NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

Application Deadlines
Expression of interest due: 5pm AEST Friday 15th April 2016
Full Application due: 5pm AEST Friday 5th August 2016
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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KEY DATES

Call for EOI: 21 March 2016
EOI closes: 15 April 2016
Call for full applications: 13 June 2016
Full applications close: 5 August 2016
Peer Review: August – November 2016
Advice to applicants: From early December 2016
Commencement: 1 January 2017

1. ABOUT THE NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION (NBCF)

1.1. Our Mission

In partnership with the Australian community, the NBCF is leading the pursuit for new knowledge in the prevention and cure of breast cancer.

1.2. Our Purpose

- Support and promote excellent research that is relevant to the causes and the direct care of women and men with breast cancer
- Act as an advocate for breast cancer research
- Facilitate consumer participation in all aspects of our work
- Provide opportunities for all Australians to contribute to breast cancer research.

1.3. Our Approach

To achieve our mission and purpose we are committed to improving breast cancer prevention and treatment by:

- Funding excellent research
- Maintaining national and international outlooks
- Advocating responsible use of supporters’ funds and time
- Employing highly professional, caring and capable staff
- Operating in a flexible non-bureaucratic, innovative, creative and entrepreneurial manner while remaining accountable, measured, strategic and open
- Using trust, cooperation and dedication to overcome difficulties in the interests of achieving our mission
- Taking top-level scientific, medical and business advice so we achieve the best possible outcomes on behalf of women.

2. NBCF NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

NBCF committed to a national leadership role in breast cancer research with the publication of the inaugural National Action Plan for Breast Cancer Research and Funding in 2004. This plan, the first for Australia, outlined several actions that researchers believed would accelerate efforts to answer some of the key questions about breast cancer. Since then, NBCF has acted on the majority of these recommendations. Examples of this include addition of Novel Concept Awards and the National Collaborative Breast Cancer
Research Program to the NBCF research grant portfolio and establishment of external funding partnerships with Cancer Australia and the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation.

NBCF’s ongoing commitment to advocating a nationally coordinated approach to breast cancer research was demonstrated by the publication of a second National Action Plan for Breast Cancer Research in 2010, entitled “Prevention has to Start Somewhere: Our 30-year Challenge”. This revision of the plan, including a commitment to work towards its implementation, places prevention of breast cancer clearly on the research agenda.

In order to be effective, research into breast cancer prevention must be conducted across the prevention continuum. This includes research into preventing mortality to reduce deaths from breast cancer, preventing morbidity to improve the lives of those living with breast cancer and preventing the disease itself so that future generations are free from breast cancer.

Applicants are encouraged to read the National Action Plan for Breast Cancer Research “Prevention has to Start Somewhere: Our 30-year Challenge” which can be found on the NBCF website (www.nbcf.org.au).

3. NBCF RESEARCH PRIORITIES

Applicants requesting funding from the NBCF are advised to consider the following NBCF research priorities in their applications:

- Prevention and/or early diagnosis of breast cancer
- The social and public health needs of all individuals, and their families, living with a diagnosis of breast cancer. This also includes underserved populations such as women aged less than 50 years, women over 70 years, Indigenous women and women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- All aspects of advanced breast cancer
- Translational research, with the potential to deliver outcomes that are clinically relevant or otherwise ready to be implemented to facilitate prevention or to improve the care of those with breast cancer
- Multidisciplinary research, which encourages research across disciplines and academic boundaries
- Research into novel health service delivery.

Particular consideration will be given to projects that are innovative, non-duplicative of other efforts and have the potential for national application.

4. NBCF POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

4.1 Aim

The purpose of the Postdoctoral Fellowships is to provide outstanding researchers who have recently completed a PhD with support to pursue their breast cancer research interests and increase their research capability. The overall aim is to attract, train and retain our most talented breast cancer researchers of the future.
4.2 Two stage application process

Applications are to be submitted in two stages, consisting of an Expression of Interest (EOI) round and a full application round (second stage). Only applicants who are successful in the EOI round will be invited to submit a full application in the second stage.

