

## **The Bridge and BridgeTech REDI Program 2020 information**

### **What is REDI?**

The MTPConnect Researcher Exchange and Development within Industry (REDI) Initiative is a \$32M initiative supported by the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF). The REDI Initiative is focused on developing the skills and training of Australia's medical technology, biotechnology, pharmaceutical and digital health sectors. The Bridge and BridgeTech Programs have been selected to form part of the REDI program by facilitating funded fellowships for Bridge and BridgeTech participants, alumni and selected participants.

The Bridge and BridgeTech REDI Program will specifically focus on enabling the REDI initiative through industry placement fellowships. The existing Bridge and BridgeTech Programs will be extended to provide this new industry enhanced internship program – providing industry fellowships for 10 pharma-based Bridge associated participants and 10 medtech-based BridgeTech associated participants per year, for four years from 2020-2024.

### **What is Bridge/BridgeTech?**

The Bridge and BridgeTech Programs, facilitated by QUT on behalf of a consortium of key industry partners and institutes, are nation-wide professional development programs. The Bridge Program provides commercialisation training focused on the pharmaceutical sector in collaboration with 13 university and pharmaceutical industry partners. The BridgeTech Program provides commercialisation training focussed on the medical technology sector in collaboration with 16 university and industry partners. Both programs aim to improve the commercialisation skills and networks of Australia's life science entrepreneurs, researchers, and scientists, to improve the quality and quantity of commercial deals and deepen collaboration between Australian researchers and the relevant industry sectors.

### **What is Available?**

Successful applicants will receive a **\$10,000 Fellowship** to fund their industry placement to be undertaken for a minimum of 3-6 weeks. Placement opportunities can be of national or international focus and will include opportunities such as placement within global consortium partners or participation in technology incubators, run by networks associated with the pharmaceutical and medical device industries. Where opportunities are unavailable due to current travel restrictions, alternatives including virtual meetings and remote mentorship arrangements will be identified and enabled.

### **Who Can Apply?**

The Bridge and BridgeTech REDI Program will be open to all Bridge and BridgeTech participants, alumni and selected associated participants via a competitive selection process. Successful applicants will be selected based on suitability in relation to potential placement partners, stage of career and development possibilities and commercial potential of research/technology. Applicants can bring forward industry placement ideas/opportunities or submit an expression of interest to be facilitated and matched with an industry partner from the significant Bridge/BridgeTech network.

The program will be officially launched on Wednesday 16 September 2020 at the **Bridge and BridgeTech REDI Launch Webinar**. To attend this webinar, please register here: <https://qut-redi.eventbrite.com.au>

Applications for Round 1 Fellowships will open immediately following the webinar and close on Friday 16 October 2020 through the online application portal on <http://www.research.qut.edu.au/redi-program>

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