

ANZSA Sarcoma Research Grant

2020 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 ANZSA 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 ANZSA to support sarcoma research in 2020.

The Grant

ANZSA 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 ANZSA encourages for this grant:

- research into bone cancer (osteosarcoma).
- entry into the field of high quality research groups not already working on sarcomas.
- clinically focused research.

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Expectation

The grant recipient would:

- become a member of ANZSA
- report at regular intervals (6 months, 12 months and at the completion of the project) to ANZSA and the Johanna Sewell Memorial Fund
- present findings at ANZSA scientific meetings
- acknowledge ANZSA 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 ANZSA website or through email inquiry to contact@sarcoma.org.au or telephone to the ANZSA office on 1800 177 657.

Applications for the 2020 Johanna Sewell Sarcoma Research Grant must reach the ANZSA Office by **5pm Monday 17th February 2020** via email (details below).

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