Relay For Life RESEARCH AWARDS
A guide for Relay For Life teams

What are Research Awards?

Research Awards are a chance to fund a specific type of cancer research. Your Research Award will help fund a Cancer Council research grant at a leading Victorian hospital, university, or research centre.

Relay For Life teams that raise $5000 or more can choose a type of currently funded cancer research projects.

Teams are also given the opportunity to name the Research Award, perhaps in memory of a loved one.

The Research Awards are published in Cancer Council Victoria’s Annual Review.

What does my team need to do?

1. Raise $5000

2. Wait to hear from Cancer Council Victoria - via email or letter (keep your contact details up to date).

   Twice a year (approx. six weeks after the end of each Relay season) Team Captains of these teams will be contacted with offers.

   If your team did not receive a Research Award the previous year, you will receive an offer and you need to respond.

   You will need to choose a name for your Research Award, an area of research (from choices provided in the offer) and confirm we can publish it in Cancer Council Victoria’s Annual Review.

   You will receive a letter and certificate of appreciation. Your Research Award will be published in the Annual Review.

   If we don’t hear from you, we’ll allocate the funds where they’re most needed, and name the Research Award after your team ie ‘Relay Rockstars Research Award’.

   If your team did receive a Research Award the previous year, you will receive a letter of notification only. You don’t need to respond unless you would like to request a change. Please contact us on the details below.

   Continuing Research Award teams do not receive a certificate. Your Research Award will be published in the Annual Review. Contact us to request a certificate if your team would like one.

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**Research Awards - FAQs**

**How does my team choose a research area?**
Your offer will provide a selection of research areas for you to choose from.

**What if my family or group of friends have multiple teams and want to pool our funds for a Research Award?**
Generally we treat each team individually. If you have a special request though, please let us know!

**What if my team has raised more than $5000 and would like multiple, different Research Awards?**
As each research project can cost $100,000 per annum and run for multiple years, we generally allocate the total team funds towards one project. If you have a special request though, please let us know!

**What happens if my team received a Research Award last year?**
Your funds will go towards the same research project. If that project has concluded, your funds will be automatically allocated towards a project where funds are needed. Contact details are provided below and with your offer, so please contact us if you have questions.

**Does my team receive a certificate every year?**
No, not if your team received a Research Award the previous year. This is to save costs and ensure the most money can go towards fighting cancer. Please let us know if your team would like an additional certificate.

**Can we choose any area of cancer to research?**
The choice is provided from a selection of research areas – determined by research projects currently funded by Cancer Council Victoria.

**What if my team is happy for Cancer Council Victoria to direct the funds where they’re needed most?**
That’s great too. We will do that for you – just let us know when you accept.

**What if we don’t get back to you when we receive our offer?**
We’ll automatically allocate a Research Award to a project that needs funding and name the Award after your team name – ie ‘Relay Rockstars Research Award’. The Award will be included with the Relay Awards published in the Annual Review.

**Who decides what projects get selected?**
Our Medical and Scientific Committee is made up of cancer research experts, appointed by Victorian universities, hospitals, medical research institutes and medical specialist colleges. This group makes recommendations on where funds should be allocated. They evaluate each and every research proposal to determine which have the best chance of making real breakthroughs. This means only the brightest minds in Victoria are selected for funding.

**Where can my team access the Annual Review?**

Please note, in 2014 printed copies of the Annual Review will not be sent – emails with links to the digital copy will be sent instead.

**Need more information?**
Call 1300 65 65 85 or email relayforlife@cancervic.org.au