



inc. OSTEOPOROSIS QUEENSLAND

## **ARTHRITIS QUEENSLAND BOARD**

### **RESEARCH CORPUS PRINCIPLES**

**Objective:** To use guiding principles upon which equitable decisions can be made about the distribution of funds from the Arthritis Queensland research corpus.

#### **Principles**

1. The Arthritis Queensland Board is committed to spending the corpus in a responsible manner and to communicating to its stakeholders about how the funds are spent.
2. The Arthritis Queensland Board will fund medical and clinical research into treatments and ultimately a cure for all forms of relevant musculoskeletal conditions and recognised symptoms arising from the conditions e.g. pain
3. Arthritis Queensland recognizes that it does not have Research Grants Assessment Committee however will base its decisions on the following criteria
  - a. The applicant (person or organization) is judged to be ethical, reputable, and financially responsible
  - b. The recipient has the capacity to form an active partnership with Arthritis Queensland e.g. participate in relevant AQ marketing campaigns; able and willing to communicate with AQ stakeholders.
  - c. The applicant has a credible record of research into musculoskeletal conditions
  - d. Each application is based on its merit.
  - e. Arthritis Queensland will endeavour to communicate with the Arthritis Australia research committee to inform decision making about recipients.

4. Arthritis Queensland will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with each recipient of funds which will include (but not be limited to) the following components:
  - i. Recipient reporting expectations i.e. periodic financial and performance reporting
  - ii. Relevant statements on Copyright and Intellectual Property
  - iii. Expectations outlined re participating in achievement of Arthritis Queensland's goals, including marketing goals and working together for reasonable promotion purposes.
  - iv. That the AQ board would form an alliance with research operatives who at some stage may turn research into a commercial enterprise, is desirable however not a requirement.
  - v. Ongoing recipient endorsement of Arthritis Queensland, especially in the event of significant progress in research.
  - vi. An undertaking to meet financial responsibilities pertaining to the grant.
5. Corpus Management
  - a. AQ funding is dependent on the following
    - i. The corpus does not exceed \$1million dollars
    - ii. A minimum of \$500,000 remains in the corpus
    - iii. Approximately 20% of corpus is spent on high quality projects each calendar year
    - iv. Periodic review of allocative principles for the research corpus.