



## TOP-UP PHD SCHOLARSHIP

### GUIDE TO APPLICANTS/CONDITIONS OF AWARD

**Applications close Friday 16 September 2024 at 5 pm AWST**

#### *Introduction and purpose*

The Rio Tinto Children's Diabetes Centre; A JDRF Global Centre of Excellence, ("the Centre") based at the Telethon Kids Institute and Perth Children's Hospital in Western Australia is an integrated clinical and research centre conducting research into childhood diabetes.

Our goal is to improve the lives of all young people living with diabetes, their families and community by bringing together research, education and clinical care. The Centre is supported by five national and global institutions/hospitals (Perth is the lead site). The Centre aims to encourage new and innovative research, researchers and translation ideas and projects.

The Centre has established Top-up PhD awards with the purpose of providing additional support to exceptional PhD students who are undertaking their research in type 1 diabetes-related fields and who have been awarded a Research Training Program scholarship or equivalent. Successful applicants will receive AUD\$15,000 per annum for up to three years full-time, consisting of AUD\$2,000 for research-related costs and AUD\$13,000 to be used at their discretion.

**Up to three Top-up PhD scholarships will be available in Round 3/2024.** Applicants will be assessed on the eligibility criteria and the information gathered from the application form.

Applications for the Top-up PhD scholarships are to be emailed to [JDRF.GlobalCoE@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:JDRF.GlobalCoE@telethonkids.org.au) no later than 4pm (AWST) on the 15 September 2023.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must currently be undertaking their PhD in a type 1 diabetes-related field.
- Must be current recipient of a PhD scholarship
- Applicants must be affiliated with or endorsed by a Centre Institution or researcher as listed in Attachment A.
- PhD project/s must demonstrate alignment with the objectives<sup>1</sup> of the Centre.

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#### Centre Objectives

1. To formulate a framework to develop, implement and evaluate models of care that lead to improved health outcomes and reduced burden for people living with T1D
2. To promote effective transfer of research outcomes into health policy and/or practice.
3. To develop novel advanced economic frameworks that include the broad true costs of T1D to enhance access to novel therapies and share policies.
4. To facilitate effective and cross-disciplinary collaboration and partnerships with academia, industry, consumers, clinical organisations and key experts and stakeholders.

- Applicants must use the application form, provided at <http://diabetes.telethonkids.org.au>.

*Applications for the Top-up scholarship will be forfeited if:*

1. Applicants are in their final 6 months of their PhD.
2. Applicants have not yet been informed of the successful outcome of their PhD scholarship application.
3. The application is received after the closing date.

### **Obligations of the Administering Institution/recipient**

The recipient will receive AUD\$15,000pa for a maximum of three years full time. Of the annual award, AUD\$2,000 should be assigned to research-related cost.

1. The Top-up PhD scholarship will be awarded for 1 year in the first instance and may be renewed annually (for up to three full-time years) subject to the recipient performing satisfactorily in their research, and the remaining years enrolled in their PhD degree.
2. The AUD\$2,000 research-related costs could include conference travel and registration fees and publications fees; but should not include equipment purchases.
3. An annual progress report from the recipient needs to be submitted both 12 and 24 months of being awarded the Top-up PhD scholarship; unless the end date of the award is prior to the 24-months reporting and in which case, the recipient would need to complete a final report as per terms #4 below. This report would require receipts of expenditure for the research cost and supervisor sign off.
4. A final report needs to be submitted within 3 months of the completion of the award period.
5. Recipient needs to complete all research within the proposed PhD period specified in the application. Any extension will need to be endorsed by the Talent and Capacity Building Subcommittee and approved by the Management Steering Committee.
6. The Centre needs to be notified of any changes to the recipient's PhD program, at which time the scholarship will be reviewed by the Talent and Capacity Building Subcommittee. These may include, but are not exclusive to:
  - a. Change in the recipient's PhD load or Research Training Program (or equivalent)
  - b. Suspension of the recipient's Research Training Program (or equivalent) award.
  - c. Institution transfer
  - d. Increase in paid employment load (Recipients may undertake paid employment on the understanding that the employment load does not affect their Research Training Program (or equivalent) award).
  - e. Delays in data collection.
  - f. Extended leave, such as maternity and paternity leave
7. Recipient needs to acknowledge the financial support of JDRF in any publication arising from the work being supported through this scholarship. Acknowledgement should be in the form of:

*This research was supported by JDRF Australia Top-up PhD Scholarship (grant number 5-SRA-2021-1088-M-X).*

8. Provide a copy of the publications concerned to the Centre for review by the Scientific Program Subcommittee at least two weeks (14 days) prior to submission.
9. The administering Institution agrees to wave all fees associated with the administration of the scholarship.

