

COVID-19 impact on BAJC Research Projects & BAJC R&D Funding for 2021

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The Centre received the first six months 2020 project progress report from all teams. The Centre acknowledges the impact of the global pandemic COVID-19 has on BAJC research projects across five Australia Universities. We appreciate that all teams managed to make reasonable progress under current challenging circumstances. The Centre reported to Baosteel regarding the difficulties from COVID-19, mainly due to the inaccessibility to labs, consumables orders delayed from overseas, field work/on-site testing delayed, research fellow and PhD student unable to travel or return to Australia due to international travel bans. Baosteel and The Centre recognize the great effort all teams have made in trying to achieve project milestones scheduled.

BAJC has been discussing with Baosteel regularly and working closely towards to a pathway to best manage BAJC research collaborations under current uncertainties and challenges. We have decided that it would be prudent to defer the Baosteel **BAJC R&D Funding Application for 2021**. BAJC will not open any funding round this year until further notice. We are closely monitoring the situation and we intend to re-open the call for R&D Funding as soon as it is conducive to do so.

We will provide further information for the Baosteel BAJC R&D Funding Application once this becomes available. Should you have any concerns or questions, please contact us at admin@bajc.org.au for inquiries.

Best regards,

BAJC Management