

Research grants scheme 2018 – Guide and application

Introduction

Undertaking and sourcing relevant, high quality research which informs its mandate, functions, strategic plan and priorities is an important objective of the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI). A total of \$100,000 is available in round 1 of the ACI Research Grants Scheme (ACIRGS), to be allocated in the remainder of the 2018 financial year. Project grants of up to \$20,000 will be provided to successful applicants.

Note that it is required that the funds must be fully transferred to the recipient before 30 June 2018. If project funds are not fully expended by this date, it is suggested that a partner organisation (e.g. a university, research organisation or primary health network) hold the funds across financial years.

This round of funding is focused on supporting translational projects and cross-network projects that span across more than one ACI Clinical Network, Taskforce or Institute. These projects should reflect the ACI research priorities.

Research priorities

The ACI targets the design, evaluation and implementation of innovative models of patient care. It operates through effective partnerships to produce innovative healthcare provided with operational excellence. The full scope of the ACI's responsibilities and directions is set out in its 2015-2018 Strategic Plan and Operational Plan. The research priorities that emerge from these plans centre on:

- **Relevance** – the research aligns with ACI's mission
- **Scientifically excellent** – the research meets international theoretical and methodological standards
- **Innovative and collaborative** – the research spans disciplines and provides a forum for engaging consumers, clinicians and researchers
- **Feasible** – the research is manageable, realistic, supported by appropriate experience and able to deliver proposed outcomes
- **Economic** – the research is deemed to involve an appropriate judgment about resource expenditure
- **Translational** – the research extends to uptake, adoption and evaluation of findings 'from bedside to system'.

Research approach

The ACI's translational priority has implications for research design and methodology. Generating knowledge and putting knowledge into practice require different theories and methods. Research studies submitted to the ACI are therefore expected to be multi-method studies, deploying realist evaluation and drawing on disciplines and theories from both the clinical and health sciences, and organisational and social sciences.

Research conduct

All research undertaken in partnership with the ACI must adhere to relevant standards of research conduct. Proposals and research designs should be developed with reference to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Australian Research Council (ARC) Standards of Academic Conduct.

Results sharing

All researchers awarded funding through the ACI agree to make themselves available to present their progress and findings at a public forum (organised by the ACI on an annual basis).

Instructions to applicants

Preparation of the application

All applications must be prepared using this form.

When saving this form, please use the naming convention: ACIRGS_Application_Clinical Network/Taskforce/Institute_Chief Investigator name

If an applicant is not a member of the Clinical Network, Taskforce or Institute, the applicant should place the group that has endorsed the project in the naming convention: e.g. ACIRGS_Application_SST_JaneLEE

Submitting the application

The application must be submitted to Ivana.goluza@health.nsw.gov.au by 5pm AEST on 6 April 2018.

Outcome of the application

The independent selection panel assessment will occur in mid-April 2018. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in early May 2018.

Key dates

Friday 6 April 2018

Applications close

7 May 2018

Successful grant(s) announced

15 May 2019

Progress report due

15 November 2019

Final report due

Research Grants Scheme 2018 – Application form

1. Name of proposed project

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2. Name and contact details for lead individual proposing the research

Family name		Title	
Given name			
Telephone			
Email			
Current position			
Organisation			

3. Other investigators involved in the proposed research

Name	Position and organisation

4. Support from Clinical Network(s), Institute(s) or Taskforce(s) of the ACI

Please include below and/or attach proof that you have discussed your project with relevant Clinical Network(s), Institute(s) or Taskforce(s) of the ACI, and that your project has been endorsed as a priority for the ACI to undertake to benefit the NSW health system, with a direct impact on patient care.

5. Project description

Please provide a succinct, plain English description (maximum 300 words) of the project, including its aims, objectives and expected outcomes.

6. Research approach

Please provide a succinct, plain English description (maximum 200 words) of the methods for this project, including data collections, data analysis plan and main outcome measures.

7. Significance and innovation

Please provide a succinct, plain English description (maximum 200 words) of:

- why the proposed project is significant and will be of benefit to the ACI and/or the NSW health system
- how the design, aims, methods and/or collaborative processes are novel and innovative.

8. Feasibility

Please provide a succinct, plain English description (maximum 100 words) of the project's feasibility.

9. Translation and integration

Please provide a succinct, plain English description (maximum 200 words) of how the project's outcomes will:

- inform or yield new models of care
- contribute to strengthening care integration
- evaluate the realisation of such models of care and care integration
- be translated into practice and at what scale.

10. What are the expected start and completion dates for the proposed project?

11. What is the estimated budget for the proposed project?

12. Please list the main budget items, including a rationale for inclusion.

13. What additional funding has been secured or is being sought for the project?

Name	Amount	Status of funding Indicate one option per line		
		Confirmed	Under negotiation	Still to be sought
Total				

14. References