



GUIDELINES:

OzEMalaR – Australia Europe Malaria Research Cooperative Travel Award Funding Assistance

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Complete the Application form for Funding Assistance

This document details the Guidelines for funding assistance for researcher exchange travel through OzEMalaR (Australia /Europe Malaria Research). The NHMRC has provided OzEMalaR with funds to support exchange between Australian malariologists and members of EVIMalaR (European Virtual Institute of Malaria Research). The main funding will go to Postdocs and PhD students to undertake research for short periods in European labs as part of their project. More senior investigators are also eligible for support where the primary objective is collaborative research. Long term funding is not available. Funding for Workshops and Grant Writing Retreats is also available from OzEMalaR. Funding of direct research costs such as consumables, bench fees, laboratory animals and equipment should come from the host and/or home laboratories and can only be provided by OzEMalaR in exceptional circumstances.

Malaria is a global problem with no single solution. A large, but sometimes disjointed, research community is addressing the problem, but more collaboration is vital. The NHMRC - European Union (EU) Collaborative Research Grants scheme supports Australian participation in leading international collaborative research under Framework Program 7. OzEMalaR links 34 Australian labs with 47 European, African & Indian malaria researchers. OzEMalaR travel award funding will enable exchange of modern technologies by supporting early career researchers (PhD students and Postdocs) from Australia to work and be trained in top European labs in the EViMalaR network (for the full list of members see www.evimalar.org). European trainees will work and be trained by Australian malariologists using reciprocal EU support. **OzEMalaR cannot fund Europe-based EViMalaR members to come to Australian labs – that funding comes from EViMalaR.**

OzEMalaR aims to: promote and facilitate interaction between colleagues, peers and potential research partners; communicate the scientific achievements of OzEMalaR participants; and create professional development opportunities for them, in particular for postgraduate students and early career postdoctoral fellows. Therefore, OzEMalaR provides funding assistance for its participants to undertake important, relevant travel. This may include exchanges to EViMalaR laboratories and associated field sites (www.evimalar.org) - ranging from a few weeks up to several months; or malaria-related training courses; or to organise and host training workshops in Europe; and/or grant writing retreats that promote or foster significant collaboration between OzEMalaR and EViMalaR participants (e.g. joint grants). **This award scheme does not support travel to attend conferences.** If attendance at a conference fits into your program, that is OK, but no funds for registrations, travel to and from the conference, or accommodation at the conference can be supplied.

Guidelines for the distribution of funds are summarised below:

1. Applicants must be malaria researchers whose laboratory head is a Chief Investigator on the NHMRC OzEMalaR grant. Applications from Australian malaria researchers not currently part of the OzEMalaR grant are also eligible if sufficient funds are available. Australian labs not currently belonging to OzEMalaR are encouraged to join OzEMalaR (contact Geoff McFadden). All applicants must also be current members of the Australian Society for Parasitology and current employees or students in an Australian institution.
2. Applicants must clearly describe the purpose of the travel, together with a convincing justification of the benefits to the individual and OzEMalaR. OzEMalaR funds must be used for travel to EViMalaR laboratories and associated field sites. For the full list of members in Europe, Africa, India and Australia visit www.evimalar.org **Travel to other destinations cannot be supported.**
3. Applications will be considered by an assessment committee and must be submitted on the Funding Assistance Application Form provided, together with all requested supporting documentation (see Form for details).
4. Applications for the first round of funding in 2010 close on June 30th 2010. We anticipate having four rounds of applications per year (2010-2014). Dates will be announced in due course.
5. Applicants must list the actual or estimated cost of fees, accommodation, travel etc.
6. The amount of assistance to be provided will depend on the number of worthy applications received each year, with due regard to the budget limitations of the fund and previous history of funding of any individual.
7. Payment will be made upon receipt of a Tax Invoice from the applicant's home institution addressed to "The University of Melbourne" marked for the attention of Prof. Geoff McFadden. Invoices should be sent to Ms Lisa Jones, who will collate the costs. It will be the responsibility of the applicant's home institution to keep records (including all relevant receipts) of the expenses paid from the OzEMalaR grant.

8. Applicants are strongly encouraged to also seek funds from other sources to, wherever possible, augment OzEMalaR funding. Funding for laboratory costs for research will also be given but the costs must be part of the tax invoice from the applicant's home institution sent to The University of Melbourne. The University of Melbourne will not accept invoices from international institutions for laboratory costs. These costs must be included in the tax invoice for the travel grant.
9. Successful applicants are encouraged to promote OzEMalaR during their activities; this may include using the OzEMalaR logo on presentations, and acknowledging OzEMalaR support in any publications resulting from the funded activity. Logos and wording to acknowledge OzEMalaR support will be supplied to awardees.
10. Successful applicants are under an obligation to report back to OzEMalaR, with a written report sent to the Communications Coordinator, Lisa Jones (Lisa.Jones@uts.edu.au) within one month of completion of the proposed program. The written report will contain:
 - i. Name of researcher(s);
 - ii. Any outcomes linked to the program (e.g., publications, professional reports, new collaborations or new lines of inquiry resulting from the program, grant applications, new skills developed etc);
 - iii. A financial report (including receipts).

The length of this report need not exceed two pages but failure to comply with the above will lead to disqualification from future consideration in relation to this fund. The information may be used to publicise OzEMalaR activities through the ASP Newsletter and/or on the OzEMalaR and ASP websites.