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## **DEMENTIA GRANTS PROGRAM**

The Faye Williams Innovation Grant

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This document contains important information for applicants regarding the process of applying for, and the eligibility conditions of, the 2021 Dementia Australia Research Foundation **Innovation Grant** scheme.

Applicants should read all the information included in this document and liaise with their host institution's research office before contacting the Foundation with any queries regarding the application process or eligibility conditions.

- **Applications Open:** Tuesday 27 July 2021 (9.00 am AEST)
- **Applications Close:** Monday 13 September 2021 (5.00 pm AEST)

### LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- **Successful Applicants Notified:** January 2022
- **Funding Commences:** January to March 2022, or by arrangement

## INTRODUCTION

The information in this booklet is designed to help those intending to apply for funding through the Dementia Australia Research Foundation – Dementia Grants Program. Applicants should read this document thoroughly to understand the grant conditions and application procedure. In most cases the answers to the [‘frequently asked questions’](#) are covered in this document.

The Dementia Australia Research Foundation (DARF) is the research arm of Dementia Australia. The Foundation provides funding to support new and emerging dementia researchers, works with people living with dementia and carers to ensure that research reflects their concerns and promotes understanding and awareness of dementia research among the general community. The Foundation is entirely funded by donations and support from members of the public and Australian businesses and is managed by Dementia Australia. Further information about the Foundation including previous grant rounds and outcomes can be found [here](#).

## OVERVIEW – 2021 DEMENTIA GRANTS PROGRAM

The total value of the 2021 Dementia Grants Program is almost \$5 million and includes:

- Project Grants
- Post-doctoral Fellowships
- Mid-Career Fellowships
- Innovation Grants

An overview of these awards is presented below (Table 1). Further details regarding Project Grants, Post-doctoral Fellowships and Mid-Career Research Fellowships are available [here](#).

**Table 1. Overview of 2021 Dementia Grants Program**

Grant Type	Number Available (up to)	Funding	Total Amount	Details
<b>Innovation Grants</b>				
1. The Faye Williams Innovation Grant	2	\$375,000	\$750,000	Researchers at any stage of their career in any area of dementia research, in particular, Alzheimer's disease in older people
<b>Project Grants</b>				
2. Dementia Australia Research Foundation Project Grant	10	\$75,000	\$750,000	New and early-career researchers in any area of dementia research
3. Dementia Australia Research Foundation – Victoria	1	\$75,000	\$75,000	New and early-career researchers in clinical or psychosocial areas of dementia research
4. Hazel Hawke Research Grant in Dementia Care	1	\$75,000	\$75,000	New and early-career researchers in dementia care
5. Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration Pilot Grant	3	\$75,000	\$225,000	New and early-career nursing and allied health researchers in psychosocial care or prevention areas of dementia research

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<b>Post-doctoral Fellowships</b>				
6. Race Against Dementia - Dementia Australia Research Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowship	1	\$405,000	\$405,000	New and early-career researchers, within the broad area of dementia prevention and treatment
7. Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration Post-Doctoral Fellowship	1	\$405,000	\$405,000	New and early-career researchers in clinical or psychosocial areas of dementia research
8. Dementia Australia Research Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowship	2	\$405,000	\$810,000	New and early-career researchers in any area of dementia research
<b>Mid-Career Research Fellowships</b>				
9. Dementia Australia Research Foundation Mid-Career Research Fellowship	2	\$365,000	\$730,000	Mid-career researchers in any area of dementia research
10. Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration Mid-Career Research Fellowship	2	\$365,000	\$730,000	Mid-career researchers in clinical or psychosocial areas of dementia research

In addition, all successful applicants will be nominated for the **Dementia Advocates' Award**. A small group of people with a lived experience of dementia (dementia advocates) will be invited to review successful applications and decide which is most likely to be of interest to, or yield important outcomes for, people living with dementia, their families, friends and carers. The Dementia Advocates' Award does not carry additional funding.

## INNOVATION GRANTS

### Purpose

The purpose of The Faye Williams Innovation Grant is to generously fund two high-quality, innovative and possibly paradigm-changing research projects that could transform the landscape of dementia research. The Innovation Grant is designed to attract proposals from new groups, which may be multi-disciplinary, bringing expertise from outside (as well as within) the field of dementia, and with the potential to offer new approaches and collaborations nationally and internationally.

