

# **BrAshA-T**

**Ataxia-Telangiectasia**



## **BrAshA-T (ataxia-telangiectasia) PhD Scholarship**

***at the Cancer and Cell Biology Division, Queensland Institute of Medical Research and the University of Queensland***

The human genetic disorder ataxia-telangiectasia (A-T) is a multi-system disease affecting the immune, endocrine and nervous systems. A-T patients are also hypersensitive to radiation and are predisposed to developing leukaemias and lymphomas. The identification of the defective gene (ATM) in this syndrome has assisted in our understanding of the cellular response to radiation. However, there is at present no cure for this progressive, neurodegenerative disorder. BrAshA-T ataxia telangiectasia limited is an organisation established in Australia to support research into this disorder.

BrAshA-T is pleased to be able to establish a PhD scholarship at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research to support a scholar for a 3 year period (stipend / yr \$21,000 + support for consumables).

The project is designed to support research into the development of model systems to assist further understanding of the nature of the disorder and to provide a means of testing potential therapeutic approaches that will ultimately be employed to treat children with A-T.

Enrolment for the PhD will be through the University of Queensland. Further information on the project can be obtained from Professor Martin Lavin, [martin.lavin@qimr.edu.au](mailto:martin.lavin@qimr.edu.au), or (07) 3362 0341. Closing date: January 30, 2009.

Applicants should include a curriculum vitae and evidence of qualifications to enter a PhD degree course.

Applications by email or to the following:

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