2025 Deborah lehmann Research Award

in paediatric infectious diseases

Application Form

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Submit applications to [WCVID@thekids.org.au](mailto:WCVID@thekids.org.au) by **1 August 2025, 12PM AWST** (Perth time). Note that applications received after this time will not be accepted.

**Name of applicant**

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**Research institution of applicant**

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**Email address of applicant**

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**Name of Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases (WCVID) supervisor/collaborator**

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**Letter of support attached?**   Yes  No

**Select which applies to you:**

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|  | Early- to mid-career (EMCR) researcher | **1** | Effective years postdoc**2**: |  |

1. Up to 10 FTE years post-PhD (or equivalent) relative to opportunity and once career disruptions are considered.
2. The ‘effective’ number of years from the date that their Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) thesis was passed (not date of degree conferral) relative to opportunity and once career disruptions are considered.

***OR***

Higher degree by research (HDR) student (select below):

Master of Research (MRes)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

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|  | Professional doctorate |  | Specify: |  |

**Select which applies to you:**

A national from (select below):

Papua New Guinea  Timor Leste  Nuie

Solomon Islands  Fiji  Samoa

Vanuatu  Cook Islands  Indonesia

***OR***

First Nations of Australia and/or Aotearoa New Zealand

Pacific Peoples in Aotearoa New Zealand (select below):

Cook Islander  Niuean  Tongan

Fijian  Rotuman  Tuvalu people

Kiribati  Samoan  Tokelau people

**Title of proposal**

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**Plain language summary of proposal** max 200 words

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**PROPOSAL DETAILS**

# Specific objectives/deliverables and timeline max 250 words (add/delete rows as required)

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| **Objectives / Deliverables** | **Timeline** | | **Approvals required** | |
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# Research plan max 700 words Include details (expertise, tools, techniques, etc.) and justification of the methods (including sample size) related to the objectives and feasibility.

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The Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases (WCVID) have identified three objectives for 2022–2026. These are:

1. **Childhood Infections**: reducing the burden of childhood infections

* Reduce vaccine preventable diseases, preventing hospitalisation and morbidity
* Develop, trial, and evaluate infection prevention and treatment strategies
* Enhance sepsis recognition and treatment to improve childhood outcomes

1. **Aboriginal Health**: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage

* Prevent ear, skin, and lung disease, improving short and long-term outcomes
* Prevent rheumatic heart disease, saving lives and closing the gap
* Ensure all research occurs in partnership with community and is guided by a strong Aboriginal voice

1. **Global Public Health**: promoting health through research and partnerships

* Develop novel approaches to reduce emerging threats including antimicrobial resistance and vaccine hesitancy
* Prevent the health harms of COVID-19 and emerging pathogens

# How does this proposal align with the WCVID’s objectives? max 200 words

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# Outline or list:

# the significance of proposed research

# the unmet medical need or problem being addressed

# whether this is a priority at the local, national, regional, or global level max 400 words

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# Outline or list how the proposal:

# builds research capacity within the region

# enhances collaboration with or within the WCVID max 400 words

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# List all approvals that will be required *before* the research can proceed (e.g., ethics, governance approvals, intellectual property agreements, etc.).

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**BUDGET |** Budgets must be AU$30,000 or less. Budgets received exceeding these amounts are invalid.

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| Total requested amount of funding: AU$ |  |

# Budget justification and breakdown against the objectives/deliverables listed under point 1. Include salaries, consumables, community involvement, etc. (add/delete rows as required)

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| **Expense** | **Amount** |
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**References**

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| Document checklist | Included |
| Application form |  |
| Letter of support from WCVID supervisor/collaborator |  |
| Letter of support from proposed supervisor (if not within WCVID) |  |
| 2-page curriculum vitae (CV) |  |
| Other supporting documents e.g., quotes, etc. (optional) |  |

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