4.3 Eligibility

At the time of application the applicant must:

- Hold an MD or PhD in a health-related field of research
- Be actively engaged in breast cancer research in Australia
- Have no more than three years’ (or full time equivalent allowing for career disruption/breaks – please refer to ‘Career disruption/break - Section 4.6.3’) postdoctoral experience on the application closing date
- Reside in Australia throughout the funding period
- Have the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to manage the proposed infrastructure as demonstrated, for example by previous management of grant funds through an Administering Institution or sound business development. Less experienced researchers must have the support of experienced researchers in the area
- Be an Australian citizen, have resident status or have an appropriate visa to work in Australia for the entire term of Fellowship.
- Hold no more than four NBCF Grants in total, as a Primary Chief Investigator (CIA) at any one time, consisting of:
  - up to two NBCF Grants, and
  - up to two of the following: Infrastructure Grant, Partnership Engagement Grant, National Collaborative Breast Cancer Research Program Grant
- Ensure that the submitted application is not the same or similar (in whole or in part) to a project described in another current NBCF-submitted application
- Submit only one application in each grant program each year, providing they have not reached the limits specified in the above point
- Agree to execute a deed undertaking to comply with the Funding Agreement entered into by the Administering Institution, if funding is granted.

Fellowships are tenable only within Australia. Applicants are strongly encouraged to move to a different institute to carry out their postdoctoral studies. Where this is not possible, justification must be provided in the application.

4.4 Administering Institution Eligibility

The proposed Project must be located/managed/operated under the auspices of a University, hospital or major research institution(s) located within Australia. A single institution must be nominated as the Administering Institution.

The institution must have in place policies and procedures for the management of public funds, for the management of Intellectual Property, for the proper conduct of research in relation to ethics and good scientific conduct.
The following eligibility requirement only applies to applicants who have been successful in their EOI and have been invited to proceed to the second stage and are going to submit a full application:

Prior to submission of the Full Application, the institution nominated as the Administering Institution must review NBCF’s standard funding agreement (Funding Agreement) and agree to perform the proposed Project on the terms of that Funding Agreement, if funding is granted.

4.5 Selection Criteria

The following will be considered during the two stage review process:

Expression of Interest stage:
- Academic and publication record of the applicant, relative to opportunity
- Evidence of leadership and independence
- Potential for future leadership.

Full application stage:
- Demonstrated community engagement
- Research originality, innovation and relevance to breast cancer
- Feasibility and potential impact of the project
- Realistic budget and time frame.

4.6 Review Policies

The NBCF Secretariat will review all applications for completeness and adherence to the guidelines. The NBCF Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and its Postdoctoral Fellowship Peer Review Committee (PRC) will assess full applications against the following assessment criteria.

4.6.1 Assessment Criteria

The assessment criteria and weightings have been designed to reflect the nature and intent of the scheme.

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4.6.2 Relative to Opportunity

All applications submitted to NBCF are assessed “relative to opportunity”. This reflects NBCF’s policy that assessment processes accurately assess an applicant's track record and associated productivity relative to
stage of career, including consideration as to whether productivity and contribution is commensurate with the opportunities available to the applicant.

Circumstances considered under relative to opportunity include:

- amount of time spent as an active researcher;
- employment outside the research sector including time spent working in industry;
- career disruption (please refer to ‘Career disruption/break - Section 4.6.3’);
- available resources;
- clinical, administrative or teaching workload;
- relocation of an applicant and his/her research laboratory or clinical practice setting or other similar circumstances that impact upon research productivity;
- restrictions on publication associated with time spent working in other sectors (e.g. industry, policy and government); and
- the typical performance of researchers in the research field in question.

4.6.3 Career disruption/break

Career disruption/break is a sub-category of “relative to opportunity” that may be considered when determining applicant’s eligibility and/or achievements.

A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption to an applicant’s capacity to work, due to:

- pregnancy
- major illness
- carer responsibilities including parental leave and care for immediate family (e.g. spouse, children or elderly parent).

The interruption will involve a continuous absence from work for periods of one month or greater and/or a long-term partial return to work (e.g. part-time absences from work due to circumstances classified as career disruptions).

Other circumstances outlined under ‘Relative to Opportunity - Section 4.6.2’ are not considered career disruptions.

4.7 Amount and Duration

Postdoctoral Fellowships are available for up to four years at $100,000 p.a. including salary, on costs and some research-related expenses.

