
ASSG Sarcoma Research Grant



2019 Johanna Sewell SRG Information

Background

Ms Helen Sewell (AM) was a former National Director and now highly involved member of Redkite <http://www.redkite.org.au/>, one of Australia's leading philanthropic organisations addressing the needs of young people with cancer. Helen was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her substantial community contributions. Helen is a key supporter of the Australasian Sarcoma Study Group (ASSG) and has been involved in its development since inception.



Helen's commitment to addressing the burden of cancer in young people and sarcomas in particular, was inspired by personal experience. Her daughter, Johanna, was diagnosed with bone cancer (osteosarcoma) and tragically succumbed to this disease in 1989. In honour of Johanna, Helen has donated \$50,000 to the ASSG to support sarcoma research.

The Grant

The ASSG is offering a \$50,000 grant named in honour of Johanna Sewell. The Johanna Sewell Sarcoma Research Grant is intended as seed funding, with the expectation that ongoing research would leverage data generated to obtain competitive peer-reviewed funding from state and federal granting agencies. 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. Helen's intention is that this grant will be offered annually.

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)
- clinically focused research.

Expectation

The grant recipient would:

- become a member of the ASSG
- report at regular intervals (6 months, 12 months and at completion of the project) to the ASSG and the Johanna Sewell Memorial Fund
- present findings at the ASSG scientific meetings
- acknowledge the ASSG and the Johanna Sewell Memorial Fund in all presentations and publications

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 or through email inquiry to contact@australiansarcomagroup.org or telephone to the ASSG Office on 1800 177 657.

Applications for the 2019 Johanna Sewell Sarcoma Research Grant must reach the ASSG Office by **5pm Friday 7th December 2018** via email (details below).

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