**University of Melbourne, Baker Department of Cardiometabolic Health Seed Funding – 2023/4**

# Summary

* Funding to a maximum of $200,000 per grant
* Funding term: 12 months
* Notice of Intent due **Monday 19 June 2023**
* Selected applications invited to submit a full application by **21 August 2023**
* To apply, submit the Word form to:

cardiometabolic-dept@unimelb.edu.au

#  Seed funding Scheme

The University of Melbourne and the Baker Institute are joint funding a seed grant scheme, as part of the continued growth of the Department. The research must be impactful and the collaborative team providing a meaningful contribution to the Baker department and University.

There is funding available to a maximum of $200k per grant for a term of 12 months.

# Purpose

The seed funding is to promote collaborative projects with a team of researchers from the Baker Institute and The University of Melbourne under the Baker Department of Cardiometabolic Health.

The establishment of successful teams will increase the potential to progress to successful externally funded grants.

# Criteria

1. Impactful research aligned with the goals of the Department (<https://baker.edu.au/research/cardiometabolic-health>)
2. Meaningful collaboration between a Baker Institute and University research group lead by a member of the Cardiometabolic Health Department. A background of collaboration will be valued, and funding will be dependent on collaborative milestone achievements in a manageable timeline.
3. The ability to outline a clear pathway to a grant application and include the target grant type and round (i.e. date) required.
4. Maximum of 1 submission per Principal Investigator. Groups with a CIA on a current seed grant are ineligible. Previously successful CIA’s are ineligible to submit as a CIA on a new grant, but may form part of the investigator team on a new application.

#  Process

* Submission of the NoI due by **Monday, 19 June 2023**.
* The brief NoI requires Title, CIs (incl career stage), Grant target, Grant history for this topic and scores, Hypothesis/aims, Background/preliminary data in bullet point, Brief methods, expected outcomes.
* Applications will be shortlisted by mid-October based on the criteria by a panel comprised of Head of Department, Head of the Medical School and other nominated academics.
* Shortlisted teams will be invited to submit a full application for submission by: **21 August 2023**.
* Aim for project to **start within the 4th quarter of 2023**, and for a term of 12 months.

#  Terms and Conditions

* Investigators are to be appointed honoraries of the Baker Department of Cardiometabolic Health.
* Submission of future grants based on the project to be submitted through the Baker Department.
* An initial and final talk based on the project to be presented to the Department.
* Quarterly progress reports required.