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GEORGE & JEAN HIGGS MEMORIAL FUND

The Queensland and Northern New South Wales Lions Medical Research Foundation (LMRF) is pleased to announce the release of an annual scholarship/grant in the name of the George & Jean Higgs Memorial Fund.

Post Doctoral Researchers within ten years of receipt of their PhD whose current research is in neurological and neurological related disorders are invited to apply for medical research funding of \$50,000.

Applications are open from 1st August 2024 and close on 30th September 2024. The successful applicant will be notified in January 2025 with funding available from 1st February 2025.

The funding is intended for post-doctoral biomedical researchers within ten (10) years of receipt of their PhDs (taking into account any career disruptions according to the NHMRC criteria) who, by virtue of their experience and productivity in medical research, and their personal situations, are at a stage of their careers where they are ready to become chief investigators in a sustained program of medical research. During the one-year tenure of the funding it is intended that the holders will become sufficiently established in their respective research that they are able to source future funding and research support from other sources.

The successful applicant may from time to time be expected to be made available for speaking engagements to promote the Foundation to Lions Club members and the broader community. These may include District Conventions, hospital tours and media interviews. The timing of these will be negotiated.

If at any stage, there is judged to be evidence of an unsatisfactory performance in research the funding will be terminated.

Applicant Criteria:

- Applications are open to Early Career Researchers from any Queensland and Northern New South Wales University Teaching Hospital, Teaching Hospital or Research Institute.
- Applicant must be employed full-time and operate onsite in any of the above institutions.
- Applicants must be a post-doctoral scientist within ten (10) years of receiving their PhD.
- The successful applicant shall not be eligible to reapply for the George & Jean Higgs Memorial Fund grant in subsequent years.
- The successful applicant shall provide six (6) monthly written reports on their progress to LMRF during the first twelve months of receipt of the grant.
- The successful applicant shall provide annual written reports on their progress to LMRF for a further three (3) years.
- The successful applicant shall conduct their research within Australia.
- The successful applicant shall be aware they may be called upon by LMRF for guest speaking appearances and marketing/advertising purposes from time to time.

Applicants should nominate two referees who may be asked to comment both on the applicant's qualifications, research performance and potential and on the general merit of the research proposed. Applications will be judged on the basis of merit after assessment by a Medical and Scientific Advisory Board Committee, which reserves the right to seek referees' reports from persons other than those nominated by the applicant.

Application forms are available for download from the Lions Medical Research Foundation website <https://lionsmedicalresearchfoundation.org.au>

Applications will close on Monday 30th September 2024. Applicants will be notified on or before 31st January 2025 and funds will be available from that date.

For further enquiries please contact the Foundation office by emailing info@lmrf.org.au or alternatively telephone (07) 3832 1688.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Braes'.

Tom Braes OAM
Chair