

# 2020 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 \$100,000 per year (excluding GST), for a period of four years, towards salary costs of the recipient.

The Administering Institution (*"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 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 Rules

1. Applications open **1 April 2019** and close at **5pm AEST on 30 April 2019**.
2. Late applications will not be accepted.
3. Difficulties using the [Online Application Portal](#) will not be accepted as a reason for late submission and therefore the Foundation must be notified of any issues that arise during the submission of an application by email. If possible, any problems will be corrected prior to the application deadline.
4. Applicants may only submit one application per year.

## Eligibility Criteria

### Qualifications

To apply you must be qualified as a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in a Medicine related field of Science. Qualifications including a MBBS or a Masters degree alone, will not be recognised.

### Seniority

To apply:

1. You must be within 3-10 years of being awarded your doctoral degree on 1 January of the application year, unless career disruptions exist\*. This means that the date on the formal notice of award of your PhD/MD must fall within the date range 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2015, inclusive\*. Please note that the date of degree conferral is not to be used.
2. You must **not** have attained the title of Professor or higher.

*\*You may apply if your seniority corrected for career disruptions is 3-10 years post-doctoral **AND** you qualified in the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008.*

## **Employment and Location**

You must be employed by or affiliated with a credentialed Australian Research Institution and carry out the research activities described in the application within Australia.

## **Field of Research**

You must 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 (excluding Skin Cancer)

## **Recipients of Other Awards**

You are **permitted** to apply for the Fellowship:

- If you have received Emerging Leadership Level 1 (EL1) funding under the NHMRC Investigator Grants scheme, the funding awarded by the Foundation will be reduced by the value of the salary component of the EL1 (2019: \$ 75,738 per annum).
- Where the outcome of an application for another source of funding is pending, on condition that you notify the Foundation in writing of any successful outcome(s). If an outcome is the Awarding of a Fellowship from another organisation, the Foundation may choose to reduce the level of funding by the value of that award. If you receive a Fellowship from another organisation that precludes the acknowledgement of the AI and Val Fellowship, the Foundation will not award the Fellowship or require a recipient to formally terminate the AI and Val Fellowship, returning any unexpended funding.

You are **precluded** from applying for a Fellowship:

- If you have previously received the AI & Val Rosenstraus Fellowship.
- If you have received Emerging Leadership Level 2 (EL2) funding or above, under the NHMRC Investigator Grants scheme; or a corresponding level of award under another scheme.
- If you are Chief Investigator A (CIA) on a federally funded grant (includes current or completed grants awarded within Australian and internationally). CIB or below are permitted to apply.

To avoid a period of overlap with other salary support, requests to delay the commencement of the AI & Val Rosenstraus Fellowship will be considered. Requests for delayed commencement must not exceed 6 months and must be submitted in writing.

## **How to Apply**

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

2. Log in to your account and select “Apply for Fellowship”.
3. Complete all five-sections of the application form by following the prompts. Should you wish to complete the form in multiple sittings, you may save your submission as a draft and return to edit it later. There is a “*Save Draft*” button located at the bottom of each screen.



4. Seek feedback on your application from your RAO and confirmation that the Administering Institution agrees to terms of the Fellowship as stipulated in the Application Guidelines as well as the Foundation’s general [Terms & Conditions](#). You may generate a draft copy of your application using the “Print Draft Application” button at the end of the form.



5. Submit your completed application form using the “*Submit*” button located at the end of the form. Please note that an application may not be amended once it is submitted.



6. Confirm that your application is listed in your *Submitted Applications*. If this item does not appear in your Submitted Applications list, this would indicate that the application was not successfully submitted. 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 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 this award will 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 a webpage, a reference list or appendices.

Proposal should be written 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.

### **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

### **Inclusion of Figures**

You may include a maximum of one figure in your 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.

### **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 and how many times they have been cited. Provide a summary of your top five publications that includes the number of cites, the journal impact factor and the journal rank in field. 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/mentorship arrangement (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.

Workdays/week	FTE
0	0
1	0.2
2	0.4
3	0.6
4	0.8

- 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 your Claim of Career Disruption 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 of applicants who qualified in the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008, who would otherwise not be eligible to apply if seniority was not adjusted.

### 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; and
2. **not** exceed a total of three years.

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 discussions concerning the outcome of individual applications.

Should you be successful in your application, you will be required to complete a Grant Acceptance Form that may be accessed via the [Online Application Portal](#).

## 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; and
- may not apply for the Project Grants Scheme or future rounds 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

