
ASSG Sarcoma Research Grant



2019 Leon Stone SRG Information

Background

Leon Stone was 20 years old when he was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma on the 1st May 2011. A young farmer from Esperance, Leon was an avid sportsman and in his fourth year of a Bachelor of Agricultural Science & Commerce at the University of Western Australia. After a phenomenally courageous 12 month battle Leon sadly passed away on the 18th May 2012. Leon's passion was to promote awareness about Sarcoma, and in doing so touched many people across Australia with his inspiring story. Justin Langer, Retired Australian Cricketer wrote of Leon - *"Through his actions he has taught us about living in the face of adversity, with a smile on his face and a determination in his soul"*.

The Grant

The ASSG is offering a \$20,000 grant named in honour of Leon Stone. The grant is for direct research costs for clinical or translational research into osteosarcoma. 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
- 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
- present findings at the ASSG scientific meetings
- acknowledge the ASSG 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 Leon Stone Sarcoma Research Grant must reach the ASSG Office by **5pm Friday 7th December 2018** via email.

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