

Purpose

This document is intended to assist clinical researchers who wish to apply for financial support funded by an educational grant from Eli Lilly Australia Pty Ltd to attend the 2009 delivery of the Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Neuroscience) offered by The University of Melbourne in partnership with the Centre of Clinical Research Excellence in Neurosciences.

Introduction

Eli Lilly Australia Pty Ltd has provided an educational grant to support two clinical research professionals to attend the Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Neuroscience) in 2009. The dates for course delivery are:

- **Week One:** 15, 16, 17 (half-day tutorials), 18, 19 June 2009
- **Week Two:** 22, 23, 24, 25 June 2009

The delivery venue is The Neuroscience Institutes, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, West Heidelberg, Melbourne, Australia. More information about the course can be accessed at <http://www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/neuroscience>.

Funding Support Objectives

The aim of the scholarship is to support the development of Australian clinical neuroscience research capabilities, the translation of quality research into clinical practice, and ultimately better health outcomes for the community.

Description

The financial support available will meet the full cost of course fees for the Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Neuroscience) for two participants. The cost per participant is normally \$4,200.

Eligibility/Selection Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate the following requirements at the time of their application:

- Demonstrated fit with the criteria for financial support. This includes being in one of the target categories (neuroscience medical specialty trainee, research nurse, study coordinator, physiotherapist, occupational therapist or other clinical trial/research professional) and being able to immediately apply the skills and knowledge from the course in the workplace;
- **Meet** The University of Melbourne entry requirements for participation in this course (appropriate undergraduate degree plus one year relevant work experience);
- Be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident; and
- Have made prior arrangements with their employer to attend all components of the coursework.

Students who have currently enrolled to attend the 2009 award course are also eligible to apply.

Note that offers of financial support from Lilly are conditional upon applicants providing documentation that confirms their eligibility (such as evidence of citizenship, undergraduate training, work experience etc.) in meeting the stated entry requirements of The University of Melbourne.

Applications and Selection

Applicants should make their application for funding support via letter, structured in the format of the following template, which provides details of the following:

Funding Support Requirements	Comments
Applicant works in the following target areas	Target includes neuroscience medical specialty trainee, research nurse, study coordinator, physiotherapist, occupational therapist or other clinical trial/research professional and also encourages applicants from interstate and rural/regional locations.
Be in a position that will allow them to apply the skills and knowledge gained during the course to their current workplace.	Preference will be given to applicants who can take the skills and knowledge from the course and apply them immediately in a clinical neuroscience research context.
The applicant meets The University of Melbourne entry requirements of the course	An appropriate undergraduate degree (health, medical, science, allied health from a recognised institution) plus one year relevant work experience. This should be outlined in the applicant letter, with documented evidence being required with a formal University enrolment if the applicant is offered funding support.
Employer supports and commits to releasing applicant for all the days of the coursework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Week 1: June 15th to 19th 2009 (incl. half-day on June 17th 2009). ▪ Week 2: June 22nd to 25th 2009.
Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident	A statement to this effect needs to be provided - documentation verifying is required with a formal enrolment should the applicant be advised they have been selected
Be prepared to complete the formal award course enrolment paperwork and provide supporting documentation required to formally enrol at The University of Melbourne.	The formal award course enrolment forms can be sourced from www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/neuroscience , click <i>Entry Requirements</i> and then click <i>Student Services application forms</i> .
Have support from the workplace to attend the training	This includes having permission to take the necessary time off work and possibly also study leave to complete all the components of assessment for the course.
Recognition of Eli Lilly Australia support	A brief outline of how and to whom the applicant would be able to acknowledge funding support from Eli Lilly Australia Pty Ltd.

Submission of Applications

Applications should be submitted electronically to:

Dr Kathy Lefevere at the Centre of Clinical Research Excellence in Neurosciences, The University of Melbourne – lefevere@unimelb.edu.au

The closing date and time for applications is (5:00pm AEST), Wednesday April 15th 2009. The successful applicant will be notified by Thursday 30 April 2009.

Financial Support Administration

Financial support for applicants will be administered by The University of Melbourne, through Melbourne Consulting & Custom Programs.

Following an offer of funding support by The University of Melbourne and completion of the University enrolment forms, successful applicants will be sent an offer of a place on the Clinical Neuroscience Research course by Melbourne Consulting & Custom Programs. After they have formally accepted an offer of a place they will be provided with a statement of enrolment showing that they have a balance of \$0 fees owing.

Recognition of Eli Lilly Australia Support

Appropriate recognition for the assistance of Lilly financial support is expected, and Eli Lilly Australia Pty Ltd requests that The University of Melbourne acknowledge publicly the financial support provided by Lilly. Successful applicants would agree to participate in the development of case studies or short articles that can be published, detailing their experience on the course and the contribution it has made to their professional career.