



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS – GRANT PERIOD 2022

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 2022.

1. Step 1 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Online Expressions of Interest (EOI) open 24 February 2021 (at 09:00 ACDT) and close 1 April 2021 (at 18:00 ACDT).

Expressions of Interest are submitted through Submittable, the online application program, via the link on the CRF website: crf.org.au/grants

Please liaise with your Administering Institution's Research Office, prior to lodging the EOI, to ensure that the correct contact details are provided. All correspondence regarding applications will be conducted between CRF and the administering institution's Research Office. Please state the Project Registration Number from the submission acknowledgement email in all correspondence.

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 2021.

Online Grant Applications for shortlisted applicants close 1 July 2021 (at 18:00 ACST).

3. PRIORITIES

The CRF particularly encourages applications in its current 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.

4. 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.

5. APPLICATION TYPES

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

- **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.

6. GRANT AMOUNT AND PROJECT DURATION

The maximum amount that can be requested is \$100,000 per project, or up to \$40,000 for Early Career Researchers.

The project period may be 1 year or 2 years.

The 2022 Grant Funding Period begins on 1 January 2022 and ends on 31 December 2022 / 2023.

7. EARLY CAREER GRANTS

Early career researchers are not excluded from applying for a full grant, but may opt to apply for an Early Career Grant. This 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, relative to opportunity (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.

8. 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.

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.

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.

9. ASSESSMENT

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

Extra weighting is given to projects which are deemed by the Research Committee to address the CRF research priorities.

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

10. DECISION NOTIFICATION

The decisions on the outcome of applications will be announced by 30 October 2021.

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; however, if available, de-identified referee comments will be forwarded to applicants.

11. ETHICS APPROVAL

If the project involves experiments on human subjects or animals, or 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.

12. GRANT PAYMENTS

Following submission to CRF of the signed Terms & Conditions, evidence of any required ethics approvals, and written confirmation of project commencement, the administering institution may invoice CRF quarterly (4, or 8 instalments) over the project period. Payment of the final instalment will be withheld until receipt of the project acquittal reports.

13. 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 (note that printed copies may have been superseded).

Project reports will be uploaded to the Research Outcomes page on the CRF website.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.