Under exceptional circumstances (please refer to ‘Career disruption/break’ – Section 4.6.3), the tenure of this award can be extended without additional NBCF funding. The request leave generally should not exceed a total of one year of full-time equivalent work and the applicant must still be able to achieve the research objectives. Requests for leave and extensions to the period of the award in excess of one year will be considered by NBCF on a case by case basis and provided it does not jeopardise the Project.

This year we continue to announce our partnership with Cure Cancer Australia Foundation (CCAF). The Fellows awarded will receive CCAF’s contribution of $100,000 for the first year followed by up to 3 years of NBCF funding of $100,000 p.a. from the second year onwards. Other successful Fellows will receive NBCF funding of $100,000 p.a. throughout the term of the Fellowship.
4.8 Award of Postdoctoral Fellowship

A decision on Fellowships will be made by December each year and applicants and the Administering Institution will be notified in a Letter of Offer that will indicate the Funding to be provided. Upon acceptance of the offer, a Funding Agreement will be prepared and issued to the Administering Institution for review and signing. This Funding Agreement will certify that the institution endorses the application, is willing to administer the Research, and has the appropriate facilities and services to be made available for use by the Fellow.

5. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Applicant is responsible for the accuracy and submission of the Application. The Applicant must ensure that:

1) The Administering Institution and the Head of the relevant department within the Administering Institution which will host the Project have approved the application and authorised the Applicant to submit the Application

2) The Administering Institution is aware of the terms of the Funding Agreement and has agreed that, if NBCF offers to fund the Project, the Administering Institution will enter into the Funding Agreement and perform the Project on the terms of the Funding Agreement.

The lodgement of the application does not provide the Administering Institution or any other entity named in the Application, including the Chief Investigator, with any rights in relation to Funding or a guarantee that Funding will be granted on the basis of this Application. The distribution of Funding is determined in NBCF’s sole discretion.

An awardee who does not reply to a letter of offer by the specified date will forfeit the award in favour of a reserve candidate. Awardees are expected to commence their Fellowship on 1 January of the first year of the award.

6. YOUR PRIVACY

The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) recognises the importance of your privacy and personal information, and all documents containing personal information will be handled and protected in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1998. Personal information is collected by us in order to process grant applications. For these purposes your information may be shared with trusted third parties and our service providers (such as external reviewers/grant assessors, NBCF’s Research Advisory Council/Board, grant management system provider(s), Administering Institution, co-funding organisations) either in Australia or overseas. Failure to provide personal information may result in NBCF being unable to process your grant application.

Our Privacy Policy is available on our website [http://www.nbcf.org.au/Privacy.aspx](http://www.nbcf.org.au/Privacy.aspx) and contains further details about: (i) how we obtain, store and use the personal information we collect; (ii) where we send it; (iii) how you can access and correct it; (iv) how you can lodge a privacy complaint; (v) how we handle those complaints. You may contact our privacy officer with any queries via email: info@nbcf.org.au or mail: PO Box 4126 Sydney NSW 2000 or telephone: 1300 708 763.
7. COMPLETION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

How to apply
Applications must be submitted online via the SmartyGrants application system. To apply follow this link: https://nbcf.smartygrants.com.au/. Applicants must first create an account with SmartyGrants. Your account details are used solely for the purpose of enabling you to complete the application form and in case NBCF needs to contact you.

You can return to https://nbcf.smartygrants.com.au/ at any time to view your application, but once it is submitted it cannot be changed.

Application form
Please complete all sections of the application form. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please ensure you follow the step-by-step instructions below when filling out the application form:

1. Part A

3 - Applicant contact details
For information on eligibility of the applicant, please refer to ‘Eligibility - Section 4.3’.

