EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AND PhD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Translational Neuroscience at the Melbourne Brain Centre, The Royal Melbourne Hospital (MBC at RMH)

The CRE funds research activities through the Melbourne Brain Centre, a joint initiative of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, the University of Melbourne, the Florey Neuroscience Institutes and the Mental Health Research Institute.

In order to train world-class clinical neuroscience researchers, the CRE is calling for applications for Post-doctoral Fellowships (2 years) and PhD scholarships (3 years). The start date of awarded Scholarships and Fellowships will be flexible, but the appointment should commence between May 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012. Consideration will be given to extending the 2yr Post-doctoral fellowships for a third year conditional on performance and progress.

The ultimate goal of the CRE is to improve health outcomes by knowledge transfer, which includes extensive community consultation. Successful applicants will have access to state of the art neurological, neurocognitive, imaging, neuropathological and neuroscience technology and expertise in one geographical locality to ensure the success of their projects. Projects may include (but not be limited to): clinical trials and longitudinal cohort studies including identification of biomarkers to predict treatment response in brain diseases; producing health economic models to assess the likely cost effectiveness of proposed changes to clinical practice from scientific discoveries of the CRE; or be designed to test and implement translational programs in appropriate clinical settings.

The fellowships and scholarships are competitive and will be ranked using objective criteria by a subcommittee of the CRE executive.

Potential fellowship and scholarship applicants must apply in writing, providing:

- a one page outline of their project
- a written recommendation from the proposed primary supervisor
- a detailed description of other salary/scholarship support arrangements
- a curriculum vitae
- names and contact details of two referees

Key selection criteria:

- the applicant must hold tertiary qualifications in a health or neuroscience related field
- the proposed research must be conducted in the Melbourne Brain Centre (MBC) located at the Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH)
- the primary supervisor must be affiliated with the MBC at RMH
- a written proposal, including timelines, to apply for external salary support is required for Post-doctoral fellowship applications (NHMRC, ARC, etc)
• a strong preference will be given to clinical-related projects
• applications are encouraged from candidates conducting research in the areas of Neurology, Neurosurgery, Neuropathology, Radiology, Neuropsychiatry, and Epidemiology and Health Outcomes Research.

Expressions of Interest must be received by Friday, March 4th.

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