### How do I claim funding if my application has been approved?

1. Payments in respect to the scholarship shall be within the terms and conditions specified in the scholarship offer.
2. The administering Institution may invoice the Centre within 1 month of the recipient's Top-up PhD scholarship award notification. Thereafter, the award will be paid in half yearly instalments on receipt of a tax invoice from the Administering Institution.
3. Amounts granted are in Australian Dollars and are exclusive of GST for Australian applicants. All claims are to be made via a tax invoice from the Recipient's GST registered Administering Institution, including the institution's ABN. This is to avoid paying withholding tax which would reduce the overall grant by 48.5%. Please keep in mind that the invoice must include GST on top of the total grant (i.e. the invoice must include 10% extra for the GST).
4. In exceptional/extenuating circumstances, and upon formal application, the Centre Co-Directors, at their discretion, may approve a variation to the payment method outlined above.
5. An awardee is required to repay any scholarship overpayment within thirty calendar days of being requested to do so.
6. It is the responsibility of the recipient to assess the tax liability of their Top-up PhD scholarship. The Centre cannot provide advice regarding taxation. Please refer to the taxation rules for your country.

### How to apply

Application forms can be found at: <http://diabetes.telethonkids.org.au>

Before sending your application, please ensure all sections have been completed as specified, including the required signatures in the certification section.

An electronic copy of the application (including academic transcript) should be submitted via email to [JDRF.GlobalCoE@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:JDRF.GlobalCoE@telethonkids.org.au) no later than **5pm (AWST) on the 16 November 2024**.

### Timeline

<i>Stage</i>	<i>Date</i>
Advertising commences	19 August 2024
Applications close 4pm.	16 November 2024
Recommendations of evaluation panel to the Talent and Capacity Building Subcommittee	November 2024
Notification in writing to applicants	December 2024.

## ATTACHMENT A – CENTRE COLLABORATORS AND SITES

Mr	Cadarette	Daniel	Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, US
Dr	Abraham	Mary	Telethon Kids Institute
Prof	Adolfsson	Peter	Gothenburg University, Sweden
Dr	Bebbington	Keely	Telethon Kids Institute
A/Prof	Bergman	Phil	Monash Children's Hospital, Melbourne
Prof	Bloom	David	Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, US
Prof	Braithwaite	Jeffrey	NHMRC Partnership Centre for Health System Sustainability, Macquarie University, Sydney
Dr	Burckhardt	Marie-Anne	University of Basel, Switzerland
Dr	Cannon	Jeffrey	Telethon Kids Institute
Dr	Chetty	Tarini	NHS, Lothian, UK
Prof	Coleman	Peter	Royal Melbourne Hospital/University of Melbourne
Prof	Couper	Jenny	University of Adelaide/Women and Children's, Adelaide
Prof	Davis	Elizabeth	Telethon Kids Institute
Dr	de Bock	Martin	University of Otago, NZ/Christchurch Hospital
Prof	Fairchild	Jan	University of Adelaide/Women and Children's, Adelaide
Dr	Fegan	Gerry	Fiona Stanley Hospital, Perth, WA (adult site)
Dr	Ferranna	Maddalena	Stanford University, US
A/Prof	Fourlanos	Spiros	Royal Melbourne Hospital/University of Melbourne
Prof	Fournier	Paul	University of Western Australia, Perth
Dr	Harray	Amelia	Telethon Kids Institute
Dr	Haynes	Aveni	Telethon Kids Institute
Dr	Huynh	Tony	Children's Health Queensland
Dr	Jenkins	Alicia	University of Sydney (adult site)
Prof	Jones	Tim	Telethon Kids Institute
Dr	Kim	KiWook	University of New South Wales
Prof	Maahs	David	Stanford University, US
Prof	Maguire	Ann	Sydney Children's Hospitals Network/University of Sydney
Dr	Messer	Laurel	Barbara Davis Center, Colorado, US
Dr	Neville	Kirsten	Sydney Children's Hospitals Network
Prof	O'Neal	David	University of Melbourne (adult site)
Dr	Pease	Anthony	Monash University, Melbourne
Prof	Riddell	Mike	York University, Toronto, Canada
Dr	Russell	Anthony	Queensland Health (adult site)
Dr	Shetty	Vinutha	Telethon Kids Institute
Dr	Taplin	Craig	Telethon Kids Institute
Dr	Woodhead	Helen	Sydney Children's Hospitals Network
Dr	Zaharieva	Dessi	Stanford University, US
Dr	Zimmerman	Anthony	South Australia Health (adult site)
Dr	Zomer	Ella	Monash University/ Alfred Health/Monash Health, Melbourne
Prof	Zoungas	Sophia	Monash University/ Alfred Health and Monash Health, Melbourne
A/Prof	Zurynski	Yvonne	Australian Institute of Health Innovation, Macquarie University, Sydney