**Research grants to investigate the disease association or function of the Homer gene, Homer gene variants and related scaffolding genes and molecular pathways**

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**The Homer Hack Research Grant Scheme**

**Template for Proposals for Funding Commencing in 2025**

**1. Application Title**

Provide a short title. Maximum 15 words.

**2. List Chief Investigator/s and Institutional Details**

List the chief investigator/s details using the following table (duplicate as required, for each chief investigator):

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Title** |  |
| **First and Last Name** |  |
| **Qualifications** |  |
| **Employer** |  |
| **Physical Address** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |

**3. List Associate Investigator/s and Institutional Details**

List the associate investigator/s details using the following table (duplicate as required, for each associate investigator):

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Title** |  |
| **First and Last Name** |  |
| **Qualifications** |  |
| **Employer** |  |
| **Physical Address** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |

**4. Application summary**

Provide an Application Summary, focusing on the aims, significance, expected outcomes and benefits of this project. Write the Application Summary simply, clearly and in plain English. If your application is successful, this Application Summary will be listed on the Homer Hack website and used to give the general community an understanding of the research. Avoid the use of acronyms, quotation marks and upper case characters. Maximum 100 words.

**5. Project Benefit and Impact Statement**

Outline the intended benefit and impact of the project. Write this benefit and impact statement simply, clearly and in plain English. Maximum 500 words.

**6. Project Description**

Provide a Project Description with the following headings: *Background and Research Objectives; Research Design and Methods; Project Timeline and Feasibility* (noting that all projects must be completed within 18 months of project commencement)*.* This project description must be no more than two A4 pages (not including references which can be provided in section 9 of the application), with a minimum font size of 11pt, and margins set at a minimum of 1.27cm on all sides.

**7. Project Budget**

Use the following table to provide a GST-free budget, noting the maximum amount for any one grant is AUD$80,000 (ex GST).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Item** | **AUD$ amount** |
| Personnel  |  |
| Consumables |  |
| Equipment |  |
| Other (please list) |  |
| **Total funding requested from the Homer Hack (GST-free)** |  |

**8. Statement on Researcher Track Record for Each Listed Investigator**

Outline the chief and associate investigator/s track record, including their overall track record and Top 5 publications in the last 5 years, demonstrating the team’s ability to deliver this project. Write this track record with a maximum of two A4 pages for each listed investigator (minimum font size of 11pt, and margins set at a minimum of 1.27cm on all sides), in two sections: Overall track record in the last 5 years *and* Top 5 Publications in the last 5 years. More detail is provided below for each section.

*Overall Track Record in the last 5 years:*

Applicants are encouraged to use this section to identify aspects of their track record that are in addition to their Top 5 publication record outlined below. This track record should include any relative to opportunity considerations you wish the assessors to take into consideration. Application assessors will have access to the last 5 years of publications through the second section, therefore, the following areas should be considered in this section:

* Career summary - including qualifications, employment and appointment history
* Research support  - including grants and fellowships
* Contribution to field of research – this may include the impact of previous research including translation and commercialisation of research into health outcomes
* Patents – this information should include the type of patent, if the patent has been granted, when it has been

granted, to whom it has been granted and if it is current or not

* Collaborations
* Community engagement and participation
* Professional involvement – including committees, conference organisation, conference participation
* International standing - including invitations to speak, international committees
* Supervision and mentoring
* Peer review involvement (including NHMRC, other granting organisations, manuscripts, editorial responsibilities)
* Industry relevant expertise and output
* Other contributions or information you think is vital to your application.

*Top 5 Publications in the last 5 years:*

Each investigator is asked to list their top 5 publications in the last 5 years and reasons why these publications have been selected.

**9. Reference List**

Please provide a reference list for any citations included in the body of this application, formatted to APA7 style.

**How to Submit This Application:**

Applications should be saved as a single PDF file. The file name should follow this format; CISurname\_HomerHackgrant\_DDMonthYY. Applications should be emailed to admin@thehomerhack.com by the grant submission deadline of 5pmAEST on Monday 14/4/25.

Please note:

* The accepting institution for this grant must have an ABN, be able to issue a tax invoice for the grant amount approved by the Homer Hack, and be based in Australia
* All projects must be completed within 18 months of the project commencement date
* If an applicant does not comply with the word limit and formatting requirements outlined in this document, their application will be deemed ineligible for consideration
* Questions about this granting round will be accepted via email sent to admin@thehomerhack.com up until 5pmAEST on Monday 7/4/25.
* No late applications will be accepted after the grant submission deadline
* Applicants will be advised of the outcome of this granting round via email in May 2025.