4.1 - Career Chronology
Detail your career chronology, including your years of research activity (full-time and/or part-time), professional positions and professional training. Please include undergraduate teaching, postgraduate teaching, mentoring and supervision. (Maximum 1000 words)

4.2 - Relative to Opportunity
Please refer to ‘Relative to Opportunity - Section 4.6.2’. (Maximum 500 words)

4.3 - Career Disruption/Breaks
Please refer to ‘Career disruption/break - Section 4.6.3’.
State the percentage full time equivalent (FTE) of the career disruption in accordance with your Institution’s conditions of employment. E.g. If you researched for three days/week and looked after children for two days/week, you should enter 40 as the FTE (%).
Important: Please upload supporting evidence for every claim of career disruption.
The only documents that will be accepted as evidence for career disruption are medical certificates, letter from an applicant’s employer summarising the duration and type of leave taken, and/or part-time employment (due to circumstances classified as career disruptions), or statutory declarations. Please refer to ‘Upload documents - Section 9.2’ for more information. (Maximum 500 words)

5 - Undergraduate and Postgraduate Performance
Please provide a summary of your education and training. Please attach a copy of certificate(s) of attainment and academic transcript(s).
Please provide details of where the Applicant’s PhD was awarded and the date completed. Please attach a copy of Notification of award and academic transcript of PhD.
Applicants who have overseas degrees should have their degrees accredited by their Administering Institution (named in Section 9 of the application). Administering Institution should write a letter stating that they have verified with the overseas university your attainment of the qualification(s), and certified the documentation (academic transcripts, qualifications etc.) provided. Please attach a copy of accreditation in Section 5 of your application. Please refer to ‘Upload documents - Section 9.2’ for more information.

An example of an accreditation letter, it should be printed on the Administering Institution headed paper:

“\[This letter is to confirm that <Name of Administering Institution> has sighted and certified copies of the following overseas qualification presented by <name of applicant>, and confirm that Name of overseas institution is a bona fide academic/research institution:  
- <Qualification type, field, name of university etc>
- <Transcripts etc>  
<Name of Qualification> awarded to <Name of applicant> by <Name of overseas institution> is recognised by <Name of Administering Institution> as being equivalent to the educational level of an Australia <Name of degree/qualification>.\]”

8. Part B

9 - Administering Institution

Please refer to ‘Administering Institution Eligibility - Section 4.4’.

10 - Citizenship Status

Please tick one box that describes your citizenship status. Note that questions 10.2 to 10.5 only apply to those who answered “No” to question 10.1.

Applicants must be an Australian citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident, a New Zealand citizen or hold a relevant visa to work in Australia. Applicants who have not yet been granted a relevant visa status may apply provided that such status has been sought.

10.5 - Relevant Visa document submission

Evidence must be uploaded in PDF format with your application. When attaching files, you need to allow for sufficient times for the file to be uploaded to the page. You should not navigate to another page until the file has been successfully attached, otherwise the file upload will be cancelled. Please refer to ‘Upload documents - Section 9.2’ for more information.

11 - Certification

The Applicant is responsible for acknowledging and completing all sections of the declaration and the accuracy and submission of this Application.

The Applicant must ensure that the Administering Institution and the Head of the relevant Department within the Administering Institution which will host the Project have approved the application and authorised the Applicant to submit the Application.
8. COMPLETION OF FULL APPLICATION FORM – SECOND STAGE

How to apply
Applicants will be notified by email if they are to proceed to this stage, and should follow the instructions in the email. Applications must be submitted online via the SmartyGrants application system. You must use the SmartyGrant log in details previously provided at the EOI application stage, and complete an additional Application Form that you will find on your SmartyGrants profile. This Application Form will not be visible to Applicants unless they are invited to proceed to the second stage of the application process. You can return to https://nbcf.smartygrants.com.au/ at any time to view your application, but once it is submitted it cannot be changed.

Application Form
Please complete all sections of the application form. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please ensure you follow the step-by-step instructions below when filling out the application form.

1. Part A

2.4 - Location of Proposed Study
The research for a Postdoctoral Fellowship must be conducted in Australia. A Postdoctoral Fellow must be a resident of Australia for the duration of the Fellowship. However, this does not preclude periods of collaborative activity being undertaken overseas. Applicants must notify the NBCF if they spend more than three months per year overseas.

