



POOL A EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2023



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Spinnaker Health Research Foundation Grant Conditions and Guidelines 2023

Background

Spinnaker Health Research Foundation is committed to the support of research for the benefit of the community of south metropolitan Perth that can also demonstrate local, national and global leadership. Established in 1996 at Fremantle Hospital, the Foundation has funded almost \$5,500,000 in research at Fremantle Hospital, Fiona Stanley Hospital, and at universities and institutes with a direct link to our community.

Our grant-funding strategy seeks to build research capacity by providing training opportunities, strengthening collaborative networks, and enabling research projects that may rapidly lead to improvements in disease prevention, diagnosis, management, and patient outcomes.

A primary goal of the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation is to assist early career researchers become competitive for national and international funding by providing them with the necessary training and experience. The success of this strategy is reflected in previous Spinnaker grant recipients subsequently winning almost \$20,000,000 of additional funding from competitive sources.

2023 bring two exciting new aspects to its grant funding opportunities. First, the Spinnaker Board has identified several key research priorities it will support:

1. **Early Career Research and Seed Funding** (our traditional purpose) – investing in pioneering ideas while facilitating a culture of aspirational innovation in health research
2. **Family Health** – committing to equal access for every child to world-leading public health services and supporting evidenced based interventions at the earliest possible moment for children who may be at risk of life-impacting disease
3. **Men's Health and Wellbeing** – in response to the Western Australian Men's Health and Wellbeing Policy (2019), support a holistic program of integrated mental and physical health programs to address the inequities of health outcomes for West Australian men and boys
4. **Aboriginal Health** – establish a comprehensive research centre for collaborative, translational research for Aboriginal Health to bring together essential expertise to address the critical health needs of WA's diverse Aboriginal population
5. **Melanoma Research** – fund WA's only dedicated melanoma research grant program to improve patient outcomes through ground-breaking advancements in diagnosis, treatment and care (first grants awarded November 2021)
6. **Education and Advocacy** – to facilitate the translation of research and inform the public, funding bodies, policy makers and health providers of advancements in medicine to ensure West Australia's public health services are the best in the world and access is equitable.

And secondly, building on the strong collaboration between Spinnaker and universities, a new partnership with *The University of Notre Dame of Australia* will provide funding for two research projects where the lead researcher can use their research project as the basis for a [Master of Philosophy](#) research degree. This fee free degree provides formal, online training that will develop knowledge and skills in research, provides a pathway for subsequent enrolment in a PhD, and is recognised by most Australian medical colleges. During their study period, the candidate will have an experienced academic researcher join their research team and guide them through to the completion of their degree. They will also have access to the

quantitative and qualitative biostatisticians working within the Institute for Health Research at Notre Dame (Fremantle).

Further details can be obtained from [Professor Jim Codde](#), Director of the Institute for Health Research at UNDA, or [Professor Gerard Hoyne](#), Associate Dean of Research, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery and Health Science, UNDA.

Please note, indicating you wish to be considered for the MPhil funding option will not prejudice you from being considered for the other grants, should the two available positions be allocated.

Pool A- \$20,000

Early Career Research grants are offered to encourage people at the beginning of their career to undertake a research project for the benefit of prevention, diagnosis and/or treatment of known health conditions

General Project Eligibility and Guidelines

- Projects must be able to demonstrate a response to an identified health need of the community of south metropolitan Perth.
- The primary focus of the research must be for or at Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group (FSFHG) and/or within the south metropolitan region as represented by South Metropolitan Health Service.
<https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~/-/media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/SMHS/PDF/SMHS-MAP-health-services-suburbs.pdf>
- The research team must have an appointment at, or a formal collaboration with South Metropolitan Health Service.
- The research project should be completed within 12 months of confirmation of Ethics and Governance Approval, which must be submitted to the Foundation by the dates specified in the Reporting and Approvals Guidelines (below). Exemptions and extensions are by formal application only and will be determined by the CEO of Spinnaker HRF and the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
- 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.
- Chief Investigator (at minimum) must demonstrate completion of Good Clinical Practice training or can sufficiently demonstrate why the training is not relevant to their project.
- All members of the Research Team involved in the project must be listed and the application signed by the Chief Investigator and all nominated co-investigators.
- All members of the Research Team may appear in only one application in any funding round.
- If you have an ongoing project or had previous funding from Spinnaker Health Research Foundation and have not yet submitted a final report and budget acquittal for a project that has concluded, you will not be eligible for funding in the current cycle.
- All grants must be formally acquitted at the conclusion of the project and any unused funds are to be returned to Spinnaker upon completion of the project.
- Applications that do not apply lay language will not be considered. Please assess your application carefully for readability by both the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustee Directors of the Foundation.

