

## 2011 Andrew Ursini Sarcoma Research Grant Information

### Background

GPA Engineering ([www.gpaeng.com.au](http://www.gpaeng.com.au)) has a long history of sponsorship of employees and their family's interests in for example, junior sport, charity runs, children's charities and cultural activities and this led to the idea of establishing a Charitable Fund. Unfortunately, as the idea progressed, Andrew Ursini, then a Director of GPA, developed bone cancer (osteosarcoma) and tragically, succumbed to this disease in 2010. Before Andrew's death however, he gave support to establishing an employee driven fund, which has since become a vehicle to perpetuate Andrew's memory: the GPA Andrew Ursini Charitable Fund (GPAAU). The GPAAU has now become a supporter of the Australasian Sarcoma Study Group (ASSG) and has donated \$50,000 to foster sarcoma research.

### The Grant

The ASSG is offering a \$50,000 grant named in honour of Andrew Ursini. The grant is for direct research costs for clinical or translational research into sarcomas. The grant is offered for 12 months, at the end of which, the proposed work must be completed.

While the objective is to support the best possible research into sarcomas, there are some areas of particular priority that the ASSG encourages for this grant:

- research into bone cancer (osteosarcoma);
- entry into the field of high quality research groups not already working on sarcomas;
- projects which leverage existing ASSG investment into sarcoma research (including but not limited to studies like the International Sarcoma Kindred Study and clinical and translational research projects that the ASSG supports); and
- clinically focused research.

### Expectation

The grant recipient would:

- become a member of the ASSG;
- report at the completion of the project (12 months) to the ASSG and the GPA Andrew Ursini Charitable Fund; and present the findings at the annual ASSG meeting; and
- cite the ASSG and the GPA Andrew Ursini Charitable Fund in any publication.

### Application

The grant is awarded for direct research costs - salary support is not allowed. All applicants should include a budget with their application. Selection criteria include track record and project feasibility, innovation and excellence. Information and application form may be downloaded from the ASSG website [www.australiansarcomagroup.org](http://www.australiansarcomagroup.org) or through email inquiry to [sarcoma@petermac.org](mailto:sarcoma@petermac.org) or telephone to the ASSG Secretariat on 1800 177 657.

Applications close 5pm Friday **September 30 2011**. The recipient will be announced at the Annual Sarcoma Conference on Saturday 15 October in Melbourne <http://www.australiansarcomagroup.org/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=117080>.

## 2011 Andrew Ursini Sarcoma Research Grant Application

In honour of Andrew Ursini, who was diagnosed with bone cancer (osteosarcoma) and tragically succumbed to this disease in 2010, the GPA Andrew Ursini Charitable Fund ([www.gpaeng.com.au](http://www.gpaeng.com.au)) has donated \$50,000 to the Australasian Sarcoma Study Group (ASSG) to support sarcoma research. The grant is for direct research costs for clinical or translational research into sarcomas and is offered for 12 months. Selection criteria include track record and project feasibility, innovation and excellence.

To apply for the Andrew Ursini Sarcoma Research Grant, please provide the following information up to a **maximum of 6 pages** to the ASSG Secretariat by **5pm Friday 30 September 2011** (details below).

1. Applicant name
2. Institution
3. Contact address, telephone and email for correspondence
4. Project title
5. Investigator(s) names and institution
6. A description of the project with specific, measurable milestones to be reached by the end of the 12 months (2 pages)
7. A statement outlining how the project will leverage existing ASSG investment into sarcoma research, which includes but is not limited to the International Sarcoma Kindred Study and clinical and translational research projects that the ASSG supports (half page)
8. A statement describing how the outcomes of a sarcoma research grant would enable you to contribute to your chosen field and career goals (half page)
9. Any letters of recommendation or support that you wish to provide, *which are relevant* to this application
10. A budget, which includes a statement about the collateral investment that you, your laboratory or group will provide
11. A declaration that the information that you have provided with this application is complete, true and correct in every particular aspect

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### CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

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