

**The Lorenzo and Pamela Galli Medical Research Trust:
Galli Senior Research Fellowships
Bob Dickens Senior Research Fellowships**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The objective of the Galli Senior Fellowships is to support outstanding senior postdoctoral researchers to conduct research aligned with [Lorenzo and Pamela Galli Medical Research Trust](#) and the [Pamela Galli and Bob Dickens Paediatric Orthopedic Research Trust](#).
- 1.2. The Galli Senior Fellowship/Bob Dickens Senior Fellowship is intended for applicants with between 5 to 15 years postdoctoral experience, taking into consideration career interruptions. It is expected that applicants would not already be established lab heads/ research program leaders, but have potential to develop that capability.
- 1.3. The Galli Fellowship Selection Panel will take into consideration alignment with Galli research program priorities; the applicant's discipline-relevant academic track record and trajectory in research excellence, impact and leadership. It is expected that one or two five-year fellowships will be awarded to commence in 2026.
- 1.4. Applicants for this scheme must meet the applicant eligibility criteria (section 3) and have the endorsement of a Galli Chair to commence a written application (see section 2).

2. KEY DATES

- 2.1. **Endorsement by Galli or Bob Dickens Chair (mandatory):**
Applicants must seek support and endorsement to apply from the relevant Galli Chair prior to commencing a written application.

Contact details for Galli and Bob Dickens Chairs:

Professor David Amor, david.amor@mcri.edu.au
The Lorenzo and Pamela Galli Chair in Developmental Medicine

Professor Ken Smith, smith.k@wehi.edu.au
The Lorenzo and Pamela Galli Chair in Medical Biology

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The Lorenzo Galli Chair in Melanoma and Skin Cancers

Associate Professor Erich Rutz, Erich.Rutz@rch.org.au
The Bob Dickens Chair for Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

- 2.2. **Closing date:** Written applications close in the SmartyGrants on **Monday 15 December 2025**.
Interviews: Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview (anticipated January 2026).
Outcomes: it is anticipated that successful candidates will be notified in Quarter 1, 2026.

3. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Applicants should have between 5 to 15 years postdoctoral experience, with an outstanding record of research achievement, taking into consideration career interruptions. Successful candidates must undertake research of relevance to Galli funded research programs and will contribute to the existing research program, with its emphasis on cancer or child health. It is not necessary for applicants to be currently associated or part of an existing active collaboration with a Galli program to apply; however prospective applicants must have received endorsement from the relevant Chair to commence a written application.
- 3.2. It is expected that Fellows will dedicate at least 80% of their time to Galli related research. Flexibility to this

requirement will be available for clinician researchers, noting a maximum concurrent 50% full-time equivalent salaried clinical appointment will be considered acceptable.

4. FUNDING

- 4.1 Fellowships will provide an annual package of up to a maximum \$200K per annum (pro-rata if applicable) for 5 years (indexed annually).
- 4.2 Funding is intended to support salary costs, and up to a maximum \$20K project costs and \$5K professional development/conference support annually. The Galli Senior Fellowship/Bob Dickens Senior Fellowship does not provide full research project costs - it is expected research costs are provided via the Galli program or other funding sources.
- 4.3 Any difference between the awarded fellowship package and the awardee's actual salary (i.e.: oncosts; costs of salary increments/promotion beyond the maximum amount) is to be met by the employing organisation or other funding sources.

5. PROPOSAL COMPLETENESS

- 5.1 Applicants must complete and submit their application via the Smarty Grants online application form.
- 5.2 Any attachments provided must adhere to formatting/ page requirements.
- 5.3 Applications cannot be submitted after the advertised closing date; late applications will not be accepted.
- 5.4 Incomplete applications and/or failure to comply with the eligibility criteria may render an application ineligible.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA AND ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The Galli and Bob Dickens Chairs will consider requests to apply, and endorse applicants to complete a written application, in accordance with the objectives of the scheme, career stage, selection criteria and alignment to Galli research programs.
- 6.2 The Galli Senior Research Fellowship Selection Panel will consist of Professor James Best AO (Chair), Professor Mike McGuckin and two nominees of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences (MDHS).
- 6.3 The written application will be assessed using a scoring matrix, and the selection panel will invite shortlisted applicants to attend an interview.
- 6.4 The Selection Criteria are:
 - Exhibited qualities in leadership, mentoring and values
 - Research track record
 - Potential knowledge gain from proposed project
 - Alignment with goals of the Galli program
- 6.5 The Selection Panel reserves the right to discuss applications, on a confidential basis, with Galli Chairs and if applicable the relevant MDHS Head of School/ Department/ Centre/ Institute.
- 6.6 The Chair of the Galli Senior Research Fellowship Selection Panel will make appointment recommendations to the Dean, MDHS for endorsement.

7. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 7.1 Successful applicants will have the title "Galli Senior Research Fellow" or "Bob Dickens Senior Research Fellow" for the duration of the Fellowship term (five years).
- 7.2 Successful applicants may be employed/salaried through a University of Melbourne department/school, or directly by one of the partner organisations – Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI), Royal Children's Hospital (RCH), The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) or Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. If salaried via a partner organisation, a concurrent honorary University appointment will be facilitated. (Further details: <https://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/advancing-health-2030/community/mdhs-careers-at-melbourne/recognition-and-reward/academic-recognition-and-reward/honorary-titles>)
- 7.3 Fellowships are intended to commence in Quarter 1, 2026 however a delayed start date of up to six months will be considered.