

## Trish MS Research Foundation – MS Research Australia

### Translational Research Grants

“Towards a cure for MS via repair and regeneration of cells”



The Trish Multiple Sclerosis Research Foundation was inspired by Trish Langsford who, having lost her battle with multiple sclerosis (MS), passed away at the age of 30. The Foundation was established with the specific goal of finding a cure or preventive strategy for multiple sclerosis.

The mission of MS Research Australia is to accelerate Australian research into MS toward the prevention, better treatments and a cure for MS.

The Trish MS Research Foundation has partnered with MS Research Australia to offer up to two Translational Research Grants of up to \$350,000 each for collaborative translational research projects. The successful projects will involve the pre-clinical development or clinical testing of interventions that target myelin repair, neuroprotection and/or the prevention or reversal of disability and symptom progression. Being able to not only stop MS but to potentially reverse MS is of great strategic importance to both organisations.

These grants aim to ‘fast-track’ the clinical testing of interventions that will improve outcomes for people living with MS. The Translational Research Grants will be assessed in an open, competitive peer-reviewed application round (in a parallel process to MS Research Australia Project Grants). All applications will be reviewed by external peer-reviewers and the MS Research Australia Research Management Council. The projects will then be considered by the Trish Foundation’s honorary Scientific Research Committee and recommended to the Foundation’s Board for approval.

**Aim:** To facilitate translational pre-clinical and clinical research by a collaborative, multi-disciplinary team working on a project with a clearly articulated pathway to clinical application.

**Funding Details:** Up to two 3-year project grants of up to \$350,000 may be funded. Eligible expenditure includes salaries, laboratory consumables, clinical assessments and patient costs.

**Eligibility and funding criteria:**

- 1) Applications must meet the funding rules of the MS Research Australia grant rounds.
- 2) Applications will need to include at least one collaborator with a strong track record in MS research and/or the clinical management of MS, and the collaborative team will need to demonstrate the required multi-disciplinary expertise to complete all elements of the study.
- 3) Applications involving commercial partners, where relevant, are encouraged.
- 4) Applications involving investigators from other disease fields are encouraged.

- 5) Project Grants must demonstrate direct relevance for the prevention and/or reversal of disability in MS and demonstrate a clear, feasible pathway for clinical implementation.

**Conditions and Expectations:**

Successful applications will be required to accept and adhere to MS Research Australia's standard conditions of award (which can be found [here](#)). In addition the successful applications will be expected to provide written and verbal (as required) updates for the Trish MS Research Foundation and MS Research Australia and may be called upon to participate in additional public engagement activities with the Trish MS Research Foundation and MS Research Australia.

**Application Deadline:** 12 April 2019.