



Spinnaker Health Research Foundation – Grant Conditions

Background

The Spinnaker Health Research Foundation, formerly known as the Fremantle Hospital Medical Research Foundation, provides seed funding for health and medical research projects conducted in collaboration with the South Metropolitan Health Services (SMHS) / Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group (FSFHG) to benefit the broader local community. The Spinnaker Grants aim to foster a culture of research where Early Career Researchers are encouraged and nurtured to excel. Capacity building and research collaborations as well as research translation underpin the ethos of the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation. Spinnaker Grants assist researchers in becoming more competitive for national and international funding.

Funding for 2019

There will be two funding pools available for 2019.

- **Pool A:** designated for Early Career Researchers (ECR) as defined by the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation below
- **Pool B:** designated for all other researchers
- Multiple grants of up to \$15,000 will be available in each funding pool. In exceptional circumstances grants of up to \$20,000 may be considered, subject to strong justification and scrutiny.
- The research project should normally be completed within 12 months of award (by the end of 2019). Research extensions need to be approved by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee and the General Manager.
- Unused funds are to be returned to Spinnaker upon completion of the project.

Eligibility

- For Pool A applications, all Chief Investigators need to fit the ECR criterion.
- Previous recipients of a Spinnaker Health Research Foundation Grant or of a Fremantle Hospital Medical Research Foundation Grant can hold a maximum total of three (3) grants (travel awards excluded) as Chief Investigators.
- A substantive portion of the research must be conducted in collaboration with the Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group or South Metro Health Services.
- Investigators may submit one application as Chief Investigator in any funding round.
- All investigators involved in the project must be listed and sign the application.



Definition of Early Career Researcher

The Spinnaker Health Research Foundation provides some degree of flexibility in determining an applicant to be an early career researcher. The following additional factors will be considered:

- Less than five years of employment within the health and / or academic setting since completion of their highest relevant degree
- Level of previous research opportunities
- Previous research successes such as grants and publications
- Career interruptions such as maternity leave etc.
- Other research limiting situations as specified in the application.

Assessment Criteria

Scoring will be performed by the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Consumer and Community Involvement panel using the criteria below:

Item	Score
Scientific merit, innovation and impact	55%
Value and significance to clinical application / translation into practice	25%
Significance and relevance to SMHS / FSFHG	15%
Consumer and Community Involvement	5%
Total	100%

Applicants are encouraged to incorporate consumer and community involvement such as engagement with the community and dissemination of information to it as part of their research project.

Budget Information

Applicants are asked to calculate budgets accurately. Requests for additional funding will not be approved. Salaries, if requested, are to be reviewed and verified by the relevant officer or unit manager. All budget items need to be justifiable. Spinnaker may ask for clarification. Funding requests above \$15,000 must be explained and justified in detail.



Reporting & Approvals

- Applicants do not need to have Human Ethics, Animal Ethics, Biosafety Committee or Governance approvals for their project before lodging an EOI or full application. However, approvals will need to be in place before any funds will be released.
- Successful applicants will need to lodge their Ethics applications by the end of February 2019 latest to remain eligible for funding.
- Investigators are expected to present the results of their research at a Spinnaker Health Research Foundation event for donors and supporters if invited.
- Funding is contingent on receipt of a satisfactory 6 month progress report.
- Investigators must acknowledge the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation in all presentations and publications of their research.
- The final lay and scientific reports and financial acquittals are to be submitted to the Foundation at the conclusion of the research period. The lay report with photographs or videos where available, may be used by Spinnaker for its fundraising and communication purposes. Details are to be mutually agreed between Spinnaker and the grant winner.

Application procedure

An Expression of Interest (EOI) must be lodged by the due date:

Admin@spinnakerhealth.org.au. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit their full application by Thursday 13 September 2018 COB.

All investigators must sign the application; electronic signatures are accepted.

The Scientific Advisory Committee advises the Board on the merits of the recommended full application for award. The Board of the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation makes the final decision on the awards in its absolute discretion.

Key Dates

Date	Activity
18 June	EOI Open
12 July	EOI Close (COB)
16 August	Shortlisted applicants invited to submit full application
13 September	Full applications close
22 October	Successful applicants notified
3 December	Successful applicants to join the Annual Awards Night to accept the grant
28 Feb 2019	Ethics application must be lodged (latest)



- January 2019 First funding instalment can be arranged subject to availability of all required ethics and governance approvals.
- July 2019 Second funding instalment or 6 months after the first instalment, subject to satisfactory progress report
- December 2019 Final lay and scientific reports with financial acquittal to be submitted to Spinnaker to share with the Board, Scientific Advisory Committee, donors and its supporters.

Contact details

EOI and applications must be submitted by email by the due dates to admin@spinnakerhealth.org.au .

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