2.5 - Same Institution Justification
Applicants are strongly encouraged to move to a different institution to carry out their postdoctoral studies. If this is not feasible, please provide justification in this section. (Maximum 300 words)

2.6 - Explanation of Circumstances for Requesting Part-Time Fellowship
Applications are open to all researchers. Applicants for the NBCF Postdoctoral Fellowship are generally expected to be working full-time on the development of their careers in breast cancer research (at least 80% of their time). Applicants contributing less than 100% of their time to the Postdoctoral Fellowship will need to provide a strong justification. For part-time awards, payments are adjusted pro rata to the level of the part-time award. The Fellow must inform NBCF of any changes to their work agreement and any long term (more than 1 month) leave. Applications for full or part-time leave will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Fellow's administering institution must agree to the leave and support the application. The requested leave must not exceed a total of one year of full-time equivalent work and the applicant must still be able to achieve the research objectives. The period of the award may be extended for up to one year to offset the leave, but there will be no change in the value of the award. (Maximum 300 words)

3.1 - Background and Project Plan
The proposal should be made up of Background, Aims, Proposed research program including research strategy and plans for the four year fellowship and relevant critical references. The Research Project should summarise the overall direction and significance/relevance of the work in breast cancer.
Please provide a summary outlining specific Deliverables and Milestones. These are important as they will be used to determine the progress and success of your research project. Milestones should outline significant events or outcomes that you aim to reach throughout the research period. Deliverables are of a short-term nature and should be measurable goals throughout each reporting period (usually annually).
(Maximum 1500 words)

3.2 - Milestones & Deliverables
Please provide a summary table outlining specific Deliverables and Milestones. These are important as they will be used to determine the progress and success of your research project. Milestones should outline significant events or outcomes that you aim to reach throughout the research period. Deliverables are of a short term nature and should be measurable goals throughout each reporting period. (Maximum 500 words)

3.3 - NBCF Priorities
All NBCF funded projects are assessed against the current NBCF priority areas, as described in section 3 of these guidelines. It is a prerequisite of NBCF funding that the proposed research directly address these priorities. Please show how the proposed study fits the current NBCF priorities. (Maximum 500 words)

4 - Consumer Review: Outcomes and Impact
It is a key imperative of NBCF to promote interaction between the community and the researchers it supports through charitable donations. To maintain ongoing support, it is critical for consumers (breast cancer patients and advocates) to be actively engaged in the research process at a number of levels, including grant review. NBCF has produced a resource aimed at facilitating consumer engagement in research. Please refer to this resource when completing the application form. Click on the following link to access the consumer engagement resource.

NBCF values the input of consumers in the grant peer review process. In line with this, applicants are required to answer questions in this Item with the intent of informing consumer reviewers of their proposed research in lay terms, with particular focus on relevance to breast cancer care/control. These questions will be assessed by consumer reviewers based on these criteria and alignment with NBCF research priorities. Scores allocated by consumer reviewers will contribute to the final ranking of the application.

4.1 & 4.2 - Public Title & Lay Description
Applicants are required to include a brief description of the research proposal, in LAY TERMS. It is essential that care is taken to provide a non-scientific summary in simple, easy-to-understand, non-technical language, which explains the rationale, research objectives and the relevance of the project to breast cancer. (Maximum 250 words)
This non-scientific summary will be used in the production of a range of printed communication materials promoting NBCF Research. These materials may include our website, annual report and media releases.

An example of a public title and a lay summary
“Control of breast density and cancer risk by stromal-epithelial cell interactions.
Breast density is a major risk factor for breast cancer. Recent studies have shown that breast density is highest in pubescent girls and slowly declines in adult life. Currently we do not understand how breast density is determined or the underlying biology that causes high density to increase cancer risk. This study seeks to uncover the cellular interactions in the breast that control breast density. By understanding how
breast density is determined, we have the potential to provide a therapeutic intervention in young women that will dramatically reduce their lifetime risk of breast cancer.”

4.4 – Future research outcomes

Applicants are required to include a brief description of the key steps/research developments required after the conclusion of their project to contribute to NBCF’s vision of zero deaths by 2030.

An example of such a time line is shown.

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5 - Budget

Postdoctoral Fellowships are available for up to four years at $100,000 per annum including the Fellow’s salary, on costs and some research-related expenses.

6. Part B

7 - Applicant Contact Details

For information on eligibility of the applicant, please refer to ‘Eligibility - Section 4.3’.

7.2 - ORCID number

Please provide your 16-digit ORCID number. If you do not already have an ORCID number, please visit: http://orcid.org/ to register for your number. Please note that applications will be considered ineligible if no ORCID number is provided.

