Judy Allen and Margarett Pratt ("Allen Pratt") LUNG TRANSPLANT GRANT SMALL PROJECT FUNDING GRANT FOR FUNDING 2026

1. Purpose of the Grant

The Allen Pratt Lung Transplant Research Grant supports research that improves outcomes for lung transplant patients, with a clear focus on rejection and post-transplant complications that may lead to immediately or in the future Lung Transplant rejection.

The grant application process, administration, and ongoing management are facilitated and managed by Lungitude Foundation, in accordance with the Lungitude Foundation Model Rules -Section 2: Purpose and specifically Section 2.1.1 which states

"To facilitate, undertake and publish medical and health research for lung transplantation, and where appropriate other human organ transplants, to address the clinical syndrome of Chronic Lung Allograft Dysfunction (CLAD) and associated diseases and medical conditions including, but not limited to, Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS), Restrictive Allograft Syndrome (RAS), Cytomegalovirus (CMV) disease, fungal diseases and associated complications; together with promoting and supporting improvements in medical procedures, treatments and strategies for patients pre, during and post-transplantation."

Accordingly, eligible research may include (but is not limited to) work relating to:

- Chronic Lung Allograft Dysfunction (CLAD)
- Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS)
- Restrictive Allograft Syndrome (RAS)
- CMV, fungal disease, and related complications
- Strategies that improve patient outcomes pre-, during, or post-transplant

To be clear: projects must relate directly to lung transplant rejection.

The grant is research only and is not intended to fund clinical service delivery, operational costs, or non-research activity.

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2. Funding Available

- One grant of up to $50,000 per year
- Maximum project duration: 24 months
- Maximum total funding: $100,000 over two years

In exceptional cases, projects demonstrating accelerated outcomes may be considered for more than $50,000 funding in Year 1.

3. Eligible Projects

The grant is designed to:

- Provide funding for all or part of a lung transplant research project
- Fund a small study that is complete in itself and not merely part of a major study
- Support research that directly improves outcomes and quality of life for lung transplant recipients
- Encourage innovative, practical, or translational research that can be implemented within the lung transplant clinical pathway

Research must be conducted at an Australian institution recognised for lung transplant research or related services.

4. Investigator Eligibility

- The Principal Investigator (PI) is the lead researcher and primary point of accountability
- All investigators (principal and associated) must hold academic appointments with a recognised institution
- The PI is responsible for project delivery, reporting, and compliance with these terms

5. Use of Funds

Grant funding:

- Must be used only for the approved research activities described in the successful application
- Is expected to be the primary funding source for the project
- May be used for justified research costs, including consumables
- A detailed budget must be submitted with the application.

6. Ethics Approval

- If Ethics approval is required, this must be granted before project commencement
- Grant payments will not be released without evidence of ethics approval
- If ethics approval is delayed more than 6 months from grant acceptance, Lungitude Foundation may place the grant on hold or cancel and request a resubmission when approval is obtained

7. Project Term and Key Dates

- Project commencement: by 1 August 2026 unless otherwise agreed
- Project duration: maximum 24 months
- Project completion: no later than 31 August 2028
- Refer to the Lungitude website for key dates regarding application process.

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8. Reporting and Dissemination

Grant recipients are expected to:

- Present findings at the Annual Lungitude Research Meeting (ideally in Year 2)
- Be available for meet-and-greet and/or presentations with Lungitude key sponsors (timing and format to be agreed)
- Actively pursue appropriate dissemination of findings, which may include peer-reviewed publication, conference abstracts, or other recognised academic or clinical forums

Publication of research findings is encouraged but not mandatory, recognising that some projects, timeframes, or outcomes may not be suitable for formal publication within the grant period.

All abstracts, publications, and presentations must acknowledge “Allen Pratt Lung Transplant Grant” and “Lungitude Foundation”

Annual scientific and financial reports are required or as outlined in the grant confirmation letter.

9. Grant Payments

Payments will be made in two instalments:

- First payment (up to $50,000): payable by 1 August 2026 or upon project commencement once ethics approval is confirmed
- Second payment (the outstanding amount): payable no earlier than 1 August 2027 based on the date of the first payment and satisfactory 1st year reporting.

Lungitude Foundation reserves the right to:

- Withhold payments if progress is unsatisfactory
- Terminate funding if the project fails to meet agreed milestones
- Recall any unspent funds where they are not fully utilised in line with the research budget

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10. Change in Investigator Status

The grant is awarded to the Principal Investigator.

If the PI ceases employment at the host institution and is unable to continue the project as approved, Lungitude Foundation reserves the right to:

- Terminate the grant, and/or
- Recall any unspent funds

11. Application & Review Process

- Applications must be submitted through the Lungitude Grant application process as published on the Lungitude website
- Applications may be independently reviewed
- Shortlisted applicants may be asked to present their proposal to the grant sponsors and Lungitude Board

Successful applicants will be notified via email in line with the published timeline.

12. Enquiries

Applicants unsure about project suitability are encouraged to make contact before submission closing date:

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