

The Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation of South Australia Incorporated (CRF) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from universities, research institutes, health services and other organisations in South Australia for research projects commencing in 2021.

Applications for community-based studies, clinical studies and basic science projects in **any** area of research into children's **health, education and welfare** will be considered.

The CRF particularly encourages applications in its research priority areas of:

- Improving **child protection** and its effect
- Improving children's **mental health** and the impact of developmental disorders
- Reducing childhood **obesity** and its impact
- Understanding the **social determinants** of childhood health and development

All correspondence regarding applications will be conducted between CRF and the administering institution's Research Office.

### **1. Step 1 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Online Expressions of Interest (EOI) open 26 February 2020 (at 08:00 ACDT) and close 25 March 2020 (at 18:00 ACDT).

Applicants submit an Expression of Interest through Submittable, the online application program, via the link on the CRF website: [crf.org.au/grants](http://crf.org.au/grants)

The Project Registration Number in the acknowledgement email should be used in all future correspondence. Please liaise with the Administering Institution's Research Office, prior to lodging the EOI, to ensure that the correct contact details are provided.

No changes can be made to an EOI or application once it has been submitted. Late or incomplete submissions cannot be accepted.

The CRF reserves the right to request further information from applicants, including a copy of any relevant applications for funding from other organisations.

### **2. Step 2 - FULL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Successful EOI will progress to the Grant Application stage: shortlisted applicants will be notified by late May 2020.

Online Grant Applications for shortlisted applicants close 3 July 2020 (at 18:00 ACST).

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

Research must be led from South Australia, and national collaboration is encouraged. It is preferable that all members of the research team are located in South Australia.

The Chief Investigator and the Administering Institution **MUST** be located in South Australia.

### **4. APPLICATION TYPES**

Applications for research grants can be made in one of the following three categories:

- **Community Based Studies:** Research based in a community setting with the objective of providing the community with the tools and information necessary to enact change.
- **Clinical Studies:** Research conducted with human subjects or human material in which the investigator interacts directly with human subjects. Such research may include the mechanism of human disease, clinical trials, therapeutic intervention, the development of new technology and epidemiology.
- **Basic Science:** Research to acquire or confirm new knowledge by testing a hypothesis using scientific methodology in a primary laboratory environment.

Reviews of patient care, or studies in the nature of peer review, WILL NOT be supported. Minor modifications of previous studies or replications in Australia of studies completed overseas receive very low priority for support.

## **5. EARLY CAREER GRANTS**

An optional alternative category is available for:

- medical applicants who are undertaking a PhD or MD
- non-medical applicants who have Honours, Masters or are undertaking a PhD
- applicants who have held their PhD for no more than five years (may be employed as a NHMRC post-doctoral fellow)
- applicants who have not previously been the Chief Investigator of a significant peer-reviewed grant application for organisations such as NHMRC, ARC, CRF, Cancer Council etc.

Early Career researchers are not excluded from applying for a full grant.

## **6. GRANT AMOUNT AND PROJECT DURATION**

Grants may now be awarded up to a maximum of \$100,000 per project, and up to \$40,000 for Early Career Researchers.

Projects may be completed over 1 year or 2 years.

The 2021 Grant Funding Period begins on 1 January 2021 and ends on 31 December 2021 / 2022.

Grant payments are made to the administering institution, by quarterly instalments (4, or 8) over the project period. Funds are released following receipt by CRF of signed Terms & Conditions, evidence of ethics approvals, written confirmation that the project has commenced, and invoice from the administering institution. The final instalment is withheld until receipt of the project acquittal forms.

## **7. USE OF GRANT**

Grant funds cannot be used to provide salaries for any investigator on the project, or to pay stipends to postgraduate students; however, consideration will be given in special circumstances, if full justification is provided within the application.

Only travel directly associated with the project can be supported. Travel for attendance at conferences or for consultation with other experts will not be supported.

## **8. ASSESSMENT**

Applications are assessed on scientific merit and relevance to the health, education or welfare of children.

The Research Committee will seek comment from independent referees to assist in their deliberations. Applicants are given the opportunity to identify any person who should NOT be approached for a reference and state their reasons. Applicants are also requested to nominate 2 referees (who may or may not be contacted)

## **9. DECISION NOTIFICATION**

The decisions on the outcome of applications will be announced by 31 October 2020.

The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Due to the number of applications received, it is not possible to give individual feedback. If available, de-identified referee comments will be forwarded to relevant applicants.

## **10. ETHICS APPROVAL**

If the project involves experiments on human subjects or animals, or involves the in vitro production of recombinant DNA molecules, evidence of Ethics Approval must be received by the CRF before any grant payments can be processed.

## **11. ACQUITTAL**

If there are acquittal reports outstanding or unexpended funds to be returned from a previous grant, these must be finalised prior to making an application for the current funding round. Failure to do so may make the applicant ineligible for future funding.

Please download the Grant Acquittal Form from the CRF website (printed copies may have been superseded).

Acquittal reports are uploaded to the Research Outcomes page on the CRF website.

## 12. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

The support of CRF should be appropriately acknowledged in any publications, papers, reports or articles resulting from projects funded by CRF. A copy of these publications, papers, reports and articles should be forwarded to CRF following their publication, during and for a period of 24 months following the end of the Grant Funding Period.

## 13. MEDIA RELEASES

Recipients (via their nominated individuals) must be prepared to appear on media nominated by Channel 7 to describe their research work if requested.

Any media release of information regarding research findings must be forwarded to the Executive Director of CRF at least 48 hours prior to general release, so that Channel 7 can be given the first option to release the story.

## 14. ROYALTIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Recipients may be required to license to CRF any intellectual property rights arising from the funded project. These terms will be negotiated and agreed between CRF and successful applicants on a case-by-case basis.

Recipients may also be required to pay royalties to the CRF following commercialisation of any part of the Research Project Outcomes.

Successful applicants are expected to inform the CRF of any major discoveries made during the project and provide the CRF with a written final report. This report should state all outcomes of the research conducted, as well as possible future outcomes should the project be continued at a later point in time.

## 15. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Submission of a Grant Application indicates acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Funding**, details of which are available on the CRF website.