



CALL FOR SEED FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Applications due by 5 April 2024 by 12:00pm AWST

The Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases (WCVID) at the Telethon Kids Institute, aims to reduce the burden of important childhood infectious diseases by finding better prevention and treatment solutions; bringing health solutions to Aboriginal children is a major focus area.

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
- 2) **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
- 3) **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

WCVID supports high quality research by providing support for researchers to undertake activities of high priority to the WCVID and in doing so, enable them to develop good ideas and grow those ideas into fundable competitive grants.

The WCVID Seed Funding aims to encourage new research activities, and develop new research projects and new partnerships, particularly scientist-clinician partnerships. The amount available per project funded is capped at \$25,000. All applicants need to justify their requested budget, broken down against well-defined deliverables and defined project costs. If a proposal is successful, the investigators may receive the grant in two or more instalments according to demonstrated achievement of scheduled deliverables. The planned duration of funded activities will be no more than 12 months.

ADVICE

- Activities must be aimed at developing research ideas which target important childhood infectious diseases.
- Applicants are to keep in mind that the purpose is to fund seed activities that will support a major competitive grant application, and not to support a complete project.
- Seed Funding can be used toward activities including—but not limited to—generating pilot data, developing collaborations with other labs and institutes (including travel), conducting community/stakeholder consultations, protocol development, simulations to support study design, development of a competitive project grant submission, etc.
- Previous recipients can apply for further Seed Funding to build on earlier activities if they demonstrate earlier deliverables have been met.
- Project teams must include at least one member who is a student, employee, or WA-based honorary researcher of the Telethon Kids Institute.
- Awarded amounts cannot be used to cover general infrastructure costs.
- Budgets should be submitted using the current *Budget Template for Research Funding Applications* which can be found Telescope 2.0 under Working @ the Institute / Finance Support / Templates https://telethonkids.sharepoint.com/sites/telescope-working-at-the-institute/SitePages/Finance_Support.aspx

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Related resources

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Key contacts

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Templates

- Consultancy Work Schedule C - Internal Costings & External...
- Budget Template for Research Funding Applications
- Business Case Template Major Proposal
- Business Case Template (proposals less than \$100,000)
- Indicative Business Case Proposal Template 2022-24
- Research Budget Planning Template 2023-2027
- Contract Research Schedule A - Internal Costings and External...
- Business Case Template Minor Proposal

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

- An internal Grant Review Panel will review and judge the eligible applications.
- Applications will be assessed on **1) scientific quality, 2) significance and/or innovation, 3) team quality, capability, contribution, & capacity building, and 4) engagement with community, research peers, & stakeholders** in developing the proposal.
- The highest ranked applications will be awarded up to \$25,000.

Please refer to the Seed Funding Policy and Procedure documents for further information.

WHAT'S REQUIRED AFTER YOU RECEIVE FUNDING?

- Funding will be contingent upon successful applicants presenting their proposal to the 'community' through a Community Reference/Advisory Group and/or *Aboriginal Research Projects Forum* as appropriate.
- The WCVID must be acknowledged in all publications or presentations related to the supported project. This includes in the by-line of any publications arising from project (as affiliation of the Telethon Kids Institute's employee or honorary).
- Successful applicants are expected to present their proposal at the Infectious Diseases Research Seminar series, and outcomes of activities at the Wesfarmers Centre Retreat.

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- WCVID Seed Funding Policy
- WCVID Application for Seed Funding Procedure
- WCVID Seed Funding Application Form
- WCVID Seed Funding Scoring Matrix
- WCVID Qualitative Seed Funding Checklist
- Budget Template for Research Funding Applications
- WCVID Guidelines Logo
- WCVID Funding Financial Acquittal
- (external document) Australia Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research