

## RAINE PRIMING GRANTS CONDITIONS

*Raine Research Grants are provided by the Arnold Yeldham and Mary Raine Medical Research Foundation (“the Foundation”) to support research towards the seeking, diagnosing and investigating the nature, origin and cause of diseases in human beings, and the prevention, cure, alleviation and combating of such diseases.*

*The Raine Research Committee wishes to provide Priming Grants for medical research scientists at an early stage in their career, particularly for those who are progressing towards an independent research career, to assist them to become more competitive for national and international peer-review grants.*

### **1. Selection Criteria**

1. Raine Priming Grants are intended for -
  - (a) researchers at an early stage of their career; and
  - (b) researchers seeking to develop an independent career; or
  - (c) new academic and research staff to The University of Western Australia, who are -
    - (i) normally within two years’ of their appointment; and
    - (ii) not holding a research grant in excess of \$70,000.
2. A researcher who applies under clause (a) and (b) above shall not normally be first-named Investigator on any successful competitive national or international peer-review project grant valued at \$50,000 or more.

### **2. Eligibility**

1. Notwithstanding Selection Criteria 1(c) and with the exception of the Research Committee, all researchers in Western Australia who meet the Selection Criteria 1(a) and (b) are eligible to apply for a Raine Priming Grant.
2. A condition of eligibility requires all applicants to submit other research grant applications through their cognate University.

### **3. Application Procedure**

1. Application Form  
Applicants are asked to use the Application Form available from the Raine homepage at:  
<http://www.raine.uwa.edu.au/grants>
2. Selection Criteria Statement  
Applicants are required to provide a statement that specifically addresses the selection criteria under which their application is submitted as described at Clause 1.(a), (b), and (c)
3. Number of Applications  
Applicants may not be named as Chief Investigator on more than one Raine Priming Grant application in any year.

4. NH&MRC or equivalent awards  
Raine Grantholders, if eligible, are expected to apply for NHMRC or equivalent awards during the tenure of their Raine Grant.
5. General Information to Applicants  
Background Information to assist applicants on format and submission of applications is provided at: <http://www.raine.uwa.edu.au/grants>

#### **4. Evaluation Process**

1. The principal criterion for the award of a Grant is scientific excellence.
2. The system of evaluation involves a four-stage process -
  - (a) preliminary screening by the Committee to check eligibility;
  - (b) external assessment of short-listed applications by independent scientists;
  - (c) a written response from applicants to their assessors' reports; and
  - (d) final selection by the Committee based on 4(b) and 4(c).

*It is noted that the decision of the Committee is final with no process of appeal. Correspondence, written or verbal, will not be entered into with applicants.*

#### **5. Funding**

1. Grants are awarded on the basis that funds are not available from another granting body for the purposes approved by the Committee.
2. Grants are normally awarded as one-line budgets to provide funding, or part funding, for salaries of researchers or technical staff, with provision for computing and consumables.
3. Grants are not renewable and shall normally be for periods of 2-3 years' duration. Researchers, who are awarded a one- or two-year grant with the option of an additional year's funding, may be asked to provide evidence that they are seeking alternative funding from other granting bodies.
4. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Committee give consideration to:
  - (a) inclusion of travel funds, or
  - (b) items of equipment in excess of \$10,000.

#### **6. Management of Grants**

1. Raine Research Grants –
  - (a) may not be deferred to a later year;
  - (b) shall be administered by the University of Western Australia both internally, or externally to another host institution if applicable; and
  - (c) shall be used for the purposes approved by the Committee.
2. Raine Research Grant funding -
  - (a) that is used for purposes other than that for which it was awarded, shall be recoverable by the Foundation; and
  - (b) that is unspent at the conclusion of the granting period shall automatically revert to the Foundation.
3. Equipment purchased with Grant moneys shall remain the property of the host institution.

## **7. Statutory Requirements**

1. (a) Human or Animal Experimentation  
Successful applicants are required to provide certification of compliance from a recognised Ethics Committee on human and animal experimentation before the work on the project may commence.
- (b) Recombinant Nucleic Acids  
Successful applicants are required to provide certification that clearance from a Biosafety Committee has been issued, if relevant, before work on the project may commence.

## **8. Intellectual Property**

1. The researcher, the head of school (or equivalent academic unit), is required to inform the Chair of the Committee promptly in writing as soon as they become aware that the work arising from the Grant may have -
  - (a) commercial value; or
  - (b) intellectual property rights.
2. (a) Where there is an invention, process or improvement arising from the approved project, the researcher and the host institution shall ensure that the intellectual property rights in that invention, process or improvement is protected.
  - (b) The results of research, and the intellectual property rights in such results, in relation to which the Foundation has made a grant, must be considered for patent or other protection by the host institution.
  - (c) Publication of research findings must be delayed until such consideration and until patenting or other protection, if there is to be such, however, no unnecessary delay should be allowed to occur before publication is sought.
3. (a) The intellectual property rights arising from the research shall only be commercialised with the prior written consent of the Foundation.
  - (b) Such consent may be refused at the Foundation's absolute discretion or granted, subject to such conditions as the Foundation may decide, and shall include prior agreement as to the sharing of any financial benefits arising from the commercialisation.
4. Neither the host institution nor the researcher shall enter into an arrangement (including consultancies or confidentiality agreements) without the Foundation's prior consent, such that -
  - (a) a third party may restrict publications arising from the approved project; or
  - (b) a third party may be given an advantage through earlier disclosure of research results, or an option to commercialise the research results.

## **9. Annual Reports**

Successful applicants are required to provide an Annual Report on the progress of the work every twelve months from commencement of the Grant. A Final Report must be submitted within six months of completion of the Grant.

## **10. Acknowledgment**

Full acknowledgment of the Foundation shall be made as opportunities arise (in publications, public discussion, and press statements, etc.), copies of which shall be submitted to the Committee, as appropriate.

## **11. Funding Availability**

Grants are offered subject to the availability of funds and to exceptional circumstances affecting the flow of funds to the Foundation.

The Committee reserves the right not to make an award.