Specific Eligibility

Pool A

- Applicants must fit the Early Career Researcher definition, as below.
- All members of the Research Team may appear in only one application in any funding round.
- Applications in which early career researchers are the chief investigator and are mentored by experienced researchers receive an additional weighting in scoring.
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Spinnaker UNDA Grant Eligibility

All projects must meet the *General Project Eligibility & Guidelines* outlined above, and

- Lead researcher meet the eligibility requirements and agree to enrol in a [Master of Philosophy](#) at UNDA by February 2023
- A senior member of the project's research team must agree to co-supervise the lead researcher with an academic researcher from UNDA who will oversee the university's requirements, and
- The candidate must make satisfactory progress towards completion of their degree over the expected duration of ~ 1.5 – 2 year (part-time).
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Definition of Early Career Researcher

Spinnaker Health Research Foundation exercises a degree of flexibility with respect to the assessment of an applicants' eligibility for consideration as an Early Career Researcher.

The following 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 panel using the criteria below:

Item	Score
Scientific merit, innovation and impact including soundness of project design (including budget)	55%
Value and significance to clinical application/ translation into practice including demonstration of leadership in information sharing with colleagues for the improvement of knowledge	25%
Significance and relevance to SMHS and responsiveness to the needs of the Perth south metropolitan community	20%
Total	100%

Other Criteria

- The majority of the research will be conducted at a campus of SMHS or affiliated entity in south metropolitan Perth.
- The team membership represents employees of SMHS.
- Projects need to include consumer and community involvement (unless exempt).

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 are required to be justified and the Foundation may seek additional information or clarification. Requests for exceptional grants above \$20,000 may be considered on merit and with additional, and detailed, rationale however all decisions are final at the discretion of the Board of Trustee Directors.

Consumer and community participants can be included in your budget at a maximum of \$35 per session (per participant). Please note in your budget how many sessions you anticipate.

All grant monies will be paid on a split schedule as below;

Milestone	Percentage of Grant awarded
Confirmation of Ethics and Governance Approval	40%
6 Month (from commencement) Interim Report Received	40%
Final Report and Budget Acquittal Received	20%

If you have clear and concise reasoning for why the budget must be paid in full to facilitate the completion of the project please explain in the space provided within your grant application. The request for an early payment of the final instalment will be considered at the time of application.

Application Procedure

Submission of an Expression of Interest pro forma (EOI) is required for the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation Grants and must be lodged via email by COB **28th June 2022** to claire.dobbs-evans@health.wa.gov.au:

Please save your application as a PDF using the following convention:

Surname_Firstname_POOL A EOI 2023

(Applications received that are not in this format will not be eligible)

Following consideration by the Scientific Advisory Committee, qualifying applicants for both pools will be shortlisted and invited to submit a full application. Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit their full application by close of business on **Tuesday 6 September 2022**.

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 Trustee Directors of Spinnaker Health Research Foundation makes the final decision on the award grants in its absolute discretion.

Key Dates

Date	Activity
31 May	EOI Open
28 June	EOI Close (COB)
9 August	Shortlisted applicants invited to submit full application
6 September	Full applications close
18 October	Successful applicants notified
22 November	Successful applicants recognised at Annual Awards Ceremony
January 2023	First funding instalment arranged subject to fulfilment of required Ethics and Governance applications, and enrolment in MPhil at UNDA if required
28 Feb 2023	Ethics application must be lodged (latest)
30 June 2023	Last possible date for confirmation of Ethics and Governance approval

