



## **Perth Children's Hospital Foundation and Stan Perron Charitable Foundation Early Career Research (ECR) Award Grant Round 2024 Grant Guidelines**

### **Background**

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation (PCHF) and the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation are proud to announce the 2024 round of the PCHF Stan Perron Foundation Early Career Research (ECR Award).

This funding opportunity aims to encourage Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to apply for funding to support research programs for ECRs who are finding it challenging to secure funding through traditional means.

The Award aims to provide ECRs an opportunity to dedicate time and resources to research projects that could make real and tangible change to the health outcomes of children in Western Australia.

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation is the only dedicated fundraising body for Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) and is by far the largest entity for charitable giving to the hospital. The Foundation fuels the fight on the frontline to help children get well and stay well. The challenges we see every day directly influences the solutions we fund.

### **Priorities**

For this round, the focus will be on projects that showcase:

- Ground-breaking research projects and researchers that will transform the future of child health by pioneering new ways of preventing, treating and managing life-threatening and life-limiting childhood disease.
- World-class expertise to ensure West Australian children have access to the best medical care possible, closer to home.
- Needs within the Western Australian community.
- Funding in partnership with beneficiaries rather than financing an entire project.
- Funding solutions that focus on the origins of a problem.

# The Opportunity

The Awards is able to fund research that:

- Gives ECRs an opportunity to dedicate time and resources to research projects that could make real and tangible change to the health outcomes of children in Western Australia.
- Aims to transform the future of child health.
- Pioneers new ways to prevent, treat, manage and cure life-threatening and life-limiting diseases for children and adolescents.
- Will have an expected translational impact on future clinical practice and models of care within CAHS.
- Applications for research must be transformational and translational and relate to an aspect of clinical research in newborns, children and/or adolescents.
- The Foundation will consider research projects associated with any paediatric health specialty areas (e.g. Aboriginal health, mental health, etc.) at any stage of the research continuum (e.g. ranging from seeding/pilot studies through to clinical trials and implementation projects).
- Applicants do not need to have Ethics Committee or Governance approval for their project prior to submission, however both ethics and governance approval must be in place before any funds will be released.
- Applications for both research positions and research projects will be considered.
- Multi-year funding can be requested, however one-off funding over a 12-month period is preferred.
- Applications up to \$130,000 per year will be considered.

## Are you eligible?

Are you an ECR? We define ECRs as researchers within the CAHS system, who are either:

- Health professionals who have had their postgraduate research qualifications (defined as either a Masters by research, or a PhD) for less than five years full time or equivalent
- Or
- Health professionals who do not have postgraduate research qualification and have not led a research project of their own, however have research experience such as undertaken research as part of a team, as co-investigator. In such cases this experience should be less than five years full time or equivalent.

## Are you part of the CAHS system?

In accordance with Perth Children's Hospital Foundation's Constitution, the primary grant applicant must be a current PCH, CAHS, CAMHS, or CACHS employee. Projects may include co-applicants that have appointments outside of the wider CAHS system where required for project delivery, however all funds must be directly connected to driving positive paediatric healthcare outcomes from the work driven by PCH or the wider Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS).

## Do you fit these additional requirements?

- Do you have a supervisor who will endorse your application? Your Head of Department can endorse projects under \$149,999.
- The project must be delivered within PCH, CAHS, CAMHS, or CACHS sites.
- The project must not include requests to fund: replacement, repair, or upgrade of core equipment; core clinical positions; personal academic studies; projects or programs that are considered core to day-to-day operations of PCH, CAHS, CAMHS, or CACHS.

## Deadlines

The ECR Award round opens Monday 12th August 2024 at 9am and closes Monday 30th September 2024 at 5pm.

## Contact

We encourage interested applicants to contact Deepa Sharma at PCHF on (08) 6456 8350 or [deepa.sharma@pchf.org.au](mailto:deepa.sharma@pchf.org.au) to arrange a time to present your application outline.

## The Process

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation will accept grant applications for this round from **9am on Monday 12th August 2024 until 5pm on Monday 30th September 2024.**

**To submit a funding application to the Foundation, follow the below application process:**

- Check your project against the ECR Grant Application Guidelines (above), to ensure the project you are seeking funds for meets all relevant eligibility requirements.
- Perth Children's Hospital Foundation strongly encourages prospective applications to speak with Deepa Sharma in the PCHF Grants team prior to completing an application to discuss project eligibility. To contact Deepa please email [deepa.sharma@pchf.org.au](mailto:deepa.sharma@pchf.org.au) or call (08) 6456 8350.
- Perth Children's Hospital Foundation uses an online grant application service powered by SmartyGrants. Applications created through SmartyGrants can be

edited, saved and reviewed prior to submitting a final version. All grant applications must be submitted through the Foundation's SmartyGrants portal.

- To access the SmartyGrants portal and start a new application contact Deepa Sharma for the unique application link.
- Prior to submitting your application, please upload your Application Endorsement Form at the end of the application signed by the relevant Head of Department.
- Once you have uploaded your signed Application Endorsement Form into your SmartyGrants submission, click 'submit.'
- You will receive a confirmation email automatically generated by SmartyGrants following submission of your application acknowledging receipt of your application and advising next steps. If you do not receive this email or need to make changes to your application following submission, please contact Deepa Sharma team via [deepa.sharma@pCHF.org.au](mailto:deepa.sharma@pCHF.org.au) for assistance with this process.
- Once Perth Children's Hospital Foundation receives your CAHS endorsed and completed application via SmartyGrants, the Foundation Executive will review your application. You will be contacted for any clarifications required at this stage. Once queries are responded to by the applicant and the application is fully compliant, it will be progressed to review by the PCHF Scientific Advisory Committee, Foundation Grant Sub-Committee (GSC) and Foundation Board.
- The applicant will be notified in writing of the outcome after the round has closed and all applications have been assessed.
- Applicants will be notified regularly in writing of the advancement of their application throughout the process.