

2025 DEBORAH LEHMANN RESEARCH AWARD

IN PAEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES

APPLICATION FORM

Application form must be completed in Arial font, size 11, and compiled with letters of support, 2-page CV, other supporting documents as a **single PDF file**.

Submit applications to 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

Research institution of applicant

Email address of applicant

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

Letter of support attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Select which applies to you:

☐ Early- to mid-career (EMCR) researcher¹ Effective years postdoc²:

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)

☐ 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

Plain language summary of proposal

max 200 words

Word count:

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PROPOSAL DETAILS

1. Specific objectives/deliverables and timeline

max 250 words

(add/delete rows as required)

Objectives / Deliverables	Timeline	Approvals required
		Word count: / 250

2. 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.

Word count: / 700

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
- 2) **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
- 3) **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

3. How does this proposal align with the WCVID's objectives?

max 200 words

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4. 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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5. Outline or list how the proposal:

- builds research capacity within the region
- enhances collaboration with or within the WCVID

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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.

6. Total requested amount of funding: AU\$

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

Expense	Amount
Total	

REFERENCES

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

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