

# WINDERMERE FOUNDATION

ABN 49 004 990 827

## Special Grants – 2012

### Guidelines and Application Instructions

**FOCUS AREA: Research and development projects focussing on the prevention of, or early intervention against disease, disorders or trauma occurring during pregnancy or in children up to four years of age.**

**Priority will be given to early/mid career health professionals working in rural and regional areas of Victoria**

The Windermere Foundation is a company limited by guarantee that seeks to support improvements in health and wellbeing, and the development of future health care leaders in Victoria. The Foundation is calling for applications for Special Grants commencing in 2012 for research and development projects focussing on the prevention of, or early intervention against disease, disorders or trauma occurring during pregnancy or in children up to four years of age. Priority will be given to early/mid career health professionals working in rural and regional areas of Victoria.

#### **Purpose**

To support an early to mid career healthcare clinician, manager or researcher, to undertake a research project directed at the development, introduction and/or evaluation of new practices, models and interventions to improve health in Victoria. Through this work it is anticipated that the leadership abilities of the applicant will be developed.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants should have gained their entry level health-related qualification/registration within the last ten years (eg BN, MBBS, BSW, BPsych, BParamedic, BCom, BSc) or be either undertaking or have completed their Doctoral studies within the last five years. They should be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and be resident in Victoria.

#### **Value and Tenure of Grants**

Up to \$15,000 for use to support salaries, equipment and other costs associated with the project, which should be completed within 12 months of being awarded the Grant.

#### **Criteria for Selection**

- **Applicant's potential –weighting 35%**
  - o Professional achievements as a clinician, manager or researcher
  - o Career intentions and professional development undertaken
  - o Leadership and research capacity.
  
- **Project environment – weighting 15%**
  - o Ability of the applicant's organisation, supervisors and stakeholders to support the applicant and the research project.

- **Project benefit – weighting 50%**  
Extent to which the project:
  - o Is innovative and creative
  - o Is of high quality and value for money
  - o Addresses issues of concern in Victoria
  - o Helps to improve health and/or the delivery of health care
  - o Assists in the leadership development of the applicant.

### **Selection Process**

Applications will be assessed by the Governors of the Foundation.

### **Award of Grants**

The awarding of Grants will be made by the Governors of the Foundation.

An offer or offers will be made in December 2011, for commencement during 2012. The successful applicant(s) will be required to furnish written acceptance of the offer by the end of January 2012.

### **Information Requested from Applicants**

1. Your name and contact details. Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident, residing in Victoria?
2. Summary details of your qualifications with dates and career development. (100 words maximum). Enclose a one page résumé relating to the last five years as Appendix 1.
3. Title of your proposed project and a plain language summary (100 words maximum).
4. What are the aims, rationale, methods, location, timetable and budget of your project? (500 words maximum). Enclose further information if required as Appendix 2 (1,000 words maximum).
5. What support will you receive from your institution, supervisors, and project stakeholders? Do you need and have you received ethics approval? (100 words maximum) Enclose evidence of support as Appendix 3.
6. What will be the benefits of your project to improvements in health in Victoria? What tangible outputs, products, health care improvements, etc will be delivered at the end of the project? (100 words maximum)
7. How will this project assist you in your professional development? What are your career aspirations? (100 words maximum)
8. Email addresses of two referees who can be contacted quickly to provide a reference on the benefits of this project to your professional development. Indicate briefly why you have chosen them. (50 words maximum)
9. ABN details of either the applicant or supporting organisation. If registered for GST, applicants must include GST in their budget. Applicants, who are not registered or are not required to be registered for GST, need to state that in their application.

**Applications**

All applications are to be forwarded by close of business on Thursday 17 November 2011 to Ms Lesley Irving at:

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