



## TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

The Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases (Wesfarmers Centre) is offering infectious disease researchers and Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students affiliated with the Telethon Kids Institute (the Institute) the opportunity to apply for sponsorship for training related activities. The activities should support the applicant's career development and the Wesfarmers Centre's objective to improve the health of children by transforming infectious diseases science into tangible health solutions.

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### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications must fulfil the following criteria:

- The applicant must:
    - Be an employee of, HDR student or hold an Honorary Appointment with the Institute, conducting ongoing research in the areas of vaccines and/or infectious diseases.
    - Have applied or is applying for alternative sources of funding.
    - Have made a demonstrated contribution to the Wesfarmers Centre, relative to opportunity (e.g. participation in Wesfarmers Centre meetings, involvement of the community reference group, supervision and mentorship of students, participation in internal peer review, etc).
  - The training:
    - Will advance the applicant's career objectives and support the Wesfarmers Centre Vision, Mission and Principles. Applications that support the Wesfarmers Centre's Research Priorities will be looked upon favourably (see page 3)
    - Is not more appropriately considered to be a project-related cost.
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### TYPES OF FUNDING

There are two types of training scholarship available: top-up and safety net funding. Please be clear in your application which type you are applying for. Priority will be given to applicants that have received or have applied for funding from alternative schemes.

If you have an alternative funding source that does not cover the total costs associated with the training, you may request Wesfarmers Centre to provide top-up funds to cover the shortfall. If your application to an alternative funding source is in process, you may request the Wesfarmers Centre to provide safety net funds to underwrite up to the full value of the funding request.

The maximum funding that an individual can receive through the Wesfarmers Centre for training purposes is \$10,000 over any three-year period. This will usually be as smaller amounts granted at different times, adding up to the maximum limit.

## EXAMPLES OF TRAINING RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Advanced courses (e.g. the Advanced Course of Vaccinology, and Advanced Course on Diagnostics organised by Fondation Mérieux etc.)
  - Technical courses and training (i.e. on bio-informatics; 'omics' platforms)
  - On the job training at other research organisations
  - Invitation to give a lecture or oral presentation at a conference (poster presentations are not usually supported)
  - Support for WCVID supported staff and researchers based in regional Western Australian to attend the biennial WCVID Research Retreat
  - Higher degree research (HDR) students receiving a WCVID HDR top-up scholarship awarded in 2017 or later are eligible to apply for funds to attend conferences for the duration of their scholarship
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## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for funding, a Training Scholarship Application form must be completed and sent to [WCVID@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:WCVID@telethonkids.org.au) with the following information:

- A copy of the primary funding application
  - A flyer and/or web link detailing the training opportunity (if applicable)
  - A letter of support from the lead of a research group (if applicable)
  - Details of the activities that will be undertaken with a research group (if applicable)
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Applications:
  - Need to be received 1-calendar month before the training activity.
  - Are accepted and assessed on a rolling basis by the Wesfarmers Centre Management Committee.
  - Should address all questions in a clear and simple manner.
  - Are assessed on how the Wesfarmers Centre's investment in this training course will advance the applicant's career and the aims of the Wesfarmers Centre.
  - Can be submitted in conjunction with the application to the primary funding source.
- The funding offer is withdrawn if:
  - The primary funding source is withdrawn or the application is unsuccessful.
  - The primary funding source covers the full cost of the training.
  - The eligibility criteria are no longer met.
- The applicant must return any upfront payments when these conditions apply.
- Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$10,000 of funding in any three-year period. Applicants are eligible to apply for a further \$10,000 three years after the initial successful application and following acquittal of any previously awarded funding.

# THE WESFARMERS CENTRE OF VACCINES & INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## VISION

A healthier start to life for all children through elimination of infectious diseases.

## MISSION

To become a world class centre for infectious diseases research, and the leader in paediatric infectious diseases research in our region.

## PRIORITIES

The Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases has the following research priorities:

1. Group A Streptococcus (GAS) and its sequelae including rheumatic heart disease (RHD)
2. Infections causing serious immediate impact or long term burden, in particular pneumonia, ear disease, influenza, invasive infections, and gastroenteritis
3. Vaccines and immunisation uptake

## PRINCIPLES

The Wesfarmers Centre aims to transform infectious diseases related research to tangible health innovations that improve child health, both in Western Australia and globally (with a particular focus on Indigenous children), by working according to the following principles:

1. Working towards translation deliverables, including:
  - Policy
  - Standard of care
  - Education and advocacy
  - Communication and engagement
  - Commercialisation
2. Optimising collaborations  
Better use and sharing of resources, capacities and knowledge within the Telethon Kids Institute, across Western Australia, and beyond
3. Good research practices compliance, including:
  - Maintaining data integrity
  - Compliance with human and animal research ethics
  - Respect for the environment and resources
  - Sound financial management
  - Transparent and ethical relationships with industry and government
  - Meeting Good Laboratory Practice, Good Manufacturing Processes, Good Clinical Practice, and/or Good Clinical Laboratory Practice guidelines where applicable