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Associate Professor Warrick Inder President Endocrine Society of Australia, 145 Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Associate Professor Inder.

As the President of Diabetes SA, I am pleased to be able to let you know of our plans for diabetes research in South Australia.

Over the last year the Board of Management has been working to develop our strategic agenda for research and we are now at the point where we would like to invite applications from health professionals and researchers that support the following Diabetes SA priority areas of research.

The key Diabetes SA priority research areas are:

- the development of intervention or prevention strategies that reduce the risk of diabetes in the South Australian community or a defined group.
- the development of tests, tools and/or methodologies for the early detection/diagnosis or assessing risk in an individual of diabetes.
- the investigation of new and innovative ways of treatment and management of diabetes.
- the examination of the psychosocial consequences of diabetes at the individual or community level.
- the examination of the organisation, effectiveness and/or optimisation of delivery of multidisciplinary diabetes services to the community.

Through the generous support of our members and the South Australian community, the Association will offer Research Grant funding up to \$100,000 per year for two years with funding available from April 2018. Applications open 3 November 2017 and close 22 December 2017.

All applications will be considered by the Board of Management, with co-opted specialist advice, in terms of fit to the priority research areas identified above, the ability of the project to be completed in two years or less, the potential time-frame for outcomes of the research to be implemented, and the extent of involvement of other funding sources.

On behalf of the Board of Management I invite you to circulate the *Diabetes SA Research Grant Guidelines* enclosed. Further information can be found on our website <a href="www.diabetessa.com.au">www.diabetessa.com.au</a> including information relating to the application process.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact the CEO – Angelique Pasalidis on 8354 5815.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Crouch President

Diabetes SA



# DIABETES SA RESEARCH GRANTS – 2018/2019 GUIDELINES

Diabetes SA is a not-for profit member-based Association dedicated to empowering people to live well with diabetes. It has served people with all types of diabetes, carers, families and the general public through the supply of information, support, education and products continuously for over sixty years

#### Research

As a part of its mission, Diabetes SA through the generous support of its members and the community of South Australia has been able to support research into diabetes almost since its inception.

The Association is pleased to continue this important work by inviting applications from health professionals and researchers for funding to support new or continuing research that is directed towards: prevention, detection, management of diabetes and the identification, delivery and performance of services for people with diabetes.

### Who can apply?

Applications for research project grants will be accepted from appropriately qualified health professionals and researchers aligned to an institution. The institution may be a university, affiliated to a university or major hospital, or an independent medical or scientific research institute.

To ensure that Diabetes SA fulfils its aims of supporting diabetes research across a broad base in South Australia, and to give new investigators an opportunity for funding, Diabetes SA has established rules concerning the holding of concurrent project grants. Applications that do not comply with the following rules will not be considered for funding. The first listed Chief Investigator is responsible for ensuring that these rules are followed.

- A. A person may be listed as the first Chief Investigator on one and only one grant application per funding round. If a person submits more than one grant application on which they are listed as the first Chief Investigator, only the highest-ranked application will be considered for funding.
- B. A Chief Investigator (whether listed as the first or other Chief Investigator) may not hold more than two Diabetes SA grants at any one time.
- C. Diabetes SA research grants are can be supplemental grants for projects funded from other sources.

These rules do not limit the number of applications that investigators can submit to Diabetes SA. However, only the highest ranked applications that meet these eligibility criteria will be considered for funding.

#### Relevance to diabetes

The Diabetes SA priority research areas are:

- The development of intervention or prevention strategies that reduce the risk of diabetes in the South Australian community or a defined group.
- The development of tests, tools and/or methodologies for the early detection/diagnosis or assessing risk in an individual of diabetes
- The investigation of new and innovative ways of treatment and management of diabetes
- Examine the psychosocial consequences of diabetes at the individual or community level
- Examine the organisation, effectiveness and/or optimisation of delivery of multidisciplinary diabetes services to the community.

Applications may cover more than one of the above or similar areas.

# Duration and size of the grants

The grant funding amount is up to \$100,000 per year, for two years. Funding will not be available until April 2018 for this round of grants.

Diabetes SA may not necessarily fund the full project, especially where other sources of funding have been or will be potentially secured.

If the research applied for has or potentially will attract funding from other sources, the source and extent of that funding must declared including the duration and quantum of the funding, and the specific aspects of the research that Diabetes SA will be directed to.

If a project grant substantially similar in aim is funded by another funding body, then a Diabetes SA grant will not be offered. If applications to, or funding by, another body is not declared and subsequently comes to light, this will be taken into consideration, not only in judging the current application, but also when considering any application in future rounds.

### **Application Procedures**

Applications should be submitted using the Diabetes SA Format of Grant Application Outline. Applications must be submitted no later than 5.00pm (SA time) on Friday 22 December 2017. Late applications will not be considered.

Applications will be considered by the Board, with co-opted specialist advice, in terms of fit to the priority research areas identified above, the ability of the project to be

completed in two years or less, the potential time-frame for outcomes of the research to be implemented, and the extent of involvement of other funding sources.

Short listed applicants will be asked to present their proposal to the Board and its advisors. The focus of interview will be to examine the merit and worthiness of the application and as such the decision of the Board in relation to the successful grant application will be final.

Diabetes SA will require the provision of regular reports on the progress and the outcome of the research project funded by the Association. This will enable our members and donors to understand where research funding has been directed and what outcomes are being achieved. It will also assist the Association in communicating the benefits of research and to assess the quality of research which has been funded as a guide to future research funding.

### **Timeline**

Applications open: 3 November 2017

Applications close 22 December 2017

Review by Sub-Committee 1 - 23 February 2018

Advice to all applicants: 2 March 2018

Presentations to Board: 27 March 2018 (Short listed applicants)

Advice of final decision: 13 April 2018

# **Enquiries and Contacts**

Enquiries should be directed to the CEO of Diabetes SA, Angelique Pasalidis on 8354 5815 or email angelique@diabetessa.com.au