**APPLICATION COVER SHEET – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP 2022 - 2024**

Please complete this cover sheet and submit with your application for funding for a postdoctoral Fellowship before 6 pm AEST on Thursday 26th August 2021 to Dr Gethin Thomas, Executive Director Research at research@mndaustralia.org.au

Applications should not be submitted by researchers who will be unable to provide a financial acquittal before 30th June 2022 for previously funded projects.

**Please read the application guidelines before completing your application**.

**APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

Please check the three boxes below with an X.

1.) I have read and understood the application guidelines

2.) I am an Australian citizen / resident

3.) Application has been saved as a single PDF document which includes:

* Cover sheet
* Aims and hypotheses
* Background
* Research plan
* Significance
* Reference list
* Budget
* Suitability of the candidate for the Fellowship
* Curriculum vitae
* Referees
* Name and covering letter from the institution where the work will be carried out.

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**APPLICATION DETAILS**

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| 1 | Name and qualifications of applicant |  | | | |
| 2 | Date PhD thesis was passed  (or submission date of doctoral thesis) |  | | | |
| 3 | Email address of applicant |  | | | |
| 4 | Mobile phone number of applicant |  | | | |
| 5 | Project title |  | | | |
| 6 | Sponsoring investigator |  | | | |
| 7 | Sponsoring institution |  | | | |
| 8 | Department (if applicable) |  | | | |
| 9 | Name, email address and phone number of administrator lodging the application |  | | | |
| 10 | Academic referees (name and affiliation) | (i) |  | | |
| (ii) |  | | |
| (iii) |  | | |
| 11 | Mark one box (or **no more than two** boxes) in the grid below that most closely describes the category of your project | | | | |
|  | Project category | | | cause |
| genetics | | |  |
| genomics | | |  |
| proteomics | | |  |
| cell biology | | |  |
| clinical measurement | | |  |
| metabolism | | |  |
| immunology | | |  |
| environment | | |  |
| epidemiology | | |  |
| health care | | |  |
| social research | | |  |
| other (specify) | | |  |

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| 12 | Check one box with an X to select the research priority that has the greatest relevance for your project | | check box |
| 1) | **Advance MND research to understand its causes** |  |
|  | Research that improves knowledge of the underlying disease mechanisms causing MND and the development of representative laboratory models. |  |
| 2) | **Foster the drug development process and clinical trials** |  |
|  | Research that aims to lead to new treatments. Research that is linked to or involves conducting clinical trials. |  |
| 3) | **Enhance clinical and healthcare research and the evidence-base for clinical and healthcare practice** |  |
|  | Clinical and healthcare research to promote innovation and best practice to improve quality of life for people living with MND and their families and carers. |  |

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| 13 | **Abstract** (100 words)  Briefly describe, in clear, simple lay terms the general public will easily understand, the overall aims, methods and expected outcomes of your project. It is also critical to explain how the research might lead to benefit for people with MND. Do not include a definition of MND as this is readily available. |
| 14 | **Social media**  (a) Proposed tweet should your application be successful (280 characters max) |

**APPLICATION FORM – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP- (2022 – 2024)**

The application should include;

* + - 1. **Aims and hypotheses of project** (1 page)

In no more than one page, list the specific aims and potential significance of the project. State clearly which hypotheses are to be tested. The aims of the research must be clear to MNDRA’s Research Committee and relevant to the development of an understanding of the causes, treatments, cure or care of classical MND.

* + - 1. **Significance** (max 1 page)
      2. **Background** (max 2 pages)
      3. **Research plan** (max 3 pages)
      4. **Reference list** (max 2 pages)
      5. **Justification for the requested funding for the research expenses component (maximum $50,000)** (maximum 1 page)**.**

The budget must be directed to the aims of the project.

* 1. Budget items up to $50,000 can include:
     1. Salaries
     2. Direct research costs (reagents and consumables)
     3. Attendance at the International Symposium on ALS/MND if being held face-to-face (max. $4,000).
  2. Budget items cannot include:
     1. Attendance at meetings (other than 4.1.6.1.3 above)
     2. Travel expenses (other than 4.1.6.1.3 above)
     3. Equipment (except small items included in 4.1.6.1.2 above)
     4. Indirect or overhead costs
        1. **Suitability of the candidate for the Fellowship** (max 1 page)
        2. **Curriculum vitae** (max 2 pages). Publications listed should not include publications 'in preparation' or 'submitted' or published on preprint servers.
        3. **Referees**

Provide the names of three academic referees for the principal applicant who must provide reports (sent to Dr Gethin Thomas at research@mndaustralia.org.au before the deadline. Referee reports should address the strengths of the candidate and application in regards to the scoring criteria: 1) Research Quality; 2) Innovation and creativity; 3) Significance and 4) Capability. Further information on these criteria is available on the MNDRA website.

* + - 1. **Details of institution where the work will be carried out**

State in which department and which institution this project will primarily be carried out. A covering letter from a sponsoring institution confirming that the required resources and support will be provided for the project is required.

Proposals are to be received by **6.00pm AEST on Thursday 26th August 2021.** Late applications will not be considered.

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**1. Aims and hypotheses (maximum one page)**

**2. Significance (maximum 1 page)**

1. What is innovative about the proposed research plan?
2. What is the potential to significantly contribute to the knowledge base around the causes, treatments, cure or care for MND? A clear vision of how this research can be utilised and/or a path to translation is required.

**3. Background (maximum 2 pages)**

**4. Research plan (maximum 3 pages)**

Other sources of funding to support the project, either already received or forthcoming, must be disclosed. The additional benefits of the MNDRA funding must be clearly articulated and need for the MNDRA funding justified.

**5. Reference list (maximum two pages)**

1. **Budget and justification (one page)**

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|  | **Total** | Not to exceed $50,000 |  |  |
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**Expand table if needed**

**7. Suitability of the candidate for the Fellowship (maximum one page)**

**8. Curriculum vitae (max 2 pages)**

**9. Referees**

**10. Covering letter from institution**