**Australasian Type 1 Diabetes Immunotherapy Collaborative (ATIC)**

**Community Engagement Panel**

**Application Form**

The Australasian Type 1 Diabetes Immunotherapy Collaborative (ATIC) is a network of clinical sites that specialise in clinical trials of immunotherapy to stem the loss of insulin production, the key driver of the progression of type 1 diabetes. Supported by JDRF Australia, ATIC is led by St Vincent’s Institute of Medical Research (SVI) in Melbourne and involves multiple major type 1 diabetes centres across Australia and New Zealand. Professor Tom Kay, SVI’s Director is Chair of ATIC, and Associate Professor John Wentworth (Royal Melbourne Hospital) is ATIC’s lead investigator.

ATIC wishes to establish close ties with people living with type 1 diabetes and their families, to better understand the impact of this condition, as well as attitudes to research and new treatments.

To facilitate understanding and build relationships, we are establishing a Community Engagement Panel. We encourage interested individuals to put forward an expression of interest to become a Panel member.

**Who can apply**

We are looking for people with first-hand experience of type 1 diabetes, either because they themselves have the condition or they have a child or other close family member who does.

Applicants should be passionate about helping to improve the lives of people with type 1 diabetes through research, and about ensuring the work undertaken by researchers is relevant and meaningful. There is no requirement for formal educational qualifications; we are seeking members from a diverse range of backgrounds. The key qualification is your lived experience of type 1 diabetes.

**What will members of the Community Engagement Panel do?**

We anticipate the Panel will meet at least four times per year with some activity between meetings. This may include review of documents, such as clinical trial information and consent forms, communications materials, trial recruitment materials or other community-facing documents. Meetings will be held in hybrid format, to allow members to attend either on-site or virtually.

As a Panel member, you will have the opportunity to hear and provide feedback about the latest research results and future research plans, and to offer a view on value and suitability, from the type 1 diabetes community perspective.

As well as being an advocate for ATIC within the broader community, you will be encouraged to educate researchers about life with type 1 diabetes. We may ask for your help to carry out projects seeking input from broader groups of community members, like surveys or focus groups.

**Composition of the Community Engagement Panel**

We aim to have at least one member from each Australian State and New Zealand, who can represent the lived experience of people with type 1 diabetes and their families.

The Panel Chair will be selected from applicants and will have additional responsibilities. For instance, being a member of the ATIC Steering Committee (which meets monthly) and providing a two-way conduit for information between the two committees.

The Panel will be supported by the project management team and members will be reimbursed for their time contribution and potential out-of-pocket expenses, like parking or travel.

**To apply**

Please send an email, outlining the following information, to Candice Hall (ATIC Project Manager) [chall@svi.edu.au](mailto:chall@svi.edu.au)

**Full name of applicant:**

**Address, telephone number and email:**

**What is your connection to type 1 diabetes?**

**Why would you like to be involved in the ATIC Community Engagement Panel?**

**Please describe any expertise that you have that could help ATIC deliver type 1 diabetes immunotherapy trials across Australia and New Zealand:**

**You are welcome to attach a brief bio (optional).**

Applications will close on **Friday 2 December**.

We look forward to receiving your application soon!