## Topic and Scope

The Innovation Grant is open to Australian-based dementia researchers undertaking projects across all forms of dementia in particular, Alzheimer's disease in older people. The Innovation Grants are not restricted to any one area of research; biomedical (lab-based), clinical or psychosocial research projects will all be considered, as long as the project brings something fresh and new to the field and the findings have the potential to translate into clinical practice. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Gaining a better understanding of the causes of dementia.
- Developing strategies to reduce dementia risk and slow the progression of the disease.
- Providing accurate and timely diagnoses.
- Improving treatment and care options for people living with dementia.
- Increasing the awareness and understanding of rights, needs and experiences of people living with dementia, their carers and families.
- Finding a cure for dementia.

## Project Team

Applicants must have the research credentials and appropriate strength in their proposal and team. We encourage applications from multi-disciplinary teams including scientists, health professionals and public health researchers. The project team must include at least one early- or mid-career researcher and it is highly recommended that people living with dementia, their carers and families are involved throughout the project. When assembling your team, please ensure that you have done so in line with the relevant [eligibility criteria](#).

## Award Funding

Each Innovation Grant is worth \$375,000 and may be used over 3 years.

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

## Innovation Grants

To be eligible for an **Innovation Grant**:

1. At the time of acceptance and for the duration of a grant, the Applicant (Chief Investigator 'A' (CIA)) must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, a permanent resident of Australia, or have an appropriate work visa in place at the time of acceptance and for the duration of the project. The CIA must also be based in Australia for at least 80% of the project. All applicants must provide evidence to their host institution to support this criterion. Host institutions are responsible for certifying and ensuring that these requirements are met. The Dementia Australia Research Foundation may request further information in relation to these requirements, including evidence of residency and/or citizenship.

2. The project team must include an early- or mid-career researcher. For the purposes of this funding round, this researcher must not have more than 10 years post-PhD experience at the time of applying, adjusted for career interruptions / relative to opportunity i.e. the researcher was awarded a PhD or equivalent (DPhil or M.D. by research) on or after 27 July 2011 or has submitted a PhD thesis for examination.
3. The research must be conducted primarily in Australia and address the topic and scope of the funding round.
4. The research must be approved by an authorised ethics committee, if applicable. Please note that grant payments may be withheld until ethics approval has been obtained.

## Additional criteria – involving dementia advocates in research

For all applications, the CIA must demonstrate that:

1. People living with dementia, their carers and families and/or the wider public (if appropriate) have been or are involved throughout the project (beyond a role as participants). This may be achieved in any number of ways including:
  - a. Consultation about the research proposal – to ensure that it addresses an identified area of priority for people living with dementia, their carers and families.
  - b. Inclusion as joint grant holders or co-applicants on the research proposal.
  - c. Membership of a Steering Committee or Advisory Group or as a ‘research buddy’ for the researcher.
  - d. Providing comment on and/or developing patient information leaflets or other research materials.
  - e. Involvement in the dissemination of research outcomes and the development of plain language project summaries.

Please note people with lived experience can be involved in different ways in all types of research projects, including research that focuses on technology and lab-based studies. For example, lab-based researchers may wish to discuss their ideas with people impacted by dementia (e.g. lab tours, public information forums, research ‘buddy’) and/or invite them to review plain English summaries of their research to ensure that their ideas are clear and easy to understand. Although people with lived experience are keen to know more about lab-based research, it is not expected that they conduct the experiments with you in the lab.

If you require assistance in finding a person living with dementia or carer to be involved in your project, please contact Dementia Australia by completing the request form located on the [website](#) or contact [advocates@dementia.org.au](mailto:advocates@dementia.org.au) for further information.

If the application proposes to involve the Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration (DCRC) Lived Experience Group in the project in an advisory capacity, this must be discussed with the DCRC Lived Experience Group Coordinator Dr Deborah Brooks ([deborah.brooks@qut.edu.au](mailto:deborah.brooks@qut.edu.au)) prior to submitting the application.

Further information on involving members of the public in research is available at:

- o [\*Becoming Involved in Research: A guide for People Living with Dementia, their Care Partners and Family Members\*](#)

- [Statement on Consumer and Community Involvement in Health and Medical Research](#)
2. Appropriate language and terminology are used throughout the application. For example, many people living with dementia prefer not to be referred to directly or indirectly as a 'dementia sufferer'. A guide to dementia-friendly language is available [here](#).

