## **Guidelines for funding to commence in 2020**

Applications are invited for a new Holsworth Research Initiative grant round to support research into physical activity as a key component in making rural health matter**.** This is in line with the proposed new La Trobe Research Theme:***How can we enable a healthy, safe and equitable life course for everyone?***

The HRI Management Group invites applications for grants **between $5,000 and $10,000**, but for exceptional applications these grant amounts can be extended.

The funds are to support projects to be completed before **31 December 2021** for research into ways physical activity can support health across all ages, in particular healthy ageing, in rural and regional areas.

Applications close at **12 noon on Wednesday 28 October 2020.**

**HOLSWORTH RESEARCH INITAITIVE AIMS**

The Holsworth Research Initiative aims to optimise function and performance for all individuals by addressing the global challenges of inactivity and chronic disease, and enabling sports people to perform better and compete more successfully.

The Initiative will turbo-charge existing research strengths in exercise, physical activity and rehabilitation in rural areas. We focus capability and capacity in three themes: (1) human performance, (2) active rural individuals, and (3) active rural communities.

Using multi-disciplinary approaches, we will tackle important industry-relevant questions to influence health policy and practice in regional locations, Australia and internationally. The intended outcomes are to improve collaborative research activity, increased high-quality research outputs, and improve attractiveness for future grant applications.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

Lead applicant must be an academic member of La Trobe Rural Health School until at least 30 June 2021 and hold a Higher Degree by Research. Academics are ineligible to apply if they are:

* Holders of an honorary appointment with the University;
* Appointed on Teaching only contracts; or
* Terminating employment with La Trobe University prior to the end of 2021.

# **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

Successful grant applicants will be required to:

* Be responsible for the progress and ethical conduct of the project;
* Account for the funds expended to support the activities of the project;
* Provide progress and final reports to the Holsworth Research Initiative Management Group as requested;
* Seek approval of any significant change to the project (e.g. change to Lead CI, project end date, budget, proposed outcomes);
* Present the project outcomes to a Holsworth Research Initiative forum;
* Provide short reports for the purposes of Holsworth Research Initiative promotion of research activities; and
* Include La Trobe Holsworth Research Initiative as an affiliation on any related publications.

# **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must completethe application form and adhere to the word limits specified for each section of the form. An application should contain all the information necessary to assess the project, without the need for oral explanation or reference to further documentation. Applications will be the sole source of information available to the HRI Management Committee.

Applications must be written in such a way that persons who are not experts in the applicants’ fields, but knowledgeable in some neighbouring fields, will understand them. Applicants should take into account that all research grant assessment panels are made up of a variety of academic backgrounds and sometimes representatives of the public as end-users.

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**Applications must be submitted electronically to HRI@latrobe.edu.au, using the application form template as a word attachment. An email approval from the Lead CI’s Head of Department/Centre (or delegate) must also be attached.

**ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Applications will be assessed by the Holsworth Research Initiative Management Group taking into consideration potential conflicts of interest with applicants.

Applications will be assessed using the scheme selection criteria and any other criteria specified in the Application Form. The Group will also consider whether the funded projects represents the thematic focus of the Holsworth Research Initiative.

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| ***Criterion*** | ***Weight*** |
| Project is aligned with HRI aims | Essential |
| Feasibility of proposed activity (Timeline, Budget) | Essential |
| Eligibility of investigator | Essential |
| Quality of proposed activity (Clarity, Scope and Purpose) | 45% |
| Impact of proposed activity (Quality of publications; Quality of and potential to attract external funding) | 40% |
| Other considerations (Additional outcomes and outputs such as seminars and mentoring; Benefits to existing projects and/or established research groups) | 15% |

**KEY DATES**

**Deadline for grant applications:** 12 noon Wednesday 28 October 2020

**Successful projects to be advised** Monday 16 November 2020

**Project commencement date** Monday 30 November 2020

**Progress report** Monday 26 April 2021

**Funds to be spent by** Monday 1 November 2021

**Final Report (end date of project):** Thursday 31 December 2021

**For further information, please contact:**

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HRI@latrobe.edu.au

**Application Form for Grants to commence in 2020**

Submit documentation via email to HRI@latrobe.edu.au by  **12 noon on Wednesday 28 October 2020.**

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| **Project Title** (max 10 words) |
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| **Lead Chief Investigator (CI) Information** |
| CI Name: |  |  | Level of appointment: | **A B C D E** |
| CI Staff number: |  |  | School: |  |
| Office location: |  |  | Department: |  |
| Phone: |  |  | HRI Theme: |  |
| Email address: |  |  |  |  |
| **Other Chief Investigators (name, school/centre, faculty)** (insert additional rows if required) |
| CI 2:  |  |
| CI 3:  |  |
| **Project details** |
| Project end date: |  |  |  |  |
| Cost Centre: |  |  | FoR code(s) & %: |  |
| Budget request: | $ |  | SEO code(s) & %: |  |
| **Research Project description (limit 600 words)***Explain the research project, its aims, brief method and expected outcomes.*  |
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| **Impact of the Research Project (limit 400 words)***Provide a statement about the impact of the proposed project. Clearly articulate how this project will support the* new La Trobe Research Theme: *How can we enable a healthy, safe and equitable life course for everyone?* |
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| **Lead Chief Investigator research track record (limit 200 words description plus relevant grants and publication list)***Explain the track record of the Lead CI in relation to this project. Provide a list of received grants and publications over the past six years (2013 to 2019) including grants, books, book chapters and refereed journal articles. Provide an indicator of the quality of each journal output by referring to citation data. In addition, please describe graduate research supervision experience.* |
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| **Investigator/s research track record (limit 200 words description per CI plus relevant grants and publication list)***Explain the track record of each CI in relation to this project. Provide a list of received grants and publications over the past six years (2013 to 2019) including grants, books, book chapters and refereed journal articles. Provide an indicator of the quality of each journal output by referring to citation data. In addition, please describe graduate research supervision experience.* |
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| **Project timeline (limit 300 words)***Provide details of the proposed project timeline. Include major research activities, milestones, deliverables and outputs, as well as engagement with community, government and industry stakeholders. Demonstrate how this project will lead to a timely completion and expected outcomes that assist the Holsworth Research Initiative to meet its aims.* |
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| **Project budget request (limit 300 words plus complete the table)***Provide details of the proposed budget and justify all costs to complete the project. Include in-kind contributions and sources to demonstrate collaboration and engagement, where appropriate. Add lines as necessary to complete the table.* |
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| **Equipment** |
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| **Other** |
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| **Total** |  |  |  |  |

Please submit completed documentation from Lead CI’s University email account to HRI@latrobe.edu.au by  **12 noon on Wednesday 28 October 2020.** Please note that applications which are late, incomplete, or exceed word limits will not be accepted.