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National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs

Research capacity building grants

Round 1: September 2018

Current non-commercial methamphetamine treatment clinical trials

Closing date: 28 October 2018

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Capacity Building Funding Application – Information and Guidelines

Background

The Centre is a national entity that supports clinical treatment for methamphetamine and emerging drugs of concern across a range of priority populations and severity of disorder. The Centre was formed as a consortium between St Vincent's Health Australia; The National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA, Flinders University); The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI, Curtin University); and The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC, The University of New South Wales).

The broad aims of the Centre are:

- Develop, implement and disseminate innovative and effective evidence-based treatment interventions that can be applied to the use of methamphetamines in the first instance and then to new and emerging substances
- Develop and implement a system that allows for a rapid flexible and collaborative response to emerging substances that are having prevalent, persistent and harmful health and community impacts
- Leverage evidence-based intervention methodologies to develop and equip the health and medical research workforce

Focus of the funding round

The Centre will support investigator-initiated clinical trials with a focus on scalable and cost-effective treatment options. Key to the aims of the Centre is facilitating collaborative research, and building research capacity in the AOD sector.

The capacity building funding round is to provide financial support as a value-add to currently established investigator-initiated clinical trials. Applicants are encouraged to apply for funding that will enable the study to answer additional study questions, build research capacity, and produce translational research results.

Funding

Clinical trials that address methamphetamine dependence / use disorder, are listed as active (recruiting or not-yet recruiting), are investigator-initiated non-commercial trials, have relevant Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approvals, and are up-to-date on either the Australia New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ANZCTR) or clinicaltrials.gov trial registry (or willing to register on either or both of these sites) will be eligible to submit an application for research capacity building funding.

In the funding round (September 2018), non-renewable grants are available. Funding for the grants is sourced from the Commonwealth Department of Health, as an initiative of the National Ice taskforce. Funds will be administered by UNSW. Grant funds must be used for the purpose of achieving the objectives outlined by the applicants in the funding application.

Successful applicants will be required to sign a funding agreement, and must agree to regular reporting on the funded capacity building project. The named primary / chief investigator on the application will receive written notification of the application's success in the funding round. The Terms and Conditions of the Funding Agreement are annexed to these Guidelines. Successful applicants, by virtue of having submitted an application, acknowledge and agree that their application will not be deemed to have been accepted and no agreement will arise between UNSW (as contracting entity for the Centre) and the Applicant in respect of the application until a formal written Agreement (in accordance with the annexed Terms and Conditions) is executed by the successful applicant and UNSW.

Evaluation of Applications

Research proposals should be substantive, and where possible cross-disciplinary initiatives that enable research collaborations with early career researchers or research-inexperienced sites. Applications for the 2018 capacity building funding round will be reviewed by The National Clinical Research Network Methamphetamine and Emerging Drugs Working Group (WG).

Specific assessment criteria for applications are (1 through 4):

1. The current project
    - the current project is novel and innovative – seeks to answer a contemporary and clinically relevant question
    - the current project development is underway and on-track / meeting anticipated targets
    - current recruitment status is outlined in the application
    - the current project has appropriate HREC and (if necessary) institutional governance approvals in place
    - is registered (or willingness to register) on the ANZCTR and/or clinicaltrials.gov trial registries
    - is an investigator-initiated non-commercial clinical trial

2. Clear capacity building proposal with logical aims
    - research question is clearly stated
    - if there is an intervention, this is explicitly stated
    - participant eligibility (and controls if applicable) defined
    - methods to measure outcomes or test hypothesis are appropriate
    - has merit, value and impact
    - defined use of funding to build capacity and what the anticipated achievements are

3. Project budget
    - a study budget is included
    - realistic funding has been requested
    - budget and deadlines are achievable
    - measurable milestones

4. Research team
    - builds research capacity
    - partners with a research-inexperienced site
    - broad research engagement: involves a junior/inexperienced researcher(s) / early or mid-career researcher; multi-disciplinary researcher(s) (in substantial roles)
    - develops research foundations in an organisation or site
    - Involves consumer input (e.g. in study design, partnership, etc.)

