



CALL FOR 2020 ROUND 1 SEED FUNDING & SCIENTIST-CLINICIAN PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROPOSALS

Applications due **26 June 2020, 12:00pm AWST**

The Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases, 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 vision of Wesfarmers Centre is:

A healthier start to life for all children through elimination of infectious diseases

and its mission is:

*To become a world class centre for infectious diseases research,
and the leader in paediatric infectious diseases research in our region.*

The Wesfarmers Centre is committed to supporting high quality research by providing support for researchers to undertake activities of high priority to the Wesfarmers Centre and in doing so, enable them to develop good ideas and grow those ideas into fundable competitive grants.

The Wesfarmers Centre Seed Funding aims to encourage new research activities, and to develop new research projects and new partnerships. We are offering a new element to this competitive funding stream in 2020, particularly to encourage scientist-clinician partnerships as we see this as a great strength to be further developed and encouraged within Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines and Infectious Diseases.

The Wesfarmers Centre Seed Funding and the Scientist-Clinician Partnership Grant is for *new research activities only* and is not to support current or ongoing research projects. The amount available per project funded is set 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 seed 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 provided that 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.

- Potential Investigators who do not have a CV may contact Kylie Sullivan, Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases Business Manager for assistance. Email: kylie.sullivan@telethonkids.org.au | Phone: 08 6319 1853
 - Awarded amounts cannot be used to cover general infrastructure costs.
 - Budgets should be submitted using the current *Budget Template for Research Funding Applications* <https://telethonkids.sharepoint.com/newIntranet/ProfessionalServices/FinanceProcurement/Pages/default.aspx>
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APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

- An internal Scientific Roundtable will review and judge the eligible applications.
 - Applications identified as Seed Funding will be assessed on **1) scientific quality, 2) significance and/or innovation, 3) potential to build capacity, and 4) demonstrated engagement of the community and research peers in developing the proposal.**
 - Applications identified as Scientist-Clinician Partnerships will be assessed on **1) scientific quality, 2) significance and/or innovation, 3) potential to build capacity, 4) demonstrated engagement of the community and research peers in developing the proposal, and 5) the strength of the new partnership and it's potential to facilitate future collaborations.**
 - The highest ranked applications will be awarded up to \$25,000 available
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APPLICATIONS SHOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

- Dimension of unmet medical need;
 - Priority at the local (WA), national and/or international level;
 - Potential of the anticipated project and team to secure external funding;
 - Novelty and innovation;
 - Establishing new collaborations within and/or outside the Wesfarmers Centre;
 - Involvement of stakeholders and community members;
 - Contribution of applicants to the Wesfarmers Centre relative to opportunity;
 - Potential for capacity building; and
 - For Scientist-Clinician Partnership Grants, the strength of the partnership and it's potential for future collaborations for the Wesfarmers Centre and the Telethon Kids Institute.
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WHAT'S REQUIRED AFTER YOU RECEIVE FUNDING?

- Funding will be contingent upon successful applicants presenting their proposal to the 'community' (via the 'drop-in' service, etc.) and/or *Aboriginal Research Projects Forum* as appropriate.
 - Successful applicants are expected to present their proposal at the Wesfarmers Centre's Infectious Diseases Research seminars, and outcomes of seed-funded activities at the Wesfarmers Centre Retreats or Scientific Reviews.
 - The Wesfarmers Centre 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).
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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Wesfarmers Centre 2020 Round 1 Seed Funding & Scientist-Clinician Partnership Grant Application Form
- Wesfarmers Centre Seed Funding & Scientist-Clinician Scoring Guide
- Seed Funding (& Scientist-Clinician Partnership Grant) Policy
- Application for Seed Funding (& Scientist-Clinician Partnership Grant) Procedure
- Budget Template for Research Funding Applications