2024 Seed Funding Application Form

Application forms must be completed in Arial font, size 11, and compiled with any supporting documents as a **single PDF file**.

Submit applications to [WCVID@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:WCVID@telethonkids.org.au) by **5 April 2024, 12:00pm AWST**. Note that applications received after this time will not be accepted.

# Title of proposed project

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**Investigator team**(add/delete rows as required)

Outline expertise and contribution in point 7. Multidisciplinary teams and/or teams with consumers are encouraged.

| **Investigator** | **Affiliation(s) / Organisation(s)** | **Role on this project1** | **Effective years postdoc2** |
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1. *Investigator, research nurse, research assistant, biostatistician, community member, etc.*
2. *The ‘effective’ number of years from the date that their Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) thesis was passed (not date of degree conferral) relative to opportunity and once career disruptions are considered. “Junior” researchers are defined as having less than 7 years’ postdoc.*

# Contact email address of primary applicant

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# Plain language summary of the project max 200 words

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**SCIENTIFIC QUALITY (40%) |** Applications will be evaluated on the overall scientific quality of the seed proposal and how it contributes to future research that would result from the successful completion of seed funding activities. Proposed seed projects should be achievable within a 6- to 12-month timeline.

# Specific objectives/deliverables and timeline under this seed proposal (add/delete rows as required)

max 250 words

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| **Objectives / Deliverables** | **Timeline** | | **Approvals Required** | |
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# Research plan under this seed proposal. Include details of the methods related to the objectives and feasibility. max 650 words

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# Description of the future research project that will result from seed funding. Include a general description of this research project, proposed aims, and which of these aims this seed funding proposal relates to.

# max 500 words

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# Outline how seed funding outputs of this proposal will address current gaps in knowledge (e.g., proof-of-concept, capability, etc.) required for the future major research project (described in point 3) and help secure competitive funding for future grants. max 200 words

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**SIGNIFICANCE and/or INNOVATION (20%) |** Proposals should address an important problem, use a novel approach to address a problem, or both.

Significance:

The extent to which the outcomes and outputs will result in advancements to the research or health area. Significance in this context does not refer to the prevalence of disease or magnitude of the issue.

Innovation:

Health and medical research that seeks to challenge and shift current paradigms and/or have a major impact on a health research area through one or more studies that creatively:

* develop or use novel research concepts, approaches, methodologies, technologies or interventions
* propose a reinterpretation, refinement, improvement or new application of existing theoretical concepts, approaches, methodologies, technologies, or interventions, or
* integrate and adapt concepts, approaches, methodologies, technologies or interventions from other research fields or disciplines for a new purpose or in a new way.

# Outline or list the:

# significance and/or innovation of the proposal

* **likely impact of completion of this seed project**

# the unmet medical need or problem being addressed

# whether this is a priority at the local (WA), national, regional (Asia-Pacific), or global level

max 400 words

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The Wesfarmers Centre have identified three objectives and vision for the next 5 years, beginning 2022. These are:

1. **Childhood Infections**: reducing the burden of childhood infections

* Reduce vaccine preventable diseases, preventing hospitalisation and morbidity
* Develop, trial, and evaluate infection prevention and treatment strategies
* Enhance sepsis recognition and treatment to improve childhood outcomes

1. **Aboriginal Health**: ensuring equity and reducing health disadvantage

* Prevent ear, skin, and lung disease, improving short and long-term outcomes
* Prevent rheumatic heart disease, saving lives and closing the gap
* Ensure all research occurs in partnership with community and is guided by a strong Aboriginal voice

1. **Global Public Health**: promoting health through research and partnerships

* Develop novel approaches to reduce emerging threats including antimicrobial resistance and vaccine hesitancy
* Prevent the health harms of COVID-19 and emerging pathogens

# How does this planned research contribute toward the Wesfarmers Centre’s goals? max 200 words

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**Team Quality, Capability, Contribution, & Capacity BUILDING (20%)**

# Outline or list:

# how the integrated expertise of the investigator team will contribute to the success of the proposed project including a brief justification for each team member

# how the proposed project will build capacity (e.g., developing students/early-career-researchers and/or new/continuing partnerships, introducing new knowledge/methods applicable beyond this project, providing training opportunities for Aboriginal staff, etc.), and

# the contribution of the investigator team to the Centre (at least one member needs to demonstrate contribution including—but are not limited to—participation in Centre seminars, involvement in the Vaccine & Infectious Diseases Advisory Group, supervision and mentoring of students, participation in the Grant Review Panel and internal peer review, etc.) max 500 words

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**BUDGET |** Budgets must be $25,000 or less. Budgets received exceeding these amounts are invalid.

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| Total requested amount of funding: | **AU$** |

OPTIONAL: Copy of the current Telethon Kids Institute’s *Budget Template for Research Funding Applications*: <https://telethonkids.sharepoint.com/sites/telescope-working-at-the-institute/SitePages/Finance_Support.aspx>

# Budget justification and breakdown against the objectives/deliverables listed under point 1, including salaries, consumables, and community involvement. Telethon Kids Institute Salary Scales must be used for Telethon Kids Institute staff. (add/delete rows as required)

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| **Expense** | **Amount** |
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| Total |  |

Successful seed funding applications will be sent to Finance for review before final approval and awarding of funds. If your budget has already been approved by Finance, please include a copy of their sign-off with your application.

**Has the budget been approved by Finance?**  Yes  No

**ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITY, PEERS, and STAKEHOLDERS (20%) |** Applicants must show how they are working with community members, stakeholders and/or research peers to develop the proposal. Applicants must demonstrate that any feedback has been taken into consideration and addressed.

# Has the proposal been presented/workshopped with research peers or research stakeholders?

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| Yes, Pitch Your Idea session | | Date: |  |
| Yes, Infectious Diseases Seminar | | Date: |  |
| Yes, Wesfarmers Centre Retreat | | Date: |  |
| Yes, other (please specify & include date): |  | | | |
| No | | | | |

# Has the proposal been presented/workshopped with community members?

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| Yes, Community Consultation | | Date: |  |
| Yes, VIDAG meeting | | Date: |  |
| Yes, Research Buddy | | Date: |  |
| Yes, Aboriginal Research Projects Forum | | Date: |  |
| Yes, other (please specify & include date): |  | | | |
| No | | | | |

*If “Yes” to questions 10 & 11, provide the following information:*

**Outline or list the feedback given by peers/community members and describe how any concerns been addressed and/or influenced the proposal?** max 250 words

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# Outline or list ongoing plans for stakeholder and/or community involvement? max 250 words

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**OTHER DETAILS**

# List all approvals that will be required before the research project can proceed (e.g., ethics, governance approvals, intellectual property agreements, etc.).

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# Is this a re-application following an unsuccessful Wesfarmers Centre grant application?

No  Yes

*If “Yes”, provide the following information:*

## Title of earlier grant application

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## Round(s) submitted

2014  2017, Round 2  2020  2023, Round 1

2015  2018, Round 1  2021, Round 1  2023, Round 2

2016, Round 1  2018, Round 2  2021, Round 2

2016, Round 2  2019, Round 1  2022, Round 1

2017, Round 1  2019, Round 2  2022, Round 2

## How have you addressed any previous feedback? max 250 words

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**References**

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| Document checklist | Included |
| Application form |  |
| Budget Template for Research Funding Applications (optional) |  |
| Other supporting documents e.g., letters of support, quotes, etc. (optional) |  |

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