



Melbourne Neuroscience Institute Guelma Alexander Clinical Fellowship in Neuroscience 2019

Guidelines and Instructions to Applicants

Closing Date: 5.00pm | Friday 17th August 2018

BACKGROUND

The Guelma Alexander Clinical Fellowship has been made available via an endowment made possible by a generous donation by Elizabeth Anne Alexander AM, the 21st Chancellor of the University of Melbourne (2011 - 2016). The fellowship will be used to support an Early Career Clinician Researcher undertaking a project of significance in clinical translational neuroscience. Elizabeth Anne Alexander has named the fellowship in honour of her mother, Guelma Alexander.

These funds will be used on an annual basis to build capacity in the space between clinical research and fundamental science. By directly supporting research costs, the Melbourne Neuroscience Institute will be able to attract and/or retain top fellows from around the world.

The fellowship will provide project support to an early career clinician-researcher who is up to 3 years post PhD (by research), to enable continuation of a neuroscience-related research project that is of demonstrated significance in the translational neuroscience domain.

BENEFIT

One fellowship of **\$23,000** is available over a one-year period. The fellowship shall be made available for research to be conducted in **2019**. It is intended to help grow independence for a post PhD clinician researcher as they further develop a translational research project in to the clinic. Examples of projects that may be supported include:

- Development of imaging modalities that have a direct clinical or diagnostic benefit
- Enabling screening of a promising drug compound developed during the applicants PhD research.

The fellowship may be used to fund travel to further the aforementioned aims.

ELIGIBILITY

- You must be a clinician-researcher who graduated with a PhD after 1st January 2016 or will graduate before 31st December 2018.
- You should be employed or affiliated* with the University or be an academic visitor of a Department of the University of Melbourne at the time of the award.
- Certified as a registered health care professional (AHPRA) who is currently undertaking clinical practice.

() The term 'affiliated with' the University when pertaining to an individual has a special meaning and applies to a member of a formally affiliated body, whereby the affiliated body has entered in to an affiliation agreement with the University and, the staff member of the affiliated body on recommendation of its Head and approval of the University, has been appointed an Honorary position. See the University's REGULATION 9.60.R1 – AFFILIATED BODIES*

SUITABILITY

The fellowship may be suitable for an applicant who is drawing an income as a clinician post PhD completion, but needs to advance an established translational neuroscience (RHD) project prior to commencing post-doctoral studies overseas.



WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

The funds may be used to support the cost of consumables, services, salary of support staff (if applicable) to enable execution of the project, or travel if directly linked to furthering the aims of the fellowship, some other costs. If you are unsure as to whether a particular cost is supported, please contact the Operations Manager of the Melbourne Neuroscience Institute, Ms. Vikki Marshall by email at: vikki.marshall@unimelb.edu.au or by phone: (03) 8344 8692.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Only one fellowship shall be awarded, and a competitive application process shall be applied. Applications/proposals must be submitted by completing the "MNI Guelma Alexander Clinical Fellowship in Neuroscience Application Form". **This should be limited to two (2) pages** and must include:

- A. Summary
- B. Project Description
- C. Clinical translatability
- D. Expected outcomes
- E. Project budget
- F. Schedule
- G. Other Supporting Documentation (optional)

Applications including supporting documentation should be saved as a single pdf file and submitted to research-mni@unimelb.edu.au by **Friday August 17th, 2018 @ 5PM AEST**.

You will need to include:

- A one-page CV
- Evidence of clinical qualifications and/or or registration with AHPRA
- Evidence of PhD qualification or copy of notification of imminent awarding of PhD
- Your 2-page application including project description and evidence of a clear and direct link to translation in to the clinic
- Reports from two referees (using template provided)

ASSESSMENT

The assessment panel shall consist of at least one clinician-researcher and at least three senior researchers at academic Level C or above.

- Assessments shall be based on the evaluation criteria described in the application form:
- Relevance and potential translatability of the research to the clinic
- The degree to which the project is considered to make an impact in neuroscience research
- Feasibility of project completion within the 12-month period
- The extent to which the project would be facilitated and accelerated by this fellowship

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QUERIES

For queries regarding eligibility for this Fellowship, please contact Ms. Vikki Marshall by email at: vikki.marshall@unimelb.edu.au (cc to research-mni@unimelb.edu.au) or by phone: (03) 8344 8692.