8.2 - Administering Institution Code

Please find your Administering Institution and enter the corresponding code in Section 8.2 of your application. If your institution is not listed, enter “Other”.

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8.4 - Administering Contact Person

The contact person will be responsible for coordinating the Funding Agreement, invoices and annual progress reports.

9 - Clearance Requirements

Evidence of final ethics clearances is not required at the time of application, however it will be required before the project is to commence and prior to research funds being released. A brief statement of the ethical issues that arise from such experimentation, and an explanation of how these issues will be addressed, must be given. It is not sufficient to note that the 'the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes/NHMRC Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research will be observed.'

10 - Referees

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that referee reports are received by NBCF by the closing date. Any applications without referee reports will be considered non-compliant and will not be reviewed further. Please provide contact details for each nominated referee and use the Postdoctoral Fellowship referee report template on the NBCF website and provide referee reports from the following:

10.1 - Intended Supervisor

Each applicant for a Postdoctoral Fellowship should arrange for this report form to be completed by the intended supervisor (without which the application is deemed ineligible). This referee is requested to
comment specifically on how their supervision and institution will enhance breast cancer research and the career development of the applicant.

10.2 - Nominated referee with personal knowledge of the applicant
This referee is requested to comment specifically on the applicant’s professional research skills and future research potential. Please justify your comments with regard to the applicant’s current research output. Comment also on the potential benefit of the proposed project to breast cancer and the future career development of the applicant.

10.3 - Nominated independent referee, knowledgeable in the proposed field of research
This referee is to have had no substantive professional or private contact with the applicant or to have any active collaboration with the applicant’s proposed supervisors, but should be knowledgeable in the field of study. The referee should not be at the applicant’s current institution.
Reports must be submitted in confidence to NBCF as an electronic version emailed to research@nbcf.org.au. NBCF will accept electronic signatures in submitted electronic copies.

11 - Common Scientific Outline
The Common Scientific Outline is the result of collaborative effort between the NCI in the US, the NCRI in the UK, and their partners. It is a classification system organised around six broad areas of scientific interest in cancer research, plus subgroups. NBCF requires this to be completed for all applications. Click on the following link to view category descriptions in full: https://www.icrpartnership.org/CSO.cfm
Please allocate a percentage weighting to each relevant category. Please note that the total percentage should equal 100% when adding Categories 1 to 6.

13 - Certification
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2) The Administering Institution is aware of the terms of the Funding Agreement and has agreed that, if NBCF offers to fund the Project, the subject of the application, the Administering Institution will enter into the Funding Agreement and perform the Project on the terms of the Funding Agreement.
9. ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Submission

Stage 1 - Expression of interest.
The deadline for the Expression of Interest is **5pm AEST Friday 15 April 2016.**

Stage 2 - Full application.
You will only be able to submit a full application if you are successful in the Expression of Interest round and are invited to submit a full application. You will be notified by email if you are invited to submit a full application.
The deadline for the full application is **5pm AEST Friday 5 August 2016.**

Applications are not submitted until you hit the submit button. Once submitted, you will not be able to make any further changes to your application.

When you submit your application you will receive an automated email acknowledging that your application has been received with a copy of your application attached. This will be sent to the email address used to register on SmartyGrants. Please retain this information throughout the submission process.

9.2 Upload documents

All documents uploaded throughout the application must be in PDF or word format. When attaching a file, you need to allow sufficient time for the file to be uploaded to the page. You should not navigate to another page until the file has been successfully attached, otherwise the file upload will be cancelled.

**There is a maximum file limit of 25 megabytes. However, it is strongly recommended you try to keep files under 5 megabytes.**

To attach a file follow these steps:

- Select Attach a file and choose the file you wish to upload and click Select
- The file will begin to upload and the progress bar will be filled in as the file is uploaded
- When the file upload is completed, the progress bar will disappear and a link to the uploaded file will be available, along with the option to remove the file.

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9.3 Enquiries

Enquiries about the NBCF Postdoctoral Fellowship can be directed to the Grants Administrator, NBCF Research Investment at research@nbcf.org.au, telephone 02 8098 4800, fax 02 8098 4801.