

# 2019 Al & Val Rosenstrauss Fellowship Application Guidelines

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The Al and Val Rosenstrauss Fellowship (*"Fellowship"*) is a prestigious award named in honour of the late Al Rosenstrauss OAM and his wife, Val, for their contribution to the work of The Rebecca L. Cooper Medical Research Foundation (*"The Foundation"*) over a period of more than 28 years. The Fellowship is targeted at Early-Career Researchers, who show potential to be stars of the future and who are building credentials for a long career in research.

## Funding

The award of the Al & Val Rosenstrauss Fellowship provides funding of \$80,000 per year (excluding GST), for a period of four years, towards salary costs of the recipient.

The Administering Institution must agree to meet any additional employment-related expenses for the recipient, as well as the normal overhead and operating expenses of the Institution, as required to support the Fellow's research.

Applicants wishing to apply for the fellowship on a part-time basis will be considered. In such cases, the fellowship recipient will receive a pro-rata payment over the four-year period of the fellowship.

Extensions to the length of the Fellowship will not be considered.

## Application Dates

Applications open **2 April 2018** and close at **5pm AEST on 30 April 2018**.

Late applications will not be accepted. Difficulties using the Application Portal are not considered a valid reason for late submission, so plan to submit your application ahead of the deadline so that any issues that may arise during the application process can be resolved.

## Eligibility Criteria

To apply, you must:

- be a qualified MD or have a PhD in a medicine related field of science (MBBS or Masters degrees alone will not be recognised);
- have received formal notification of passing your PhD/MD on or after 1 January 2008 and before or on 31 December 2012, unless career disruptions exist. (NB, the date of degree conferral is not to be used);
- be employed by or affiliated with a credentialed Australian Research Institution;
- carry out the research activities described in the application within Australia;
- work within one of following areas of medical research supported by the Foundation;
  - Brain Sciences: Psychiatry or Neurology (excluding Dementias)
  - Endocrinology (excluding Diabetes)
  - Geriatrics (excluding Dementias)
  - Lung Disease (other than Cancer)
  - Rheumatology
  - Vision Sciences

- Dermatology with an emphasis on Psoriasis
- **not** have received a previous Al & Val Rosenstraus Fellowship from the Foundation;
- **not** have received a NHMRC Research Fellowship, Career Development Fellowship or Practitioner Fellowship;
- **not** be the CIA or PI on a Federally Funded grant (includes current or completed grants awarded within Australian and internationally that are equivalent to an NHMRC grant or ARC grant); and
- **not** have attained the title of Professor or higher.

Please note:

- NHMRC Early Career Fellows and ARC DECRA recipients are permitted to apply so long as the award expires by 30 June 2019. Requests to delay the commencement of the Al & Val Rosenstraus Fellowship so as to avoid a period of overlap with other salary support, must be submitted in writing for consideration by the Foundation' directors.
- Applicants must not submit more than one application per year.
- You may apply for the Fellowship if at the time of application you have applied for a federally funded grant where the outcome of that application is still pending. If your application for a federally funded grant is subsequently successful, the Foundation must be notified in writing.

## How to Apply

### Login to the Application Portal

Create a user profile for the [Online Application Portal](#) if you do not have an existing user account.

### Complete the Application Form

Once logged in to your user account, select "Apply for Fellowship" and complete the five-step Application Form by following the prompts. Should you wish to complete the application form in multiple sittings, you may save your submission as a draft and return to edit it at a later date.



Prior to submitting your application you will be required you to confirm that:

1. The Research Administration Officer ("RAO") of the Administering Institution has approved your application and agrees to the [terms and conditions](#) of the award;
2. the information you provide in your application is accurate;
3. you agree to the [terms and conditions](#) published on the Foundation's website; and
4. you agree to these Application Guidelines.

### **Successful lodgement of an application**

Once you have successfully submitted your Application Form, you will see it listed in your “Submitted Applications”. If your application is not listed, this would indicate that the Application was not successfully submitted. For such an issue to be addressed by the Foundation, it must be notified by email before the closing of applications.

Please note that if you have claimed career disruptions, the status will be listed as “pending” until your claim has been appraised by the Foundation. If your application is deemed eligible, the status will be changed to “under review”.

## **Fellowship Proposal**

Step four of the Application Form requires you to prepare a Fellowship Proposal in accordance with the requirements outlined below.

### **Proposal content**

Your proposal should include details of:

- a. your key achievements to date;
- b. where you see your future;
- c. how the tenure of this award would contribute to your future career aspirations;
- d. details of your research including your vision for the next four years and the importance of the research you propose to conduct; and
- e. why your experience and qualifications make you particularly well-equipped to undertake the research you envisage.

Do not include links to additional information on an external website. A reference list is not required.

As any application may be reviewed by the Board of the Foundation it would be advisable to write your proposal in language that is understandable to an informed reader who may not have an in-depth knowledge of your area of research or research methodologies.

