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MEDIA RELEASE

RHH Research Foundation - 2014 Annual Grant Funding

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – STARTER & CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANTS

The RHH Research Foundation has opened its call for grant applications for 2014, with \$600K of research funding available over the course of the coming year, including through the annual categories of Starter and Clinical Research Grants.

RHH Research Foundation Chair, David Catchpole, announced that in total, the RHH Research Foundation is continuing its practice of funding \$600k in local health and medical research during 2014.

“Today’s call for applications includes an available pool of **\$40,000** for starter research grants of up to \$10K each; and, a clinical research grants pool of up to **\$110,000**, for grants up to \$25K each. A further call for expressions of interest in larger Project Grants will commence in April 2014,” Mr Catchpole said.

The RHH Research Foundation pursues a rigorous assessment process, with funds allocated on the basis of merit using a nationally-accepted approach predicated on competitive review by its Scientific Research Advisory Committee.

RHH Research Foundation CEO, Heather Francis, said “this multidisciplinary panel draws upon diverse membership and is endorsed by the NHMRC,. In order to support formal assessment processes, the Foundation has established several Guiding Principles.”

These Guiding Principles include:

Principle One: Research must demonstrate the potential for outcomes to yield benefit to the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians by focusing on those diseases and conditions disproportionately represented in Tasmania.

Principle Two: Research applications must demonstrate building of local research capacity.

Principle Three: Research applications must enable research collaboration across disciplines and amongst researchers at various stages of their career path, particularly through alignment/partnership with other research experts/groups/centres.

Ms Francis added, “In 2014, the RHH Research Foundation has selected the following research priorities which will serve as the guiding areas of focus for consideration of its grant investments.

- Aged care and diseases of the elderly
- Chronic disease
- Cancer
- A healthy start to life (including maternal and child health), and;
- Social determinants of health.”



All submissions must be developed using the RHH Research Foundation's Grant Application form and should consider the selection criteria outlined on associated Guidelines. Both documents are available from the [RHH Research Foundation website](#) or from the Foundation's office.

"Applications will be assessed by the Foundation's Scientific Research Advisory Committee which will make its recommendations to the Board in late February 2014.

"Following completion of grant funding contracts with the nominated administering organisation, it is expected that funded projects will be undertaken from May 2014 – May 2015," said Ms Francis.

"The generous support of the Tasmanian community for the RHH Research Foundation's work is highly valued - our capacity to return this investment by enhancing the health and wellbeing of our community is something that brings great reward in return."

CLOSING DATE: The closing time for applications is 5.00pm on Monday 16th December 2013

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