

The Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation of South Australia Incorporated (CRF) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from established and early-career researchers from universities, research institutes, health services and other organisations in South Australia for research projects commencing in 2023 to investigate any conditions affecting children's health, education and/or welfare.

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – STEP 1

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**Online Expressions of Interest (EOI) open 19 February 2022 (at 09:00 ACDT) and close 28 March 2022 (at 17:00 ACDT).**

Expressions of Interest are submitted online using the submission platform "Submittable", which can be accessed via the link on the CRF website: [crf.org.au/grants](http://crf.org.au/grants)

Researchers must liaise with their Administering Institution's Research Office, prior to lodging an EOI.

EOI will be assessed by the CRF independent Research Committee on scientific merit and relevance to the health, education or welfare of children. Applicants are advised to clearly outline how the proposed research is relevant to and will ultimately improve **children's health, education and/or welfare**.

Lodgement confirmation and outcomes notification will be sent via email from Submittable to the **Submitter's** email address.

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

Shortlisted applicants will be notified by mid-May 2022.

### FULL GRANT APPLICATIONS – STEP 2 FOR SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS

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**Online Grant Applications open 18 May 2022 (09:00 ACST) and close 30 June 2022 (at 17:00 ACST).**

Lodgement confirmation and outcomes notification will be sent via email from Submittable to the **Submitter's** email address.

All post-award correspondence, monitoring and reporting will be conducted via the Administering Institution's Research Office.

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

No changes can be made to a full grant application once it has been submitted. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

The outcomes of the 2023 grant application process will be announced at a public event on 27 October 2022.

### APPLICATION CATEGORIES

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Research will be considered in the following categories:

- **Basic Science:** Research to acquire or confirm new knowledge by testing a hypothesis using scientific methodology in a primary laboratory environment.
- **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.
- **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.

### PRIORITIES

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Without limiting the fields of research, for the 2023 grants round the CRF particularly encourages applications in its current research priority areas of:

- Improving fetal development, including preventing pre-term birth.
- Improving systems of care and education for children.
- Supporting young minds and improving children's mental health.
- Tackling chronic illness and disability.

Any research proposal relevant to the health, education and/or welfare of children will be considered.

### ELIGIBILITY

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Grants may be awarded to established researchers and Early-Career Researchers.

Research must be led from South Australia: The Chief Investigator and the Administering Institution **must** be located in South Australia.

National collaboration is encouraged where necessary, but it is preferable that all members of the research team are in South Australia.

### GRANT AMOUNT

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

### EARLY CAREER GRANTS

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Early Career Researchers, as defined below, are not excluded from applying for a full grant but have the option to apply for an Early Career Grant:

- 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 Lead Chief Investigator of a significant peer-reviewed grant for organisations such as NHMRC, ARC, CRF, Cancer Council etc.

### PROJECT DURATION

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The project may be conducted over 1 year or 2 years.

The 2023 Grant Funding Period begins on 1 January 2023 and ends on 31 December 2023 / 2024.

### USE OF GRANT

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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.

Publication fees are capped at \$3,000, with evidence of expenditure.

### ASSESSMENT

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All EOI and grant applications are assessed by the CRF independent Research Committee on scientific merit and relevance to the health, education or welfare of children.

A small 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 two expert **independent** referees, not associates, noting these may or may not be contacted.

Applicants are also given the opportunity to identify, with reasons clearly explained, any persons who should NOT be approached for a review.

### DECISION NOTIFICATION

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The decision is final and the CRF will not enter into correspondence with individual applicants. Applicants are assured that every submission is given due scrutiny by the expert panel. 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.

The outcome of applications for funding in 2023 will be announced at a public event on 27 October 2022.

### ETHICS APPROVAL

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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.

### GRANT PAYMENTS

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Once all administrative issues have been addressed (funding agreement signed, evidence of any required ethics approvals submitted, project commencement date advised in writing) the administering institution may invoice CRF quarterly over the project period.

Payment of the final instalment will be withheld until project acquittal reports are finalised.

### ACQUITTAL

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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.

The Grant Acquittal Form should be downloaded from the CRF website (printed copies may have been superseded).

Please note that project reports will be listed on the Research Outcomes page on the CRF website.

### PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

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The support of The Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation (CRF) should be appropriately acknowledged in any publications, papers, reports or articles resulting from projects funded by CRF. A copy should be forwarded to CRF following publication, during and for a period of 24 months after the end of the Grant Funding Period.

Researchers (or their nominated individuals) may be requested by CRF to present their outcomes and findings at conferences, seminars or Grand Rounds, or to appear on media nominated by Channel 7 to describe their research work, at no cost.

Current and past research projects will be listed on the Research Outcomes page on the CRF website.

### MEDIA RELEASES

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CRF must be advised at least 48 hours prior to general release of any proposed media release regarding CRF-funded research findings, so that Channel 7 can be given the first option to release the story.

### ROYALTIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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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.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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