

The aim of the Abbie Fennessy Memorial Fellowship is to improve the knowledge and skills of Allied Health & Nursing professionals working in cystic fibrosis (CF) care to benefit those who have CF. Medioplast (formerly Technipro-PulmoMed) remains committed to the unconditional funding of the Abbie Fennessy Award for the benefit of the CF community.

The award is provided to support education, training, academic purposes, and/or medical research, activities that improve the quality of medicine and the improvement of cystic fibrosis patient outcomes. The Fellowship is open to Allied Health & Nursing professionals involved in the treatment or care of people with CF in Australia.

The Fellowship is an annual grant, which can be awarded entirely to one applicant, or shared between several applicants. Joint applications can be made, but **ALL** applicants need to be cystic fibrosis professionals from the nursing, dietetics, physiotherapy, social work, psychology and occupational therapy disciplines.

What is offered in 2021?

One award is offered to the maximum value of \$5,000.

The highest ranked applications will have their initiatives funded up to the value of \$5,000 and must provide a detailed, itemised budget with the application.

Who can apply?

CF Nurses, Dietitians, Physiotherapists, Social Workers, Psychologists and Occupational Therapists, including those who work in community based CF care.

Criteria for applying

- ◆ The applicant must be a permanent resident of Australia and must have been working in cystic fibrosis care for at least two years.
- ◆ The applicant must intend to continue working in CF care in Australia.
- ◆ The applicant must have their supervisor sign off on the application, budget and CV, and provide a letter of support.
- ◆ The applicant must agree to provide a report to CFA within three months of the conclusion of the project/initiative, signed off by their supervisor.

Judging

- ◆ CFA undertakes to have each application peer reviewed and ranked according to best practice.
- ◆ The appointed panel's discretionary decision is final.
- ◆ CFA has the right to withdraw the Fellowship should an awarded project/travel not proceed.
- ◆ Winner(s) will be announced at the 14th Australasian Cystic Fibrosis Conference in August 2021 and on-line.

Applications to be emailed to CFA and must include the following:

1. Applicant's name and details.
2. A comprehensive outline of the initiative to be funded.
3. A detailed itemised budget.
4. A Curriculum Vitae.
5. A letter of support & recommendation from your employer and the head of your CF department.
6. The applicant must sign off and agree to provide a report and to present in a CF forum if required.

Closing date for the 2021 Applications is 5.00pm (AEST) on Friday, 28th May 2021.

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