

Purpose and Background

John Nott was a well known Perth pharmacist and a patient of Dr Dennis Kermode who was Head of the Department of General Surgery at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Mr Nott was also treated for colorectal cancer. Prior to his death John Nott discussed setting-up a fund which would be managed by Cancer Council Western Australia in association with members of the Department of General Surgery at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Mr Nott's prime interest was to help improve treatment of cancer by funding the visits of experts to WA to teach local clinicians and researchers.

The Fund was set up in 1989 at which time a committee was appointed to conduct the allocation of the funds. The committee members included Dr Denis Kermode (Chairman), Dr John Stokes, Professor Tony House, Mr Harry Sheiner and Clive Deverall. After the retirement of Mr Sheiner and later Dr Kermode, the committee was chaired by Professor House. Dr David Minchin joined the committee later together with Assoc Professor John Olynk. Dr Stokes retired from the committee in 1997.

The current committee is comprised of Professor Tony House, Dr David Minchin, Professor John Olynk, with Ms Melissa Ledger as the Cancer Council Western Australia representative.

Primary Aim

The main purpose of the fellowship is to provide support for a national or international clinical cancer leader/researcher to visit Western Australia for further education in the area of clinical cancer management.

Criteria used in determining successful applicants

1. Making a difference

It must be clearly demonstrated that the invited speaker will make a significant and valuable contribution in the field of clinical cancer management and/or research.

2. Track Record

The application must demonstrate that the invitee is of significant standing in their chosen field and is current with the most recent research and literature.

3. Expertise

Preference will be given to those applications with a surgical and/or colorectal orientation.

4. Institutions

Preference will be given to those institutions involved with clinical cancer management in Western Australia i.e. including but not restricted to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital, King Edward Hospital, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, Hollywood Hospital and Joondalup Hospital.

5. Other resources

Preference will be given to those applications that attract matched or greater investment/commitment from other funding sources to support the proposal.

6. Award available

A fellowship of a maximum of \$10,000 is to be awarded annually. Funds can be applied to expenses such as flights, accommodation, car hire etc.

Fellowship Requirements

1. Publicity and Acknowledgement

Any event organised around the Fellowship will acknowledge the contribution from the John Nott Cancer Fellowship fund as administered through Cancer Council Western Australia.

2. Reporting

A report outlining the goals and achievements of the fellowship is required on its completion. This will include detailing meetings, events held, presentations and/or training opportunities.

The Application Process

The allocation of these funds will be conducted through the existing John Nott Cancer Fellowship Committee. The Committee will undergo a process of inviting applications, engage in the assessment process and arrive at a recommendation. All applicants will be notified of the outcome within one week of the decision being finalised.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Open date John Nott Fellowship	01 July 2020
Deadline for submission of Application	02 September 2020
Applicant notification	October 2020

Conclusion

The investment in the John Nott Cancer Fellowships creates an exciting opportunity to enable a well credentialed specialist to help advance local knowledge in an important cancer field. The process outlined here seeks to maximise the benefit to Clinical Cancer Management in Western Australia.

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