

# Professor Geoff Laurent Memorial Fellowship Governance Document



The Professor Geoff Laurent Memorial Fellowship (“Fellowship”) was established to inspire the next generation of medical scientists. The objective of the Fellowship is to advance his outstanding work in understanding the basis of respiratory disease and in discovering novel therapeutic approaches through collaborative research. The Fellowship will be managed as a semi-endowed Fund. As a semi-endowed Fund, the Selection Committee will be able to access Funds from the Pool in addition to Fund earnings.

The Fellowship will have attributes to reflect Geoff’s leadership and values. Applicants will be selected for their ability to demonstrate his life-long passions for meaningful research, exchange of knowledge, and ability to lead academic partnership - in particular between his academic homes of Australia and the UK.

A collaboration has been established between the universities he was most involved with: The University of Western Australia (UWA) and University College London (UCL).

The basis of the Fellowship is:

1. to have researchers from UWA visit UCL and vice versa, to review progress in research, share best practice and promote further alliances to progress solutions relating to lung disease; and
2. to encourage talented young scientists to follow Geoff’s example of early international exposure and help them contribute to global solutions in the field of respiratory disease.

## Financial Stewardship and Governance

UWA will liaise with the Fellowship Selection Committee as the main point of contact for any communications specific to the fund. All donors to the Fund will receive updates on the impact of their gift in line with UWA Stewardship strategy. The Fellow will provide a report/presentation via the Selection Committee to donors upon completion of the Fellowship.

All donated funds are managed under the General Conditions of Donation terms, which are included in Appendix 1.

Financial reports will be provided to the Selection Committee on an annual basis.

The Committee will assess the applications for travel grants each year and make decisions on the successful applicant(s).

From time to time the fund will be used to support other activities as the Selection Committee deems appropriate which must recognise Geoff’s global legacy and the source of donated funds from Australia and the U.K. to retain the focus of international movement of talent and global research relevance. To give a couple of examples. An ideal project arises, ideally involving UWA and UCL, with researchers moving internationally for a longer period of time. A globally leading lung specialist is available to assist the development of research approach relevant to Geoff’s legacy and his/her travel would be funded to support that development.

A full review of the operation of the Fellowship will be carried out in 2030 by the Selection Committee to ensure the objectives of the Fund are being optimised.

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## Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be Chaired initially by Geoff's longstanding scientific colleague, Professor Peter Klinken AC, Chief Scientist for Western Australia.

## Body responsible for selection of the Committee

- 1.1. The body responsible for selection consists of—
  - (a) The Chief Scientist of Western Australia, Professor Peter Klinken AC as Chair.
  - (b) two research-intensive academics, with expertise in a field related to respiratory medicine, specifically in the area of lung and fibrosis research; appointed as follows:
    - Both UWA and UCL will be invited to nominate a research-intensive academic for the selection panel for each round. The nominated academic cannot be the prospective supervisor of an applicant for the scholarship.
    - In the event of a split committee, the Chair will have the casting vote.
  - (c) In the event of a committee member standing down, the members of the committee will decide an appropriate replacement to be endorsed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research at the University of Western Australia or an approved delegate.
- 1.2. A representative of the Fundraising Committee shall be invited to attend selection meetings as an observer.

## Appendix 1

### Professor Geoff Laurent Memorial Fellowship General Conditions of Donation

#### 1. Donation

- 1.1 Subject to any Special Conditions, the Donor agrees to donate the Gift for the Professor Geoff Laurent Memorial Fellowship (“Fellowship”) (if applicable) on the terms of this agreement.
- 1.2 UWA agrees to accept the Gift on the conditions set out in clause 3 and to issue tax receipts accordingly.
- 1.3 The Gift is to be donated as described in the Deposit Details.
- 1.4 This agreement commences as at the Commencement Date for the Term.

#### 2. Capacity in which UWA holds donation

The Donor agrees that the Gift is not paid to UWA to hold on trust but that UWA will be the legal and beneficial owner of the Gift.

#### 3. Conditions of Donation

- 3.1 UWA agrees:
  - a) to apply the Gift as the Gift Title and the Gift Type specified for the Gift Purpose in accordance with this agreement;
  - b) to provide additional administration and promotion for those Gift Types which require conditions (such as awards, prizes and scholarships) which will be provided in accordance with UWA’s policies and procedures;
  - c) to carry out UWA’s obligations under this agreement; and
  - d) to advise the Donor of any event or change of circumstances which may materially affect this agreement.
- 3.2 Substantial compliance by UWA with the conditions set out in clause 3.1 is deemed to constitute full compliance of those conditions by UWA.
- 3.3 If UWA fails to comply with the conditions set out in clause 3.1, the Donor has only personal rights against UWA and UWA is not required to forfeit any amount provided by the Donor under this agreement.

#### 4. Change in Circumstances

If circumstances change so that it would be impossible, impracticable or inexpedient to apply the Gift for the Gift Purpose or on the Gift Purpose Conditions, then UWA’s authorised representative in consultation with the Donor if possible may replace those conditions with new conditions which best approximate the existing conditions.

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### 5. General

- 5.1 Subject to clause 1.4, this agreement may be varied by mutual agreement between UWA and the Selection Committee.
- 5.2 Subject to clauses 2 and 3, this agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement or if a Party materially breaches this agreement without remedy within seven (7) days, goes insolvent or conducts itself in a manner which, in a Party's opinion (acting reasonably) has or is likely to have a material adverse effect on the other party's reputation or business.
- 5.3 If a dispute arises in relation to this agreement, the Parties agree at first instance to endeavour to resolve it by discussion and agreement. Either Party may request, on reasonable notice to the other Party that the Parties meet to discuss a dispute.
- 5.4 Should any provision of this agreement be held by a court to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.
- 5.5 Any notice or other communication exchanged under this agreement will be in writing to the email or physical addresses set out in the Donation Details.
- 5.6 This agreement will be governed by law of State of Western Australia and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Western Australia.
- 5.7 This agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts which when taken together constitute one document.