Submission of Application

Applicants must complete all sections of the submission template following these guidelines. Applications must provide all requested information, and adhere to the word / page limits indicated.

To ensure a clear and efficient review process, applicants are encouraged to use Arial font, 11-point or above. Please note: the application form has been developed in Microsoft Office 2013 (for Windows), and fidelity of the formatting cannot be guaranteed in other versions – please contact the NCCRED team if you have any concerns. Only information in the following application will be used in selecting projects for funding. When saving the application form please use the naming convention:

NCCRED_research_capacity_project name

Capacity building funding timelines / deadlines:

Funding round announced and advertised	25 Sep 18
Completed applications submitted to the Centre	28 Oct 18
Applications sent to the NCRN WG for review	29 Oct 18
NCCRED board meeting to ratify NCRN WG decision	05 Dec 18
Applicants are notified of results	15 Dec 18

Completed applications should be submitted by email to:
jemma.hallen@unsw.edu.au by no later than 2359hrs (11:59 pm) on 28 Oct 2018.

To discuss the application, or for further information, please contact:
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Mentorship for application development / completion is available. Please contact NCCRED.

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National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs (The Centre) Capacity Building Funding Application Form

1. Overview

Project Overview	
Project Title	
Project Summary / Brief Description (*max 350 words*) *Summarise research questions and proposed methods. Outline the potential benefits, including how this project will be translated into practice*	
Capacity building project: Brief Description (*max 350 words*)	
Project Lead – Chief Investigator	
Name and Title	
Employing Organisation (i.e. to be named sponsor on funding agreement)	
Employing Organisation ABN	
Other affiliations	
Phone	
Email	
Postal address	

2. Project and Proposal

Project Description	
Background (*max 600 words*) *Describe the background and the research question, the problem addressed by the project and this proposal, and why this research is a priority. Describe any preliminary findings.*	
Current Project HREC approval details *List all HREC names, approved sites, approval numbers, and expiry dates*	

Current Project Aims (*max 300 words*) *Describe the aims of this research, including a clearly stated research question*	
Target recruitment, current recruitment status, recruitment plan	
Capacity building project goals (*max 300 words*)	

Study Design and Research Plan (*max 1,000 words*) *Provide a detailed description of the research design, including the setting, the participant selection criteria / eligibility, comparison / reference / control group(s), the primary and secondary outcome(s), outcome measures, study intervention and follow-up periods as appropriate, data sources or qualitative tools/instruments*	

Study sites (*Full name, location including State, of all sites where the project will be conducted*)	
Project Duration	
Statistical Analysis (*max 350 words*) *Include power / sample size calculation(s), statistical analysis plan, including data linkage plan if required*	

Outcomes and Significance (*max 350 words*) *Outline what new evidence the research is anticipated to generate, describe how this is likely to impact patient care or health policy. Indicate how the research will be translational.*	
Novelty / value-add (*max 350 words*)	

3. Project Budget

Budget Details	
Total funding requested ($AUD) (excluding GST)	
Current funding source(s) for this project	

Detailed Budget
(applicants may use the field below, or may insert new text / table as preferred)

4. Research Capacity Building

Research personnel	
Please indicate how early or mid-career researchers will be engaged in the capacity building project	
Please indicate how multi-disciplinary researchers will be engaged in the capacity building project	

Please indicate if and how the proposed capacity building project will establish clinical trial capacity in new or less-experienced research sites	

5. Research Personnel (add additional boxes as necessary)

Name	
Email	
Employer	
Affiliation(s)	
Role on project	
Qualifications and Experience	

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6. Signature and Verification

I confirm that the information included in this application is true and correct, and that if the application is successful the funding will be used for the stated purposes.	
Full name of Principal / Chief Investigator	
Signature	
Date	