## Career interruptions

Circumstances leading to career interruption will be taken into account when assessing eligibility. Such circumstances may include an episode of extended illness, parental leave, caring commitments or other personal matters and time dedicated to clinical work as a health professional. Interruptions experienced due to the impact of COVID-19 have been incorporated into the eligibility criteria and will not be considered as a career interruption as well as matters arising from normal vocational or research related activities, such as an applicant's choice to pursue research activities or seek employment outside of clinical work or dementia research. Track record (research training, publications, supervision, awards and other relevant experience) will be assessed relative to opportunity.

## Eligibility for multiple awards

Where they are listed as the CIA, applicants can only be awarded one grant or fellowship from within the 2021 Dementia Grants Program. If a researcher has submitted an application as a CIA and also appears as an Associate Investigator (AI) or CIB and below on another application, both may be awarded.

Previous recipients can apply to the Dementia Grants Program, as long as they meet all relevant eligibility criteria.

## Resubmission of previous applications

Applicants are welcome to resubmit previously unsuccessful applications, which will be assessed on their merits alongside all other applications. It should be noted, however, that the Dementia Grants Program is becoming increasingly competitive, and applications that have been unsuccessful in previous years are very unlikely to progress to the final stages of assessment in subsequent years, unless substantial improvements have been made with respect to the assessment criteria and any feedback that has been received.

## Notification of additional funding

Applicants must notify the Dementia Australia Research Foundation if they receive funding from another source for a project that is the subject of a grant application to the Foundation.

## Acknowledgement of support

Successful applicants must acknowledge the support of the Dementia Australia Research Foundation and its funding partners in all publications, presentations, summary findings and media announcements relating to the awarded research. Grantees must also provide progress reports on the research and be prepared to assist the Dementia Australia Research Foundation and its funding partners, if required, by speaking at functions, attending specified conferences, hosting laboratory visits, or being featured in media articles/releases.



# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

## Application form

Applications must be submitted via email to [foundation@dementia.org.au](mailto:foundation@dementia.org.au) with the subject heading “Innovation Grant: [CIA surname].” Applicants may download the application template [here](#).

Late applications and applications sent by mail will not be accepted.

The application form includes a number of required fields, including:

- Details of the lead investigator (CIA) and the research team. Up to 4 investigators (including the CIA, other CIs and/or AIs) are permitted on the application form. Details on the expertise/track record and activities that each investigator will be undertaking must be provided (200 word limit). For the purposes of this funding round:
  - CIs are expected to remain active on the project as outlined in the application for the full duration of the grant.
  - AIs are investigators who may provide some intellectual and/or practical input into the research at various points during the project.
- If applicable, relative to opportunity considerations and career interruptions that the Scientific Panel should take into account.
- Contact details of the host institution. Please note that the host (or administering) institution must be an eligible university or research institute approved by [NHMRC](#).
- Project title.
- Abstract (200 word limit).
- Lay project summary, including reference to topics such as gaps in current knowledge how your project looks to fill those, aims, method and intended impact of the research (200 word limit). Please ensure that this summary is free of scientific jargon and is presented in a way that someone without scientific knowledge will be able to understand. Below are some good links on writing a lay summary:
  - The Academy of Medical Sciences – [tips](#) and [what a lay should look like](#).
  - Elsevier – [how to write a lay summary](#).
  - Plain English Campaign – [how to write in plain English](#).
- Implications of the research, outlining the outcomes, significance, innovation and/or intended impact of the research (250 word limit).
- How research findings will be translated into practice, including how the research will be applied in the real world (over the short, medium or long term) to achieve the stated benefits (250 word limit).
- How people living with dementia, their carers, families and/or the wider public will be involved in the research (250 word limit). Please review the [additional criteria](#) before completing this section of the application.

Please note that dementia advocates will review the last four sections of the online application outlined above. As such, it is important that these sections are clear and ‘stand-alone’ (i.e. these sections should not refer the reader to content provided as part of the research proposal).

When planning research in which people living with dementia will be participants, applicants should make sure that they are familiar with the principles of and requirements for getting informed consent from people who may lack cognitive and/or legal capacity to provide written informed consent themselves. Further, recruitment is sometimes slower than anticipated and significant time and effort may be required to reach a desired sample size. The impact of COVID-19 may also change the way dementia research is conducted. As such, please consider appropriate and feasible recruitment strategies in your proposal.

