**Institute for Respiratory Health**

**Alan King Westcare Grant**

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 23rd August 2017

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted

**Research proposals on infectious lung disease, including tuberculosis**

This grant is made possible by a generous donation from Westcare Inc. Since the middle of the previous century, Westcare Inc. (previously known as the Tuberculosis Association of Western Australia) has been committed to helping those afflicted with tuberculosis through promoting awareness and treatment of this disease, as well as raising money for research. The grant is named in honour of Dr Alan King, a pioneering West Australian respiratory physician who was instrumental in establishing Westcare Inc. This grant meets one of the major objectives of the Institute for Respiratory Health to support excellence in respiratory health research.

The Institute for Respiratory Health and Westcare Inc have formed a partnership based upon a common interest in lung disease and disability, including, tuberculosis, and their continuing impact on the community, including our indigenous populations. They have agreed to support the Institute in its aim of improving our understanding of the pathology, epidemiology and treatment of infectious lung diseases, the ultimate goal of which is to reduce their burden on society.

One grant-in-aid of up to $50,000 for one year will be available to support **laboratory, clinical and epidemiological research into the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of respiratory infections including tuberculosis.**

Applications may be submitted by medical, allied health professionals, nurses, scientists, students and other individuals who demonstrate that they are currently in, or are pursuing research into respiratory disease, and who are **either staff and/or financial members of the Institute for Respiratory Health.**
[If you are not a member, click here to join](http://www.resphealth.org.au/get-involved/membership/membership-form/).

**The following conditions apply to this award:**

1. In 2017, the grant will only be available to current and honorary staff of the Institute for Respiratory Health, although non-staff members may be co-applicants so long as a significant body of the work and all funding is administered by IRH.
2. All applicants and co-applicants must, at the time of submission, be [financial members of the Institute for Respiratory Health](http://www.resphealth.org.au/get-involved/membership/membership-form/).
3. As the Institute supports cystic fibrosis research through its Glenn Brown Memorial Grant scheme, applications relating to infectious diseases in this condition are ineligible to apply.
4. The proposed research must be conducted at a recognized hospital, research Institute or University in Western Australia.
5. Successful applicants and co-applicants must agree to remain members of the Institute for Respiratory Health for at least two years following the award of a grant.
6. Applicants and co-applicants must be working in a research area directly relevant to causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of respiratory infections including tuberculosis as judged by the Institute’s Scientific Advisory Committee.
7. Applications may be received from researchers working in the medical, biological, population, environmental or social sciences or other related research areas as judged to be appropriate by the Institute’s Scientific Advisory Committee.
8. Any applicant or co-applicant who is in, or will be in receipt of a grant that is funding the same or closely related research project will be ineligible to receive the award. In this regard, details of currently funded and submitted research applications must be provided in the body of the application.
9. Under normal circumstances, funds provided under the award must be utilised within 12 months of the grant being awarded.
10. Money will be paid retrospectively in quarterly installments.
11. Given the changes flagged by the recent NHMRC Structural Review for introduction in 2018, the rationale of the Alan King Westcare Grant will align with that enunciated for the ‘Ideas Grants’ program. Specifically, Alan King Westcare Grants ‘are intended to support focussed, innovative and creative research projects addressing a specific question’ in any area of respiratory infection. In this way, the Grant is designed to encourage reseachers to generate novel data to support subsequent applications to national funding bodies.
12. Applications will be judged on a combination of: the scientific merit of the proposed research (25%), significance and innovation (50%) and the track record of the applicant and/or team relative to opportunity (25%).
13. The Institute for Respiratory Health reserves the right not to award a grant, on the basis of advice from the Institute’s Scientific Advisory Committee with regard to the scientific quality of grants received.
14. Successful applicants will be unable to apply for a subsequent Alan King Westcare Grant for a period of one year after the completion of a currently held application and submission of a final report approved by the Scientific Advisory Committee.
15. Applications must be submitted electronically (pdf) and include both the research proposal on the official application form and a resume for each co-applicant (see below).
16. Anyone supported by the tobacco industry will be ineligible to apply.
17. Members of Institute for Respiratory Health’s Scientific Advisory Committee or relatives of such individuals are ineligible to apply.
18. Applications will be assessed by the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Institute, which will then make their recommendation to the Board, who will ultimately be responsible for awarding the grant.
19. All applicants will be informed of the decision making process by the Institute for Respiratory Health.
20. The successful applicants must acknowledge the support provided by the Institute for Respiratory Health in any publications or presentations arising from the research work undertaken.
21. A report on the research supported by this award must be submitted at 6 and 12 months, respectively after the commencement of the research. This report should outline progress and/or difficulties encountered, and details of any publications arising from the funded project.
22. Access to funding will not be provided until all relevant ethics approvals have been obtained (e.g., human, animal, carcinogen, radiation etc).
23. **Applications must be received by 5.00 pm, Wednesday 23rd August 2017.**
24. Applicants will be notified mid to late November of the outcome. Successful applicants will be invited to attend an award ceremony at the end of the year.

