



CALL FOR 2021 SEED & PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROPOSALS
Applications due 25 January 2021, 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 & Partnership Grant 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 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 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 & Partnership Grants 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 & Partnership Grants 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* <https://telethonkids.sharepoint.com/newIntranet/ProfessionalServices/FinanceProcurement/Pages/default.aspx>

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.
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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 2021 Seed & Partnership Grant Application Form
- Wesfarmers Centre Seed & Partnership Grant Scoring Guide
- Wesfarmers Centre Seed & Partnership Grant Policy
- Wesfarmers Centre Application for Seed & Partnership Grant Procedure
- Budget Template for Research Funding Applications