If the application proposes to involve Dementia Australia staff or our dementia advocates in the project in an advisory capacity, this must be discussed with the Foundation prior to submitting the application.

## Supporting documents required

As well as completing the application form, applicants must provide the following supporting documents (in PDF format). Applications that do not include the required documentation will be considered ineligible and will not be assessed. Please note that attachments cannot be amended or added to the application after the application closing date.

### 1. Evidence of Australian or New Zealand citizenship, permanent residency or appropriate work visa (required for CIA)

A scanned copy of a birth certificate, passport, visa documentation or official documentation from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection does not need to be provided with the application, but must be provided to the applicant’s host institution (the institution may already have this information on file). If applicable, an appropriate work visa must be in place at the time of acceptance and for the duration of the project. A Statutory Declaration, Medicare card, Australian drivers’ licence or other documents will not be accepted as proof of permanent residency or citizenship.

### 2. Academic CV (maximum 5 pages, required for each CI)

Include publications, grants (funding body, amount and investigator status), awards, conference presentations and service to the academic community. Personal information such as date of birth or residential address is not required. A CV is not required for individuals who are listed as an AI on the application.

### 3. Research proposal

The research proposal should not exceed 6 pages (not including references i.e. additional pages can be used for references), using Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri font, minimum size 11 and standard margins. Any additional pages, or any explanatory appendices, will not be assessed.

The research proposal will be de-identified prior to the initial review. Please ensure that you as the applicant are not identifiable in the proposal. For example, applicants should not include their name in the header or footer of the document or refer to themselves (or other Investigators if applicable) by name in the body of the proposal. The team’s own publications can be included as references if appropriate but should be referred to as “previous research” rather than “our research” in the body of the proposal.

The research proposal should include details on each of the following sections:

- a. **Aims:** List specific aims and potential significance of the project. Clearly state the research question and hypothesis to be tested, as well as the rationale and objectives of the project.
- b. **Background:** Summarise previous work in this field which provides the basis for the proposed research project.
- c. **Research methodology:** A clear description of methods and design, including the following, if applicable: participant recruitment strategy; participant inclusion/exclusion criteria; study design; intervention or manipulation; outcome measures; statistical analysis plan and rationale; safety and risk considerations; drug regimens; and special equipment or measures.
- d. **Budget including justification and timeline:** Provide a high-level budget and project timeline, noting the amount of funding available from the Foundation and timeframe. Identify any other confirmed funding for the project. Funds can only be applied to costs that are directly related to achieving the objectives and outcomes of the project, including reimbursements to people living with dementia, their carers and families and/or the wider public for reasonable costs associated with their involvement in the project (e.g. their time, travel costs, phone calls). It is also recommended that applicants include recruitment costs in the budget (e.g. funding for advertising and participation incentives).

University infrastructure costs or levies should not be included in the budget and will not be covered by the Dementia Australia Research Foundation. As the Dementia Australia Research Foundation is considered Category 1 – Australian Competitive Grant Income, such costs should be covered by the Australian Government's Research Block Grants scheme. Further information on the self-assessment system for universities to determine which of their R&D income can be classified as Category 1 – Australian Competitive Grant Income is available [here](#).

- e. **Key references:** Please include a list of up to 20 key references cited in the proposal.

#### 4. **Ethics approval** (if available)

Evidence of approval of the proposed project by an authorised Human Research Ethics Committee, if available. If not available at time of application, funding agreements (for successful applicants) will be conditional upon ethics approval.

#### 5. **Endorsement form** (template available [here](#)) signed by:

- Each investigator named in the application, confirming their contribution to the project as described in the application
- The Head of Administering Institution (or nominee) in which the research will take place.

## Naming convention

The application and attachments should be submitted as a PDF and labelled using the following naming convention:

- 2021 Innovation Grant Application Form: CIA Surname\_ApplicationForm
- Chief Investigator(s) (CIA, CIB etc.) Academic CV: CIA Surname\_CV\_CI[A,B etc.]
- Research Proposal: CIA Surname\_ResearchProposal
- Ethics Approval (if available): CIA Surname\_Ethics
- Signed Endorsement Form: CIA Surname\_Endorsement

Applications must be submitted via email to [foundation@dementia.org.au](mailto:foundation@dementia.org.au) with the subject heading “Innovation Grant: [CIA surname].”