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Notes for applicants:**

* Applications must be lodged electronically (pdf version) and those received after the official deadline will not be accepted;
* The application proper should contain a 2 cm margin all round with left aligned text using Calibri 11 point font;
* Each page of the application, including the title page, should be sequentially numbered;
* Please include only the most relevant information;
* As part of the same file, the submitted document should contain an abbridged CV for each applicant, including a list of recent (last 5 years) publications to a maximum of 5 A4 pages.
1. PROJECT TITLE (maximum 120 characters)

1. APPLICANT DETAILS (If more than one applicant, please provide all relevant information in Section 4 below)

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1. DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH PROJECT **(maximum 4 pages)** Use the headings below.

**A. GENERAL HYPOTHESIS:**

**B. SIGNICANCE and INNOVATION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH**

**C. RELEVANT BACKGROUND TO THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL:**

**D. AIMS and Research plan:**

**E. PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE:**

**F. REFERENCES:**

**G. LIST OF CURRENTLY FUNDED AND SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS**

**H. ETHICS**

Does your study require ethics approval?

Yes □ No □

Do you currently have ethics approval to commence this research?

Yes □ No □

If the answer to the above question is ‘No’ have you submitted an ethics application for approval?

Yes □ No □

If No, please indicate below when you will be submitting an application for ethical approval

1. LIST OF CO-APPLICANTS AND ROLE IN PROPOSAL (copy extra tables if required)

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6. INSTITUTE FOR RESPIRATORY HEALTH MEMBERSHIP

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| **Applicant**Are you a financial member of Institute For Respiratory Health?[If no click here to join before applying](http://www.resphealth.org.au/get-involved/membership/membership-form/) | [ ] Yes / No[ ]  |
| **Co-Applicant A**Are you a financial member of Institute For Respiratory Health?[If no click here to join before applying](http://www.resphealth.org.au/get-involved/membership/membership-form/) | [ ] Yes / No[ ]  |
| **Co-Applicant B**Are you a financial member of Institute For Respiratory Health?[If no click here to join before applying](http://www.resphealth.org.au/get-involved/membership/membership-form/) | [ ] Yes / No[ ]  |
| **Co-Applicant C**Are you a financial member of Institute For Respiratory Health?[If no click here to join before applying](http://www.resphealth.org.au/get-involved/membership/membership-form/) | [ ] Yes / No[ ]  |

7. DECLARATION

I/We,       (names) confirm that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I/We have read the conditions of the Institute for Respiratory Health Alan King Westcare Grant 2017 and agree to be bound by them should my application be successful.

In particular, I/We confirm that should my/our application be successful, I/We will:

* + Agree to publicly acknowledge the support provided by the Institute for Respiratory Health in any publications or presentations arising from the research work, where possible**.**
	+ Provide a report on expenditures and research outcomes after 6 months and a final report no longer than 2 months after completion.

Applicant’s Signature (on behalf of all co-applicants) ……………………………………………...

Date:       /      /2017

Head of Institution/ Department

Please print name……………………………………………….

Please sign name………………….………………………….… Date:       /      /2017

Please send your application electronically to:

The Chairperson

Scientific Advisory Committee

Institute for Respiratory Health

Level 2, 6 Verdun Street

Nedlands WA 6009

Email: publicrelations@resphealth.uwa.edu.au

Applications close at 5.00 pm, Wednesday 23rd August 2017.

Emailed applications will only be accepted with a signed declaration and the resume’s of the applicant and/or co applicant(s) (max 5 pages each).

Details of the grant conditions are also available on the Institute’s website at:

<http://www.resphealth.org.au/researches/westcare-grant>.

Membership application details can be found at:

<http://www.resphealth.org.au/get-involved/membership/membership-form>.

If further information is required, please contact us on (08) 6457 0815.