

## Pilot/Small Projects

### **Abbreviated application process for pilot or small research projects.**

Projects requiring only a small number of specimens and/or which would have low impact on the BCTB holdings may be assessed via an expedited application process.

Application process:

1. Submit EOI request via researcher link on BCTB website indicating that this is a request for a pilot/small project.
2. BCTB Executive will review request against BCTB holdings and assess:
  - a. Scientific merit
  - b. Impact on holdings
  - c. Value of research to the BCTB
3. Any clarification required will be obtained by direct contact with the applicant(s).
4. If the above are satisfactory then the project may be approved at the Executive level without the requirement to go to external review.
5. A copy of approval of the proposed work by a Human Research Ethics Committee will need to be provided to the BCTB prior to release of material.
6. An abridged MTA for the use of the material will need to be entered into.

### Definition of a 'small' project

Proof of principle experiments requiring small numbers of specimens which may lead to a subsequent larger scale project.

### Material available

Tissue sections: 1-4 cases, 1-4 sections per case  
TMA sections: 1-4 sections from an already constructed pilot array  
Digital images of tissue sections/TMA  
Blood samples: 1-4 cases, whole blood components only

If the project falls outside the parameters above then a full application will be requested.