## ASSESSMENT PROCESS

### Review

The assessment process for all grant types involves the following stages:

#### 1. Eligibility check

Foundation staff will check all applications after the closing date to ensure compliance with eligibility criteria and conditions of the award. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they meet all eligibility criteria and conditions of the award prior to submitting an application. The Foundation reserves the right to rule out of contention any application that does not include proof of eligibility without further assessment. Please note that applicants must inform the Foundation if their eligibility against the stated criteria changes in any way during the assessment process. Funding will not commence until all relevant requirements, including eligibility, have been met.

#### 2. Initial review of applications

Academic members of the Scientific Panel will review all eligible, de-identified applications (unless where a potential conflict of interest has been identified) to determine those which are highly unlikely to receive an award due to weakness in one or more of the assessment criteria or feasibility and/or other issues. Applications that are ranked in the bottom half of all applications for a particular award by at least two members of the Scientific Panel are removed from the application process.

#### 3. External review (if required)

National or international expert external reviewers may be approached for selected comment and/or rating against the assessment criteria if required. Applicants are invited to nominate external reviewers if desired on the application form, but the decision on external reviewers is made by the Scientific Panel.

#### **4. Final review and ranking by members of the Scientific Panel**

Academic and dementia advocate members of the Scientific Panel will consider and rank all remaining applications for each category of award after reviewing the feedback from external reviewers.

Awards are allocated to applicants in order of ranking within each category and according to their eligibility for particular awards. Consideration is also made to supporting approximately equal numbers of applicants in biomedical and psychosocial research fields, where applications are of comparable quality. Applicants whose projects are considered fundable but are not allocated one of the available awards are placed on a reserve list and may be offered other funding opportunities in the future, for example, in the event that an applicant with a higher-ranked project turns down an award.

#### **5. Final decision**

The final decision on awards is made by the Dementia Australia Research Foundation Board on the basis of recommendations made by the Scientific Panel.

Please be advised that all decisions are final, and there is no mechanism for appeal.

### **Notification of successful and unsuccessful**

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email during January 2022; unsuccessful applicants may be notified earlier in the year, depending on the stage of assessment at which the decision is made. To facilitate notification, applicants must ensure that their contact details are filled in correctly on the application form.

### **Announcement of awards**

An official announcement of the 2021 award winners will be made on the Dementia Australia Research Foundation website by January 2022. This announcement will detail each successful applicant's name, type of award, project title and institution. Award winners will be expected to assist the Foundation, if required, by being featured in media articles/releases and public announcements related to an award from the Foundation.

### **Feedback to unsuccessful applicants**

Unsuccessful applicants will be provided with individual feedback upon request. Feedback is provided for the purpose of helping unsuccessful applicants improve the quality of subsequent applications to the Foundation or other funding bodies. No correspondence regarding the accuracy or merits of feedback will be entered into.

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### Academic Assessment

The following assessment criteria will be used for rating applications:

**1. Scientific merit and quality (40% weight)**

This criterion considers the significance and value of the proposed research, along with the clarity of the research aim(s), hypotheses or research objectives, and the suitability of the research methodology and research plan in achieving the research aim(s). The general scientific relevance should be evident in the project proposal, and the research methodology should be sound and clearly presented. Projects must also be feasible and realistic within the available timeframe and budget.

**2. Track record of the research team (20% weight)**

This criterion considers whether the research team's previous research experience demonstrates they are capable of successfully undertaking the proposed research and publishing the outcomes. Track record (research training, publications, supervision, awards and other relevant experience) will be assessed relative to opportunity, including career stage.

**3. Innovation and originality (30% weight)**

This criterion considers the novelty and originality of the proposed research and the extent to which it has the capacity, if successful, to introduce innovative and new research directions, treatments, interventions or models of care etc. to the field.

**4. Knowledge Translation (10% weight)**

This criterion considers whether the applicant has articulated how their research findings will be translated into practice and/or how the research will be applied in the real world (over the short, medium or long term) to achieve the stated benefits.

### Dementia Advocate Assessment

The following assessment criteria will be used by dementia advocate members of the Scientific Panel for rating those applications that have been shortlisted:

**1. Importance of the research and potential benefit (40% weight)**

This criterion considers the rationale for, and importance of, the proposed research and the potential for it to have a direct, beneficial impact on the lives of people impacted by dementia and/or the wider public.

