

PHD SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Allied Health PhD Scholarship

In chronic lung disease

A collaborative initiative of Lung Foundation Australia and Better Breathing Foundation

Background

Lung Foundation Australia (LFA) is a national charity that aims to reduce the impact of lung disease in Australia through Awareness, Support, Advocacy, Education and Research.

Better Breathing Foundation (BBF) is a not for profit organisation with the primary objective to support early career health research students to conduct high quality research on chronic lung diseases.

BBF was set-up by Dr Zoe McKeough who is widely recognised as one of Australia's premier researchers and educators in the field of respiratory physiotherapy and with her extensive academic background she recognised a need for new avenues of funding to support early career allied health research students. By setting up the BBF she has been able to encourage philanthropic funds to support research in chronic lung disease.

In February 2017, Lung Foundation Australia teamed up with the BBF to improve support to allied health professionals conducting research in chronic lung disease.

Invitation

In 2017, there is ONE (1) PhD Scholarship opportunity with a set amount of funds of \$20,000 per year over a four year period (total funding: \$80,000).

Students with an allied health background wishing to undertake a PhD in chronic lung disease are invited to submit an application. This PhD Scholarship is aimed at a researcher who is commencing a higher degree and interested in improving outcomes for patients living with a chronic lung disease.

Students who wish to make an application for the LFA/BBF Allied Health PhD Scholarship should discuss this funding opportunity with their research supervisor. Students should then arrange for you and your research supervisor to meet with the Head of Research or equivalent position in your University or department. Students must demonstrate that their University is willing to partner and co-fund the PhD Scholarship (total co-funding \$80,000) and is able to guarantee the funding availability upon commencement of the PhD Scholarship. University support must be demonstrated by the completion of the "Partnership with Lung Foundation Australia/Better Breathing Foundation" form by an authorised officer of the University.

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The LFA/BBF Allied Health PhD Scholarship offers a set amount of funds of \$20,000 per year over a four year period (total funding \$80,000) to allocate to a PhD Scholarship in chronic lung disease research and a student will be selected on the basis of the Application Form submitted. **Students must demonstrate that their University is willing to partner and co-fund the PhD Scholarship (total co-funding \$80,000) and is able to guarantee the funding availability upon commencement of the PhD Scholarship.**

Note: these funds are to be used for direct costs associated with the conduct of the research, being the student stipend. Any allowance funding or indirect and/or infrastructure costs do not form part of this grant and will not be covered by Lung Foundation Australia or the Better Breathing Foundation.

It is expected that the University will match the funds provided by LFA/BBF for the award of this Scholarship (which will then represent 50% of the funds offered). The matched funds will equate to \$20,000 per year over the four year period for a total contribution by the University of \$80,000.

The chronic lung disease research supported may include any form of clinical, population, laboratory or genetics research.

The student recipient will be known as the LFA/BBF Allied Health PhD Scholar for the duration of the award.

Applications will undergo peer-review by the TSANZ's Research Committee plus one member of the Better Breathing Foundation Board (the Committee). If the Committee determines there are no applications of suitable merit the Lung Foundation and Better Breathing Foundation retains the right to decline to award a scholarship.

The judging criteria for submitted applications will be:

Criterion	Weight
University – Letter of Support (based on template)	Required
Research Supervisor and Research Environment	30%
Importance and Quality of Research Question	40%
Academic Track Record of Student/Curriculum Vitae	30%
Total	100%

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This award will officially be presented during the Awards Ceremony at the TSANZ ASM, which is being held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Monday 26th March 2018. The recipient will be invited to present a short overview of their research.

Key Dates for 2017/2018

Call for Expression of Interest/Applications Open	Wednesday, 21st June 2017
Deadline for receipt of Application	Monday, 25th September 2017
Notification of Successful Student	Thursday, 30th November 2017
Acknowledged at TSANZ ASM, Adelaide	23rd – 27th March 2018

HOW TO APPLY

To make an application for the LFA/BBF Allied Health PhD Scholarship in chronic lung disease research please complete the Application Form which is available on the Lung Foundation's website (<http://lungfoundation.com.au/research/research-awards/>) and the Better Breathing Foundation's website (<http://betterbreathing.org.au/information-for-scholars/>).

This application must be accompanied with a letter from the Applicant's University as confirmation of your University's support for your application and commitment to co-funding. The detailed letter required from your University needs to address the following criteria:

- The commitment of funds and support for the 4 year PhD scholarship period.
- The allied health researcher supported by the LFA/BBF scholarship will undertake research in the area of chronic lung disease in Australia and focus on improving outcomes for patients living with a lung disease.
- An outline of how this PhD scholarship will be managed by the University.