



DEBORAH LEHMANN RESEARCH AWARD **IN PAEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESEARCH**

SCORING MATRIX

The Telethon Kids Institute's Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases (Wesfarmers Centre) has established the Deborah Lehmann Research Award in Paediatric Infectious Disease Research (DLRA) to acknowledge the significant contribution that Emeritus Clin A/Prof Deborah Lehmann AO has made to paediatric infectious disease research, particularly towards reducing childhood morbidity and mortality rates in Australia and the Pacific Region and capacity building of many young researchers across the infectious diseases field.

The DLRA is a funding mechanism to support the training and development of early- to mid-career researchers (EMCR) or higher degree by research (HDR) students who are nationals from the Pacific Region working in or outside their home countries, researchers from the First Nations of Australia and/or Aotearoa New Zealand, and Pasifika researchers from Aotearoa New Zealand. One award of up to AU\$30,000 will be given each round. The successful applicant must expend the award within 3 years. Previous award recipients may reapply. Recipients will be eligible to apply for additional research and training support from the Wesfarmers Centre.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The applicant must include the following documents to have their application assessed:

- Completed application form
- Letter of support from Wesfarmers Centre supervisor/collaborator
- Letter of support from proposed supervisor (if they are not within the Wesfarmers Centre)
- Curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages)

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Applicants will be scored on the items listed in the tables below (proposal, CV, and potential).

Applicants will receive a final score out of 50.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal has objectives that are well-defined, coherent, and strongly developed Proposal addresses the significance of the proposed research Proposed research project is in line with the objectives of the Wesfarmers Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention of infectious diseases that affect children and families. Commitment to Indigenous leadership and training. Pandemic preparedness for local and global emerging threats. 	/ 10
FEASIBILITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstration that the required expertise, tools and techniques are present in the relevant research environment(s) Demonstration of a well-considered and justified budget Demonstrated support from proposed institute Demonstrated support from Wesfarmers Centre supervisor/collaborator 	/ 10
CAPACITY BUILDING/SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project is likely to lead to build research capacity within the region (e.g., enhance local skills and knowledge, develop researchers and/or research platforms) Project is likely to enhance collaboration with or within the Wesfarmers Centre. Evidence of sustainability of project once funding ends Applicants external to the Wesfarmers Centre, project is likely to build strong collaborative opportunities with the Wesfarmers Centre 	/ 15
TOTAL	/ 35

CURRICULUM VITAE

Employment experience in research/academia OR if the applicant does not have experience in research/academia, employment experience in fields outside of research/academia may be assessed	/ 5
Research achievements (scholarships, awards, publications, presentations), relative to opportunity	/ 5
TOTAL	/ 10

POTENTIAL

The individual reviewer's overall scoring of the applicant's research potential, based on the evidence provided. Reviewers may like to consider but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMCR/HDR's research history and track record Potential translatable impact of the EMC/HDR's project Statement from the EMC/HDR's supervisor and/or collaborator 	/ 5
TOTAL	/ 5

OVERALL SCORE: / 50