**2. Innovation and originality (20% weight)**

This criterion considers the novelty and originality of the proposed research and the extent to which it has the capacity, if successful, to introduce innovative and new research directions, treatments, interventions or models of care etc. to the field.

**3. Knowledge Translation (10% weight)**

This criterion considers whether the applicant has articulated how their research findings will be translated into practice and/or how the research will be applied in the real world (over the short, medium or long term) to achieve the stated benefits.

#### 4. Involvement of the people impacted by this research (30% weight)

This criterion considers whether and how people living with dementia, carers, family members or friends of someone diagnosed with dementia, or other relevant members of the public have been involved in the research.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Can overseas collaborators be listed as CIs or AIs who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents?**

An overseas collaborator can be listed as CIB or below or an AI, however, the project must be primarily conducted in Australia.

### **Could a sessional academic apply for an Innovation Grant as CIA?**

Sessional Academics are eligible to apply as the CIA, however, they would need to have a contract with the university that states employment for the duration of project.

### **Can an AI apply on multiple applications with different CIs?**

If successful, applicants can only hold one Innovation Grant as the CIA. However, it is possible for AIs to be on one or more projects or the CIA to be an AI on another successful project. Please note that there is a limit of four investigators per application, which could include four CIs or a combination of CIs and AIs.

### **Is there a limit on the amount of time since PhD completion for the CIA?**

For the CIA, there is no limit as to how much time has passed time since your PhD was completed, adjusted for career interruptions. However, at least one member of your team must be an early- or mid-career researcher, which for the purposes of this funding round, will have no more than 10 years post-PhD experience at the time of applying.

### **Do I need to provide the proof of residency status?**

The applicant is not required to provide proof of citizenship – the research branch at your university or institution should site this information to ensure that the requirements are met prior to signing the endorsement form.

### **The CIA will join the university from overseas for a 3-year period. The Visa application has been submitted but has not yet been granted. Can they apply for a grant?**

At the time of acceptance and for the duration of a grant, the applicant must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, a permanent resident of Australia or have an appropriate work visa in place. As the university will need to sign off on this, you will need to provide them with the appropriate immigration documentation, as they are responsible for certifying and ensuring that the requirements are met.

### **Is ethics approval required at the date of the application?**

Ethics approval is not required on the date of application but if the application is successful, ethics approval will be required before any funds will be released. If ethics approval is confirmed at the time of applying, please email the approval letter from the HREC as part of the application.

**Can data from overseas studies be used in the research?**

Researchers may use data or samples from overseas studies but the analyses must be undertaken in Australia.

**Can meeting costs (e.g. travel costs, catering) be included in the budget? Can the budget also include future conference presentations and journal publications?**

Yes, the costs associated with organising meetings with policy makers or advisory group members can be included in the budget, where they directly relate to a specific project activity. Conference travel cannot be included in the budget, however, costs associated with open access publications can be included.

**Can the salary of the CIs be requested in the budget?**

Innovation Grants can be used to cover the salary of lab and/or research assistants. If the applicant of an Innovation Grant is seeking a salary, it must be well justified in the budget and directly linked with achieving the research outcomes. Further, the applicant must not have another source of salary and it must not make up 100% of the budget as other project costs would need to be considered.

**I wish to involve people with lived experience in my project but I'm not sure what to do. Who do I contact for assistance?**

If you would like to request the assistance of Dementia Australia in finding a person living with dementia or carer to be involved in your project (beyond that of a participant), please complete the request form located on the Dementia Australia [website](#) or contact [advocates@dementia.org.au](mailto:advocates@dementia.org.au) for further information.

If the application proposes to involve the DCRC Lived Experience Group in the project in an advisory capacity, this must be discussed with the DCRC Lived Experience Group Coordinator Dr Deborah Brooks ([deborah.brooks@qut.edu.au](mailto:deborah.brooks@qut.edu.au)) prior to submitting the application.

**Do we retain intellectual property (IP) relating to the grant upon submission of the proposal and awarding of funds?**

The Dementia Australia Research Foundation will enter into an agreement with the successful applicant's host institution. Nothing in the agreement will affect background IP and any IP resulting from the project will remain with the host institution.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For any enquiries please email: [foundation@dementia.org.au](mailto:foundation@dementia.org.au). Funding opportunities are also listed on the Dementia Australia Research Foundation website (see <https://www.dementia.org.au/research/grants>).