School of Public Health
2020-2021 BBV/STI Professorial Chair
HDR Research Enabler Scheme: GUIDELINES

SCHEME PURPOSE

The purpose of the 2020-2021 BBV/STI Professorial Chair HDR Research Enabler Scheme is to provide support for direct research costs incurred by enrolled HDR students who are currently undertaking their PhD or MPhil in a topic related to blood borne viruses (BBV), HIV, Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI) or other sexual health related issues affecting the sexual health and wellbeing of Queenslanders.

The Scheme is underpinned by the BBV/STI Professorial Chair Objectives:

1. Facilitate the growth of research led from within Queensland relating to sexual health including Blood Borne Viruses (BBVs), HIV and viral hepatitis, STIs, and other emerging sexual health related issues.
2. Contribute to improving policy and practice, from public and population health perspectives, emphasising prevention, and wider determinants of health.

FUNDING AMOUNT AND ROUNDS

Grants will be **up to** $10,000 per successful application (GST inclusive). Funding awarded will be determined by the budget outlined in the Application Form.

We are planning to make two grants available in 2020, and a further two to three available in 2021.

This final number of grants awarded in Round 2 will be dependent on the grant amounts awarded in Round 1 and funds remaining within the BBV/STI Professorial Chair HDR Research Enabler Scheme.

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURE

Funds can only be used to cover **Direct Research Costs.**

Example expenditure includes:
 • Transcription and analysis costs
 • Epidemiology and biostatistics support beyond that which is standard to students
 • Travel related to the conduct of the research project
 • Equipment related to the conduct of the research project
 • Open access publications costs

FUNDING EXCLUSIONS

Funds are not able to be used for:
 • Indirect costs of research
 • Living expenses of the HDR student

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- The applicant's research project must be Queensland focused.
- The applicant's research project must be focused on a topic related to blood borne viruses, HIV, or Sexually Transmissible Infections or other sexual health related issues affecting the sexual health and wellbeing of Queenslanders.
- The applicant must be a HDR student currently enrolled within the UQ Faculty of Medicine.
- The applicant's principal and or associate advisor must be affiliated with the School of Public Health
- The HDR student must have received an APA or other UQ HDR Scholarship.
  - Please note: Applications from School of Public Health staff undertaking a PhD/MPhil who meets all other Eligibility Criteria may be considered.
- The applicant must not be in receipt of other grant support which covers the costs of their research.

CONDITIONS
- Funds must be expended by 30 June 2022, which is the expiration date for the current BBV/STI Professorial Chair Service Agreement with the Department of Health
- Ethics and other approvals for the project must already be in place and evidence provided to the School prior to transfer of funds
- Student must acknowledge that the study is being conducted under the auspice of the BBV/STI Professorial Chair in all publications, presentations, and other dissemination of study outcomes.

SELECTION CRITERIA
Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:
- Scientific quality of proposed project (30%)
- Significance and innovation of the proposed project (30%)
- Potential for the proposed research to build capacity in our ability to improve health outcomes for people living with blood borne viruses/HIV/STIs (20%)
- Demonstrated need for the funding (20%)

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION DETAILS
Applications must be submitted on the designated online application form.

- Deadline for Round One application is 30 October 2020
- Deadline for Round Two application is 30 March 2021.

ASSSESSMENT AND NOTIFICATION
Applications will be assessed Professor Charles Gilks, the BBV/STI Professorial Chair and applicants will be notified of the outcome by:
- Round One application - 30 November 2020
- Round Two application - 30 April 2021.

Certification (To be attached to the [online application form](#))

Terms and Conditions
- Funds must be expended in accordance with the budget by 30 June 2022. <u>No extensions will be granted.</u>
- Funding recipients must submit a final report to Professor Charles Gilks, the BBV/STI Professorial Chair via med.research.sph@uq.edu.au by 30 June 2022 or conclusion of project. Reports must include
  a. Brief description of the project aims and outcomes
  b. Outline of funds expenditure
  c. Research outcome(s) of the project (maximum 2 pages) and how they relate to the BBV/STI Prof Chair Objectives.
  d. If the project / HDR is complete, a summary of the conclusions and recommendations.
- If the project cannot proceed because the recipient has left UQ, the grant will be terminated. The School will however provide funding on a pro-rata basis to the length of the project.
- Ethics and other approvals for the project must already be in place and evidence provided to the School prior to transfer of funds.

Certification by the Applicant

I certify that:			
i.	All the details on this application form are true and complete.		
ii.	If I am successful, I will accept the stated conditions of this scheme.		
iii.	I will comply with all necessary UQ policies and procedures in undertaking the project funded by this grant.		
iv.	I understand and agree that all ethical clearances must be in place before the proposed research can commence.		
v.	In submitting this application, I consent to its referral to internal (UQ) assessors for consideration.		
Name		Signature	
Title		Date	

Certification by Primary Advisor / Supervisor

I certify that:			
i.	The project, if funded under this application, can be accommodated within the general facilities in the School.		
ii.	To the best of our knowledge, all the details on this application form are true and complete.		
iii.	I confirm that the applicant is a HDR student currently enrolled within the UQ Faculty of Medicine and that I, and/or the Association Supervisor [add name], is affiliated with the School of Public Health.		
Name		Signature	
Title		Date	

Once completed and signed, please attach your certification to the [online application form](#).