



2010 AMATA Seed Funding Initiative

Call for Applications

AMATA (The Australasian Microarray and Associated Technologies Association) is an incorporated body set up with initial funding from the Australian Cancer Research Foundation. The mission of the Society is to assist in the development of microarray and associated high throughput technologies in Australia and New Zealand. Over the past several years, the Society has assisted with funding of several initiatives, including the bulk purchase of Compugen Oligonucleotides for arraying at many Australian centres (nodes), arraying instrumentation for the AGRF, and a genome wide shRNA library for the Victorian Centre for Functional Genomics. AMATA also hosts an annual meeting and workshops, and facilitates communication among members and between nodes in most Australian capital cities and in Dunedin NZ.

Funding will be made available to a recipient to enable the purchase (in total or with additional contributions from other funding bodies) of a resource which will be of use to the Australian/New Zealand research communities, usually but not exclusively in the area of cancer research. The area of funding must be in agreement with the mission of the Society.

AMATA provides funding for such initiatives on a loan of seed funding basis. A condition of provision of seed capital to the venture, is that the applicant will enter into an agreement with the Society to repay the seed funding to the Society over an agreed timeframe (usually 1-2 years), and usually with the proceeds of a cost recovery fee for service for users of the resource. In this way, the capital funds of the Society are preserved for future funding rounds with a goal of providing continuing opportunities for novel technology implementation, resources and service provision into the future.

AMATA seeks to again help place additional new relevant technologies in Australia or New Zealand. The AMATA Committee has decided to make available a total of \$150,000 to fund one or more projects in 2010. All applicants must be AMATA members and it is expected that applicants will either be node members of AMATA, or closely affiliated with an AMATA node. AMATA anticipates that funded ventures will provide a service or resource that will assist with enabling the research of its members. Through this form, AMATA invites Expressions of Interest from potential funding recipients. For further information, please contact the node members in your nearest capital city, or the Secretary, Dr Andrew Holloway.

Applications for funding should address each of the questions below and be received by Friday September 25, 2009. One hard copy of your application should be mailed to:

Dr Andrew Holloway
Honorary Secretary, AMATA
C/-The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
Locked Bag 1, A'Beckett Street
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In addition, a PDF document of your application should be emailed to:
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Questions for applicant:

1. Principal Investigator Name and Department/Institution:

(The Principal Investigator must be a member of AMATA and either part of, or closely affiliated with, one of the AMATA nodes in Australia or New Zealand. Refer: <http://www.amata.org.au/index.php/about-amata/the-executives>)

2. Contact details and email address for Principal Investigator:

(All correspondence will be sent to this address)

3. Co-Investigators Names and Department/Institutions.

4. Please describe the AMATA node affiliation of the Principal Investigator.

5. Please provide an Executive Summary of the project (1 paragraph).

6. Please provide a detailed description of your project (maximum of 2 pages).

7. How does your project relate to furthering biomedical research in Australia and/or New Zealand?

8. Can you envisage some facilitated access of your technology to AMATA Node members?

9. Who else may be doing what you propose and can you combine the effort?

10. What other funding applications have you made? If applications for other funding have been made, is the project contingent on those funds? If additional funding applications were successful could you repay seed funding to AMATA immediately?

11. What is the plan and timeframe for cost recovery?

12. Will AMATA funding allow direct leverage of additional funds? Please explain how.

13. Do you agree to acknowledge AMATA support, and the implicit ACRF support, at your facility?

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