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The Cynthia Banham Burn Injury Research Fellowship

The Cynthia Banham Burn Injury Research Fellowship is a joint initiative between The Ian Potter Foundation and Cynthia Banham, to support clinical research by an early-career researcher under the guidance of renowned burns specialist, Dr Fiona Wood.

Cynthia Banham, the Sydney Morning Herald's foreign affairs and defence journalist, was critically injured in the Yogyakarta air disaster in March 2007, when she was part of a delegation travelling with the then Foreign Minister, the Hon Alexander Downer MP. She was treated by Dr Wood at the Royal Perth Hospital, and this Fellowship honours both Cynthia's arduous and admirable recovery and her desire to support Dr Wood's work and improve the quality of life of survivors of severe burns trauma. Burn injury is one of the top three causes of accidental death in children under five years of age and is one of the three most common injuries suffered by an Australian each year, so this is an area that has relevance for us all. The aim of this fellowship is to support the next generation of specialists in burns, and to give plastic surgeon trainees the opportunity to carry out burns patient research as a means to enter the field.

The fellowship will be open to early career clinical researchers within 10 years of their initial medical qualification planning to develop their career in the area of burn care and with the ability to work in Western Australia.

The fellowship is considered to best suit junior medical officers and/or service registrars who are willing to take time out of their regular employment to undertake a part time or 13-week full time research project. Support will be provided to ensure research ethics and governance approval is obtained prior to the fellowship period.

Details/Eligibility:-

1. The Fellowship is awarded every two years, with applications open now in 2024 for commencement in 2025 (subject to the approval of the research project);
2. Total Fellowship is \$40,000 for the term of the project;
3. Open to early career researchers within 10 years of the initial medical qualification;
4. The applicant must be planning to develop their career in the area of burn care and with the ability to work in Western Australia;
5. Applicants must be employed by an Australian institution or have been living in Australia for at least 2 years. Preference is given to Australian citizens and Permanent Residents;

Please email diane@fionawoodfoundation.org.au to submit your expression of interest and for the application form. Provide information about your eligibility as outlined above and your current status.