

The Peter Meyer Fund of Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW Ltd¹ invites applications from individuals or research teams for the Peter Meyer Research Grant of \$10,000

Background of the Peter Meyer Fund

Peter Daniel Meyer was born on the 5 November 1964. He was a student of Sydney Grammar School. In 1987, when he was only 22, he was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Although he went through 20 difficult years with the burden of schizophrenia, he managed to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree at Sydney University. He also attended RMIT and St. Georges TAFE. Peter died by suicide on the 1 January 2003. Rosalind and Bob Meyer set up the Peter Meyer Fund within days of his death. The aim of the fund is to help, in some small way, young Australian researchers who aim to improve the wellbeing of people living with schizophrenia.

Objective of the Peter Meyer Fund

To provide financial support for research projects into schizophrenia, including:

- research into the causes of schizophrenia.
- treatments for schizophrenia.
- psychosocial factors and how they relate to schizophrenia.
- psychosocial support services for people with schizophrenia.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Researchers must be based in NSW.
2. The researchers must be under 35 years.
3. The project must address the objectives of the Peter Meyer Fund.
4. The project must be completed within 2 years.
5. Joint funding with other funding organisations will be considered.

Applications

Applications must address the Application Requirements (see page 2).

All correspondence and enquiries should be addressed to:

The Secretary
The Peter Meyer Fund
One Door Mental Health

and emailed as a PDF to Ms Louise Beardwell at louise.beardwell@onedoor.org.au
(Ph 1800 843 539)

Applications close 5.00 pm **Wednesday 2 April 2020**. Late applications will not be considered.

¹ One Door Mental Health is the trading name for the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Ltd.

Applications will be evaluated on

- Scientific excellence and innovation of the application.
- Practical benefits to the mental health of the community.
- Significance of the project.
- Track record of applicants.
- Feasibility, including relevant partnerships.

Application Requirements

Applications must be submitted via email as a single PDF document on A4 pages in a minimum of 12pt font and at least 2 cm margins.

Please include

1. Summary Page
 - a. Project title
 - b. Institution name and location
 - c. Details of project investigators
 - i. Title
 - ii. Full Name
 - iii. Name of Department / Faculty
 - iv. Appointment
 - v. Average days per month to be spent on the project
 - d. Total budget
 - e. A description in lay terms of project (no more than 300 words). If the proposal is funded, this material may be used in the Peter Meyer Fund's announcements.
2. Proposal (4 pages with no appendices) – Figures, tables, diagrams, etc., must be included within the 4-page limit. Anything over this 4-page proposal limit will be ignored.

In the description of the proposal please include:

- a. Aims
 - b. Background
 - c. Research methods (including statistical approach)
 - d. Expected outcomes and significance
3. References (1 page)
 4. Budget (1 page) – a budget description specifying the amount requested with a brief justification and what the funding will be spent on for the whole of the period of the grant. The grant must not duplicate funding or lead to a reduction of support from the host institution.
 5. Collaborator Letter (1 page, optional) – a letter of commitment from any supervisors, co-investigators or essential project collaborators, briefly explaining the specific contribution and confirming a willingness to collaborate.

6. Investigator(s) Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages for each investigator) – including any current grant support.
7. Investigator(s) publications from the past 5 years
8. Completed form (see pages 5-6)

Budgetary Considerations

Please fully justify the budget. It is important that each category for which support is requested, namely personnel, equipment, maintenance and other, should be justified in terms of their need by the project.

Applicants must apply for a specific sum of money and undertake to refund this if the project cannot proceed or is not completed. If you apply to another organisation for funding for the same project, and that application is successful, the Peter Meyer Fund must be notified.

This grant is from a charitable trust and 100% of the grant must be used for the purpose of the research project. Grant monies may not be used to fund any University administration fees payable during the course of the research.

With regard to salaries, applicants should indicate the Personnel Support Package level within the NHMRC scale that is appropriate (Please refer to the NHMRC website for information (www.nhmrc.gov.au)). These Packages include a provision for on-costs. The grant should not be used for 'top up funding' covering a gap between NHMRC rates and a local pay scale.

Supply of grant monies constitutes a taxable supply, and as such will attract GST. This will not be paid by the Peter Meyer Grant.

No additional funds will be awarded.

A report must be submitted by the 1st September detailing:

- Compliance with local ethical processes (via an acknowledgement of your annual report to your HREC).
- Any changes made to the project.
- The budget request for the following year and if this has been changed from the original application.
- Any publications or presentations made.

Grant Conditions

Specific conditions may be laid down in some instances at the discretion of the Peter Meyer Grant Board and/or its Research Committee.

Reports

Reports are required by the 1st September of each year. A final and/or annual report is to be submitted on completion of the project or grant period.

Terms

- The decision of the trustees is final and not subject to negotiation.
- Funding must be used for the purpose stated in the application.
- All publications or presentations emanating from an approved project must acknowledge the Peter Meyer Fund of Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW Ltd and copies must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Peter Meyer Fund.
- Funding will only be released when Research Ethics permission for the study has been granted.
- Successful applicants must present their findings at the One Door Mental Health Annual Symposium in Sydney.
- Organisations are required to submit an annual report 12 months after receiving funding.
- GST incurred by a recipient organisation will not be funded by the Peter Meyer Grant.

Please complete and include this form as part of your application

PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INVESTIGATOR/S			
<p>Does the proposed research involve:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Humans? YES / NO</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Animals? YES / NO</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Recombinant DNA / potential biohazards? YES / NO</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Carcinogens / ionising radiation? YES / NO</p> <p>If you answered 'YES' to any of the above, has an ethics approval (initial or renewed) been obtained for this project during the last year? YES / NO</p> <p>I / We understand and agree that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research involving human or animal experimentation must be carried out in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the MH&MRC Code of Practice. • Research which involves the use of recombinant nucleic acids constructed in vitro from sources which do not ordinarily recombine genetic information must be carried out in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee. • Research which involves the use of ionising radiation must have the risks involved assessed by recognised Ethics, Safety or Bio-Safety Committee, personnel must be trained and hold a current licence, and a certificate of compliance with the appropriate guidelines must be received by the Committee from a recognised Ethics, Safety or Bio-Safety Committee before payment of any proposed grant can be made. <p>I / We certify that all the details in the application and on this form are correct.</p> <p>I / We declare that all persons listed as Investigators have agreed to take part in the proposed research.</p>			
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PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY INSTITUTION HEAD / DEPARTMENT HEAD OF SUPPORTING INSTITUTION

I certify that the project can be accommodated within the general facilities in my department and that there is sufficient working and office space is available for any proposed additional staff.

I am prepared to have the project carried out in my department under the circumstances set out by the applicant.

I have noted the amount of time which the investigators will be devoting to the project and certify that it is appropriate to existing workloads.

FIRST NAME		LAST NAME	
APPOINTMENT HELD			
SIGNATURE		DATE	