### **Inclusion of Figures**

You may include a maximum of one figure in your fellowship proposal. The figure may contain tabulated information, images and diagrams and must be submitted as a jpg, jpeg, png or gif file. The figure size must comply with one of the three options below:

1. Small figure (230 x 331 pixels, width x height)
2. Medium figure (431 x 280 pixels, width x height)
3. Large figure (639 x 241 pixels, width x height )

Please refer to the Appendix for a sample of each image size.

Information included as an image must be legible. The experience of the Foundation is that if the information in the figure is judged unreadable by the Scientific Advisory Committee (“SAC”), this will

severely affect the likelihood of the proposal being judged competitive for funding. Please be aware that colour and definition may be lost if the image is printed.

### **Proposal Length (character limit)**

The character limit for your grant proposal is as follows and will vary according to the size of the figure you choose to include:

- No figure – 8400 characters, including spaces.
- With small figure – 7400 characters, including spaces
- With medium figure – 7100 characters, including spaces
- With large figure – 6730 characters, including spaces

### **Biographical Sketch**

Step five of the Application Form requires you to provide:

- a list of your positions and honours held in the past five years, beginning with current;
- a list of your education and training beginning with baccalaureate or other initial professional education (include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable);
- a brief bibliography summarising how many papers you have published; how often they have been cited and your H-index. Provide a brief summary of your top five publications giving the number of times each publication has been cited and the impact factor and rank in field of the Journal in which each paper is published. A link to your Google Scholar page, if public, could be included. (max. 1200 characters, including spaces);
- details of current grant funding and research support; and
- details of your proposed mentor and brief details of their expertise (max. 300 characters, including spaces).

### **Claims of Career Disruption**

Should you wish to submit a Claim of Career Disruption, you must complete the relevant subsection in step two of the Application Form. You will be asked to provide:

1. A Statement of Impact briefly describing the impact of interruption(s) on your research output/productivity (max. 900 characters including spaces).
2. Details of each interruption:
  - a. Disruption Type (pregnancy, major illness/injury, carer's responsibilities).
  - b. Full Time Equivalent ("*FTE*") worked during the interruption period.
  - c. Commencement and end dates of the disruption period.
  - d. Brief disruption details.
  - e. Supporting evidence in PDF format. Only medical certificates and letters from your employer summarising the duration, % FTE and type of leave taken, will be accepted as evidence.

### **How is this information used?**

- Your Statement of Impact will be shared with reviewers and considered in the review of your track record.
- Claims of Career Disruption will be used to determine eligibility for the scheme for applicants who passed their PhD/MD on or after 1 January 2005 and before or on 31 December 2007, and who would otherwise not be eligible to apply.

### **Eligible Disruptions**

The Foundation uses the NHMRC's definition of Career Disruptions which are prolonged interruptions to an applicant's capacity to work due to pregnancy, major illness/injury and/or carer responsibilities.

Claimed interruptions must:

1. involve either a continuous absence from work for periods of more than 27 calendar days and/or a long-term partial return to work that has been formalised with the applicant's employer.
2. **not** exceed a total three years; and

Claims for Career Disruption will be reviewed by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Executive Officer of the Foundation. If these claims are judged invalid, the applicant will be informed and the application disqualified.

## **Fellowship Review and Award**

Fellowship applications are reviewed by three members of the Fellowship Advisory Committee. Funding decisions are made by the Foundation's directors at a meeting to be held in August of the application year.

Applications are assessed with respect to three weighted criteria:

1. **Future vision (45%)** – Does the applicant have a clear and feasible vision of their research and career direction?
2. **Personal Achievements / Track Record (35%)** – Has the applicant displayed the necessary knowledge, skills and attributes to implement the vision (including a history of raising funding, research output, research quality etc.)
3. **Research significance (20%)**

## **Application Outcomes**

An outcome notification will be emailed to you and your nominated RAO in October of the application year.

Feedback is not provided to applicants and the Foundation will not enter into discussions concerning the outcome of individual applications.

## **Fellowship Administration**

A deed will be entered into between the Foundation and the Administering Institution.. That deed will set out the administrative requirements of the fellowship including payment and reporting requirements.

## **General Terms and Conditions**

Any breach of these Application Guidelines or the [Terms and Conditions](#) published on the Foundation's website will result in automatic disqualification for the award.

Applicants who accept the award:

- are automatically included in the Foundation's reviewer pool and may be called upon to participate on future Scientific Advisory Committees;
- may not apply for the Project Grants Scheme or future rounds of the Al & Val Rosenstraus Fellowship; and
- are precluded from accepting a fellowship from another source during the term of the Fellowship.

## **Contact**

Enquiries regarding the application process may be sent to [grants@cooperfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@cooperfoundation.org.au).

# Appendix

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SMALL IMAGE



MEDIUM IMAGE



LARGE IMAGE

