

2024 FLOREY FELLOWSHIP

Instructions to applicants

Objectives

CALHN Research Services is pleased to invite applications for the 2024 Florey Fellowship to candidates who have demonstrated significant research potential in their early post-doctoral or post medical specialist training years.

The Florey Fellowships will support the salary of a Grant Funded Scientist Level 3 (GSC3) Full Time (1 FTE) for a maximum term of three years.

Funding through this scheme aims to make candidates highly competitive for the NHMRC appointments at the completion of the Florey Fellowship (e.g. RD Wright Awards, Research Fellowships or Clinical Practitioner Fellowships). It is also expected that the appointments will introduce new disciplines or skills to enhance existing research strengths of the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Preference will be given to applicants who have had recent post-doctoral or post-medical specialist position experience overseas or interstate, particularly if they are able to demonstrate that they bring new and innovative skills and research to an active research group. Applicants who already hold post-doctoral or other research positions within the same laboratory or research group will only be considered if they can demonstrate a high level of research potential and/or independence.

Eligibility

Recipients must be employees of CALHN.

Researchers who have completed 1-2 other post-doctoral fellowships or relevant post medical specialist training are encouraged to apply. Early career researchers, from outside of Adelaide, with a strong track record are also encouraged to apply.

The proposed research must directly link and benefit the Royal Adelaide Hospital. This can be through employment, participant recruitment (Royal Adelaide Hospital patients), sample collection and analysis, or use of clinical trial facilities. You are required to outline how you meet one or more of the criteria in the application form.

Qualifications and skill base:

- University graduates with a doctorate, medical specialist, or equivalent higher degree preferably in biomedical or health sciences, or relevant specialist training and research.
- Be actively engaged in a health-related field of research
- Have 3 to 8.0 years postdoctoral training
- Show evidence of original intellectual input into research
- Show evidence of high quality research output, which has been published in appropriate internationally recognised journals
- Show evidence of ability to undertake collaborative research
- Be involved in the peer review process e.g. for manuscript and project funding applications
- Show evidence of a growing national and international reputation
- Be involved in other professional activities
- Show evidence of success or potential in obtaining research grants
- Must not be a temporary visa holder

The following criteria may be used to judge research capabilities when viewed against the stage of the applicant's research career and opportunities:

- Publication in highly rated international journals, in particular the number of publications when examined against opportunities to publish
- Presentation at national and international conferences, with a greater weighting if the applicant was an invited speaker



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- Externally reviewed competitive research grants awarded (as chief or co-investigator)
- Teaching experience including successful supervision or co-supervision of postgraduate research students
- Prizes/awards, lodging of patents, evidence of recognition by international research communities and evidence of independent research
- **The project should have a strong focus on health and medical science research and be competitive at NHMRC level. Applications should be linked with a project already supported by an external granting agency or has been submitted to such an agency.**
- A copy of the relevant past or current project application submitted, along with the letter of award or referees reports, should be forwarded to CALHN Research Services together with the Florey Fellowship application. The Florey Fellowship application should be endorsed with letters of support from the chief investigator of the existing or proposed project, and the Head of Department or Hospital Unit, sponsoring the project. Ethics and governance approvals are required before the fellowship may commence.
- The Florey Fellow will be based within the Adelaide BioMed City with a clear benefit and link to the Royal Adelaide Hospital
- Collaborative research between clinical and para-clinical departments and other departments within a University, or in other research organisations (e.g. SAHMRI) may be considered. In all cases, applications for award of a fellowship must be made through a Head of Department who holds an access appointment within the Royal Adelaide Hospital.
- Applicants will not normally be eligible for appointment in the department in which they completed their higher degree without an intervening period of research experience in another institution. Exceptions to this ruling will need to be justified.

Conditions of Award

- **Recipient must be employed by CALHN** and based within the Adelaide BioMed City.
- Term of fellowship will be up to 3 years subject to satisfactory Annual Progress Reports. Annual funding may not be extended if these reports are not submitted and approved.
- Funding is available to employ the **Florey Fellow as a GSC3 level, full time (1 FTE).**
- The successful applicant may be required to present findings if requested by CALHN Research Services.
- The project must commence by **1 January 2024.**
- It is a condition of appointment that a Florey Fellow must apply for an appropriate research fellowship or other external salary funding no later than the 3rd year of appointment.
- No other fellowship or scholarship may be held concurrently.
- There is no right of private practice associated with the fellowship.
- Successful recipients should notify CALHN Research Services of any changes of circumstance or interruptions that may impact the undertaking of the Fellowship. If the work of the recipient of the award is interrupted for a period of time CALHN Research Services may grant an intermission to tenure of the award, payments will be withheld during the period of intermission. The funding body has no provisions to grant paid maternity, parental leave or other extended leave.
- Current Ethics approval specific to the project and Governance approvals are required before commencement of the project and before funding is made available. For assistance please contact: Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au
- Acknowledgement of support should be included with all published results, presentations/papers (journals and abstracts) arising from the research in the following manner. "This project was undertaken whilst holding a CALHN Royal Adelaide Hospital Florey Fellowship." The researcher may be required to give a presentation of their findings if requested by CALHN Research Services.
- The recipient is required to provide a written **annual progress report, due 1 March** following the first and second year of the Fellowship detailing achievements of the research, publications resulting from the research conducted and whether any subsequent funding was achieved as a

result of this award (within six months of the end of the funding period). A final report must be provided within in 3 months of the completion of the Fellowship period to CALHN Research Services (Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au), HSCGB (HealthCALHNHSCGB@sa.gov.au). The successful applicant may be required to present findings if requested by CALHN Research Services.

- Research is to be undertaken within departments and units of the Adelaide BioMed City. The researcher agrees to abide by all policies and procedures, confidentiality, WHS obligations of these institutions as well as the Australian Research Code of Conduct including any updates or replacements. <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/r39>

Application guidelines

- **Please use Application Form provided** with these guidelines.
- Applications that exceed specified limits will be discarded. Please do not send hard copies.
- Applicant to provide:
 - a) A **CV** (no more than four pages). CV to include academic qualifications, teaching experience, professional experience, prizes and awards, publication history (maximum of 8 most relevant recent publications - no abstracts), presentations etc
 - b) **Academic Record** – Photocopy of undergraduate and postgraduate transcripts (must be in English)
 - c) **Certification Letter:** All applications must have signed certification by the relevant RAH Department/Division Head in which the research will be conducted; certifying that appropriate general facilities will be available to the investigator if successful and that the project will be carried out strictly in accordance with NHMRC Ethical and Scientific Practice Guidelines. This may be included within the application or attached as a supporting document.
- For projects expected to take two or more years to complete, the proposal must clearly state the aims and expected results for the first year of the project.
- **Scientific Reviewers:** Nominate a minimum of three external scientific reviewers who are competent to review this application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the consent of the nominated external reviewers. Please provide full contact details for each reviewer. Reviewers must not be from the applicants department or associated with the project, nor have collaborated with the applicant(s) scientifically in the past five years.

Submitting the Application

- Applications to be submitted by email to Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au.
- The application may be submit either as one “Application” document with all relevant documents within the one pdf or as separate pdf documents. If submitting the application documents separately, all documents must be pdf’s and appropriately labelled.
Eg: *Surname_2024_Florey_Application.pdf | Surname_2024_Florey_CV.pdf... etc*
- The application document must however be a **searchable pdf** (scanned pages are not accepted)
- The email must include all relevant documents (attached) and include the applicants surname and name of award applying for in the subject heading. **Eg Subject:** Surname | 2024 Florey Fellowship Application

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 4PM Monday 28 August 2023

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