JEFF GITTUS LUNG TRANSPLANT FELLOWSHIP

SMALL PROJECT FUNDING GRANT FOR FUNDING COMMENCING 2025
GUIDE TO APPLICANTS

The **Jeff Gittus Lung Transplant Fellowship** provides funding for a research project that focuses specifically on **improving Lung Transplant Patient Outcomes and /or Lung Transplant Patient Wellbeing**.

The primary aims of this Fellowship are to:

- fund a small study that is complete in itself and not merely part of a major study
- encourage individuals or groups that have not previously been involved in research activities
- assist graduates in the Health Sciences to initiate research studies, or complete a research project which may form part of higher qualification requirements

One fellowship grant of **up to $20,000** will be available to fund a project of 24 months total duration.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Jeff Gittus Lung Transplant Fellowship, the following criteria must be met:

- The applicant must have an Alfred Health appointment or a significant connection with the Alfred Lung Transplant Service
- The applicant should have received no more than $20,000 in total research funding during the previous 2 years
- The applicant's proposed research project ideally should take place on the Alfred campus, or an institution that has significant connections to The Alfred's Lung Transplant Service, and must be under the supervision of a senior researcher from the Lung Transplant Service.
- All Associate Investigators must have either Alfred Health or associated academic institution appointments.

Investigators

The applicant (Principal Investigator) is considered the lead researcher of the project, who will be responsible for driving the project under the guidance of an experienced researcher (Supervisor). The applicant will be responsible for all project reporting.

Up to five other Alfred/ Alfred associated academic staff members can be nominated as Associate Investigators on the Project. Note that the scheme is not intended to support research that is primarily part of a PhD project or other graduate / postgraduate research project being conducted primarily by the Associate Investigators.

Budget

Funding from the Jeff Gittus Fellowship is to be applied only to the work described in the successful submission and should be the primary funding source. A detailed budget with costings will need to be submitted with application. Funds may be requested for consumables needed to conduct the research

or small items of equipment. Any equipment purchased will remain the property of the Lung Transplant Service. Major infrastructure/ indirect costs of research should not be requested.

Ethics
If the project is going to involve consenting patients, using clinical patient data or the researchers are aiming to publish the results, Ethics committee approval **must** be obtained before commencement of the project and fellowship payments will not be made without evidence of Alfred Ethics approval.

Award Term
The grant is awarded for a maximum term of 24 months. Commencement date should be **by 1st August 2025**, and the project should be completed no later than **31stAugust, 2027,** or a maximum 24 months after commencement of the project. A final project report must be submitted no later than **30th November 2027.**

Reporting & Grant Payments
It is expected that the results of the research will be submitted as an abstract and presented at a national and /or international transplantation scientific meeting (eg TNA, TSANZ or ISHLT) as well as at the **Annual Lungitude Research Meeting,** ideally in the second year of the 24 month project time line. All abstracts, publications and presentations must acknowledge the support from the Jeff Gittus Lung Transplant Fellowship and Lungitude Foundation.
A final report and budget reconciliation will be required no later than the **30th November 2027.**

Fellowship payments will be made in 2 installments. The first 80% will be paid by **1st August 2025** or when the project commences once Ethics approval has been granted. The remaining 20% will be paid on receipt of a satisfactory final project report, due no later than **30th November 2027**.

The Jeff Gittus Fellowship sponsors, Lungitude Foundation and the Medical Head, Lung Transplant Service reserve the right to terminate funding if the project progress is deemed unsatisfactory.

Application Submission
Applications open on **Monday 17th March 2025**. The application should include the following:

- Application form - using the template accessed by clicking **HERE**
- A current curriculum vitae (no more than 2 pages)

Applications should be submitted by email to the research officer for the Jeff Gittus Fellowship Committee: C/- A/Prof Bronwyn Levvey- b.levvey@alfred.org.au by **5:00pm, Thursday 17th April 2025.**

All applications will be reviewed and scored by the Jeff Gittus Fellowship Committee and the successful applicant will be notified by email by **Monday 2nd June 2025.**

If you have any questions in regards to your project suitability and application, please contact Medical Head of Lung Transplant Service, Prof Greg Snell (g.snell@alfred.org.au) or A/Prof Bronwyn Levvey (b.levvey@alfred.org.au) before closing submission date.