT

A Health Investment Grant can be used for any combination of personnel (excluding Chief Investigator salary), equipment (excluding infrastructure), project related travel, consumables or other expenses. The maximum total amount is $150,000.

A Grant is awarded to support the specific project set out in the application and funds are only to be applied as per the budget submitted. Funds may not be used for other purposes without our permission. You must inform us if the project start is delayed and we must approve any extension.

FUNDING FOR RESEARCH PERSONNEL

If a Health Investment Grant is awarded to support the cost of personnel, they must be employees of the institution undertaking the project and be subject to its conditions of employment.

Where possible, the names of the researchers whose salaries are to be provided by the Grant should be named in the application. We cannot make any additional funds available should salary or tenure exceed what is approved in the original budget.

TRANSFER OF GRANTS

A Health Investment Grant may be transferred to another institution should the researcher move institute during their tenure. The original institute is entitled to a pro-rata payment of the Grant.

PUBLISHING AND REPORTING ON RESEARCH

The results achieved from research supported by the Ramaciotti Foundations must be made public through the usual scientific channels. The authors are held solely responsible for the accuracy of their published data.

Acknowledgment must be given to the Clive and Vera Ramaciotti Foundations for their support. A report of publications, which includes acknowledgement of Ramaciotti support, must be included in the final acquittal of the grant.

The Trustee or SAC reserves the right to request a full report on the project covering the use of the funds provided by the Ramaciotti Foundations.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Equipment purchased with funds from a Grant.

- When equipment is purchased with funds from a Grant it becomes the property of the administering institution. The institution must meet all maintenance costs.
- A label should be attached acknowledging the support of the Clive and Vera Ramaciotti Foundations for or towards the purchase.

TERMINATION OF A GRANT

We reserve the right to terminate a Grant, make variations to a Grant or the conditions of a Grant as we deem to be appropriate. If the Chief Investigator or a responsible officer of the administering institution is of the opinion that the project should be terminated, they should notify us immediately. The administering institution is required to lodge an income and expenditure statement with us showing details of funds expended up to the termination date.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

PAYMENT OF GRANTS

Payment of the Grant will be made to the bank account provided on the application form and the institute will be responsible for adhering to the conditions of the grant as outlined in the successful funding letter.

VARIATION IN BUDGET EXPENDITURE

The approved allocations within the Grant's budget may not be varied or interchanged in any way without formal permission in writing from us. Requests for line-item variations within the allocated budget must be submitted to us and provide justification to merit approval.

ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS

During the term of the Grant, the administering institution will be required to submit annual acquittal reports which confirm that the funding has been spent solely on the project and in line with the approved allocations within the original budget.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

We consider the donations made to organisations as Grants that are freely given and would not ordinarily constitute consideration for taxable supply by the recipient. As a general rule, the GST incurred by an organisation for the purchase of equipment or provision of services to the community, is not included in any Grant. It is presumed your organisation is registered for the GST and therefore you are able to reclaim this amount.

ETHICAL AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

If the application is successful, the Head of Department (University or Hospital) or Director (Research Institute) will be required to certify that the project will not commence until it has been approved by the relevant institutional ethics and biosafety committee. Any implications must be identified by the applicant in the relevant sections of the application form.

APPLYING FOR A HEALTH INVESTMENT GRANT

Applications will be accepted via our online application form at www.perpetual.com.au/ramaciotti

The application must be lodged using a recent version of browser software and cannot exceed the maximum word limit requirements. No attachments to the online application form are permitted unless specifically requested. We will normally notify applicants of the outcome of their application by the last week of September.

3. RAMACIOTTI BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD

BIENNIAL GRANT OF $1 MILLION

This $1 million grant is awarded every two years to a group or individual undertaking biomedical research within universities, public hospitals, medical research institutes or other similar organisations.

The award funds projects including personnel, equipment, major infrastructure improvements or new laboratories that help an existing, well-funded program of research or enable a major new program to begin. Traditionally, it funds a need that would not attract funding elsewhere.

APPLICANTS

We call for expressions of interest (EOI) from NHMRC administering institutions every two years depending on which state your organisation is based. To be eligible for funding your institution must also have Australian Taxation Office Tax Concession Charity (TCC) endorsement.

Institutions that meet the above criteria may one EOI per department, up to a maximum of three per administering organisation. The 2017 Award is open to submissions from NSW only. The 2019 Award will be open to submissions from all states (excluding NSW). Organisations are therefore eligible to apply every four years.

SUBMISSIONS

- Submissions should be made via our online application form at www.perpetual.com.au/ramaciotti and should include a one-page expression of interest (EOI).
- Short-listed organisations are then invited by the SAC to submit a full proposal.
- The SAC will invite the final short-listed applicants to attend an interview.

Applicants will normally be notified of the outcome in August.

MORE INFORMATION

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