CSL to Support new Biopharmaceutical Training Centre at UQ

Melbourne, Australia – CSL is pleased to announce it will be an inaugural partner of the new Australian Research Council Industrial Transformation Training Centre for Biopharmaceutical Innovation to be established at the University of Queensland.

CSL will provide cash and in-kind support to the Training Centre to the total value of $1.7 million over 5 years.

The Centre is to be an industry / academia partnership specifically designed to train industry-ready research scientists. It is intended that graduates of the program will have practical work experience and an improved understanding of R&D in a commercial environment.

In addition to CSL, corporate partners in the Centre include GE Healthcare Research, Australian Red Cross Blood Service, and Patheon Biologics Australia. It will be operated out of the University's Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, and involve the Institute of Molecular Bioscience, the School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences and the School of Chemical Engineering.

Up to 14 PhD students and five postdoctoral researchers will be supported over five years. Training will include spending up to a year in CSL's state-of-the-art research laboratories as well as accessing support and mentoring.

Research activities will include the development of technologies to expand the range of protein-based therapeutics for human use and improve understanding of protein expression technologies, helping to improve efficiency and yield.

"Progressing early stage research projects while also training PhD students and scientists is an ideal way to pursue innovative and challenging biomedical research while supporting the next generation of medical researchers and industry ready scientists in Australia" said Dr Andrew Cuthbertson, Chief Scientific Officer and Director of Research & Development, CSL.

"We believe Australia's medical research community is world-class and a rich source of potential new discoveries to address the world's unmet medical needs. We hope the Centre will result in a pool of industry-ready scientists who will directly contribute to novel life-saving, life changing, medicines for patients across the globe" he said.

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