

Cystic Fibrosis Research: Guide for Applicants

Summary

This form should be used by all researchers applying for a joint Cystic Fibrosis research grant provided by the NFMRI and The Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Funding is available to support Australian research projects that have the potential to lead to the development of new therapies or cures that will result in a material increase in average life expectancy for people with cystic fibrosis with consideration also given to quality of life.

Grants will be awarded for a period no longer than three years. The funding will commence in late 2019 to early 2020. Expressions of interest (EOIs) in portfolios 1, 2 and 3 will be accepted, however preference may be given to projects falling within portfolio's two and three.

A key aspect of portfolios two and three is accessing external capability and capacity to undertake critical research with high translational value.

Portfolio 1

Original innovation and discovery not competitive for major grants such as the NHMRC or ARC. This portfolio includes frontier research, early discoveries, new paradigms and early career researchers that need support to become competitive.

Portfolio 2

Support for strategic collaborative research activities that focus on advancing research and validating directions. Funding is designed to provide access to additional research skills not available through currently available funding or within the research institute.

Portfolio 3

Support to help bridge the 'valley of death'. This is the area where research is required to attract and compete for potential investors and collaborators. Funding mechanisms often do not support or encourage contract or non-academically interesting research activities necessary to answer critical research questions.

About NFMRI

The National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation is a not-for-profit organisation that is entirely independent. It is not affiliated with any university, hospital, government or state body.

The Foundation was incorporated on 3 November 1977, previously as the Sydney Hospital Foundation for Research. The name was changed on the 2nd January 2014 to the National Foundation for Medical Research & Innovation. The Foundation provides support for medical research projects that support our mission.

Mission

"To advance innovations in medical research related to the nature, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and incidence of disease and other health problems that have a significant impact on the health of humans"

For more information on the Foundation and its strategy, please visit www.nfmri.org.au

About Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Established in 2009, the Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Cure4 CF) is a registered not for profit charity with the primary goal of finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of directors who possess broad expertise in the areas of governance, corporate management, not-for-profit management, finance, business development and fundraising, and legal, compliance and risk.

The Grant will be named the “Barbara Stow-Smith CF Innovation Grant” in recognition of Barbara who was the first person to make a bequest to the organisation.

Mission

Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis is a not-for-profit organisation that raises funds for medical research in support of a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

For more information about the Foundation please visit cure4cf.org.

Review Process

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by our Research Advisory Committee shortlisting projects subject to available funding and alignment with our mission. Chief Investigators for short-listed projects will be invited to submit a more detailed research application, which will subsequently be put forward to the NFMRI Board for consideration.

Grants are awarded by the Directors of the Foundation on the recommendation of our Research Advisory Committee.

Applicants should carefully consider how their research project strategically aligns with the Foundation's mission and The Mason Foundation's goals and objectives. Applicants are advised to review the NFMRI website and supporting materials to understand the Foundation's strategy and the portfolios in which grants are awarded.

Conditions of funding

Researchers should review the conditions of funding on NFMRI's website. Conditions include;

- Funding is provided for specific research projects rather than salaries. Project costs may include a component for support staff, but the Foundation will not support salary costs for the Chief Investigator or scholarships. The Foundation does not pay for overseas travel.
- The Foundation supports biomedical, lab-based research projects that will lead to innovations such as drugs, devices, tools, therapeutics, vaccines, diagnostics etc.
- Funding requests under portfolios 2 and 3 should predominantly be to support expenses relating to the external collaborator.
- Institutions must provide strong, demonstrable support for commercialisation and translation.
- Only one application will be considered from each principal researcher per year.
- The Foundation does not offer top-up grants to NHMRC or ARC projects.
- Grants are provided to Australian research institutions.
- The Foundation does not provide funding for companies or support projects once the IP is encumbered.
- The researcher who will be managing the project and spending the largest proportion of her or his time on the project should be listed as the Chief Investigator. The Foundation considers many other relevant factors apart from established track record when making funding decisions.

How to apply

Researchers should firstly complete and submit the expression of interest form.

- Applicants must complete and submit the form provided. Scanned or modified copies of the EOI form may not be accepted.
- Only one additional page for figures, tables and diagrams referred to in the application can be attached.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Only one application will be considered from each principal researcher.
- Non-confidential information is requested.
- The application form and additional page of figures must include the surname of the applicant.

Please note that this form requires use of latest version of Adobe Reader.

All expressions of interest are to be submitted using our online submission form available here: <https://nfmri.org.au/research-and-innovation/apply-for-support/>; no later than 6pm AEST on Friday 29th March 2019

Late applications will not be accepted and applications received by email may not be considered. All queries should be directed to grants@nfmri.org.au or by calling 0413 922 370

Contact Information

Chief Investigator

Title		ORCID #	
First name	Initial	Last	
Position			
Phone Number			
E-mail Address			
Organisation			
Department or Centre			
Faculty			
Street Address			
City		State	
Postcode			
Organisation Website			

Administering Institution

Registered name			
ABN	Status	DGR1	DGR2
Contact Person			
Phone Number			
E-mail Address			
Postal Address			
City		State	
Postcode			

Employment

How long have you been employed by this organisation?

When is your position's renewal date?

dd/mm/yyyy

Proposal Overview

Program / Project Name

Primary disease or condition

Total Program Budget

Requested Amount

Percent of Total Budget

Grants: Research Portfolio

Grant Period From

Grant Period To

Multi-Year?

Yes

Duration (years)

No

Portfolio

Please briefly outline why this EOI aligns with the selected portfolio, the need for funding and highlight the group(s) performing the research.

Milestones

Please indicate your key milestones, along with the completion date and associated costs

Milestone

Completion Date

Cost

Aim of the Research (lay description):

Outline the aim(s) of the research

Strategic Fit (lay description):

Briefly describe the innovation and how it aligns with the Foundation's mission and selected research portfolio.

Overview of the project (lay descriptions only are requested):

Who will potentially benefit from this research and innovation and why there is a need.

Does this research utilise quality systems?

ISO

GLP

GMP

Briefly describe the likely translational pathway and note any competitive advantages.

Briefly describe the research this grant will support and how it relates to advancing the innovation.

Briefly outline your experience in innovation, commercialisation and collaborations and what support is available through your institution.

Certifications and Approvals

Ethical and Hazardous Implications of the Proposed Research

- (a) EXPERIMENTATION ON HUMAN SUBJECTS
- (b) EXPERIMENTATION ON ANIMALS
- (c) The use of Potent CARCINOGENS or TERATOGENS
- (d) The use of IONISING RADIATION
- (e) Non-exempt RECOMBINANT DNA work

Does this research involve any of the listed activities?

Yes

No

I agree that the Foundation may share the information provided in this expression of interest with other potential funders and/or partners.

Please select

Yes

No

Certification of Principal Researcher

I certify that if any of (a) - (e) above are relevant and I/we am/are successful in obtaining a grant, the research will not commence until it has been approved by the relevant institutional committee. Successful applicants will be asked to provide evidence of such approval before grants are paid.

Please select

Yes

No

Certification by the Head of Department

I certify that the Head of Department has confirmed this project is appropriate to the general facilities of the department and is prepared to have the project carried out and/or project managed by the department.

Please select

Yes

No