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 and will need to meet the specified dates in grant milestones. Please consider these dates before submitting and ensure your project requirements and investigators will be able to meet them
- Successful applicants will need to lodge their Ethics applications by **last day of February 2023** latest to remain eligible for funding
- Successful applicants will need to complete their Governance Approval by **June 30 2023** for the project to be awarded the allocated funds
- 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 (from commencement) progress report and final distribution of funds will be subject to final report and budget acquittal (unless formal amendment to this milestone is agreed as per the application)
- Investigators must acknowledge the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation in all presentations and publications of their research, including news and media articles about the research or further award of project funding
- The final lay and scientific reports and financial acquittals are to be submitted to the Foundation at the conclusion of the project 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 the Foundation and the grant recipient.

Appeals & Extensions

- Requests for extensions must be submitted prior to the specified milestone dates or the grant will be suspended, subject to appeal. This includes: lodgement of approvals, submission of milestone reports, budget acquittal and the raising of scheduled invoices
- All requests for extension are subject to completion of the corresponding form available on request from the Foundation and submitted by the Chief Investigator or the delegated authority for the grant
- Extensions are granted by the Spinnaker Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and subject to advice from the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) where deemed necessary by the CEO
- Appeals are to be submitted in writing within 2 weeks of notification of a suspended grant and will be considered by the Spinnaker CEO and Chair SAC
- All appeal and extension outcomes are considered final

Contact details

Applications must be submitted by email by the due date to

claire.dobbs-evans@health.wa.gov.au

Direct enquiries to Claire Dobbs-Evans, Business Support Officer on 6152 6278 or

claire.dobbs-evans@health.wa.gov.au

Office Locations

Fiona Stanley Hospital (Monday to Thursday), Outpatients Clinic, Room ID: BGL1157

Fremantle Hospital (Friday), Alma Street, Room 27B, G Block

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Please only submit this part of the application and not the terms and conditions or front cover above by close of business on close of business on 28th June 2022

Late applications will not be accepted

Prior to completing this EOI please refer to the grant conditions provided with this document.

1 Chief Investigator:

Applying for:	<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Spinnaker Grant – Pool A - ECR
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Are you applying as a new early career researcher? Yes No

Please justify your eligibility as an Early Career Researcher (as defined by the grant conditions)

The information in the box below is to be completed only by applicants interested in using their project toward completing a **Master of Philosophy** degree at the University of Notre Dame

1. I confirm I meet the University’s entry requirements to enrol in a [MPhil](#) Yes

2. The name and email address of the research team member who has agreed to co-supervise me through the degree is:

3. If you have one, please indicate who at UNDA has agreed to be your Principal Supervisor:

Note: Indicating you are interested in a MPhil provides access to two additional grant awards and you are not disadvantaged from the other awards if the two positions are filled.

Project Title Lay Version	
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Project Title Scientific Version	
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Chief Investigator

Title		First name		Surname	
University/ Centre/Institution/ Hospital				% at each for dual or multi appointments	
Email:				Phone:	

Co-Investigators

All Co-Investigators must fit the category of Early Career Researcher (ECR) for Pool A applicants.

CI#	Full Name (Title Given Name Surname)	University/Centre/Institution/Hospital
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Mentors (Maximum of two per project)

Applications in which early career researchers are the chief investigator and are mentored by experienced researchers receive an additional weighting in scoring

Full Name (Title Given Name Surname)	University/Centre/Institution/Hospital

For Pool A applicants only

Please justify your ECR claim (no more than 100 words)

Site/s where research will be conducted	%

Research Summary / abstract include background, aims/hypothesis, and methodological approach (up to 200 words) (**Scientific merit, innovation and impact**)

Value and significance to clinical application / translation into practice (no more than 100 words)

Significance and relevance of research to SMHS (no more than 100 words)

The majority of the research will be conducted at a campus of SMHS or affiliated entity in south metropolitan Perth

Yes No

The team membership represents employees of SMHS

Yes No

Consumer and community involvement (no more than 100 words)

Budget including other sourced funding (all amounts should be GST exclusive)

Item and brief description	\$	\$ Amount sought from Spinnaker	\$ already secured	From (details of funding partner)

Total funds requested from Spinnaker Health: \$

Timeframe:

Publication intentions:

Translation intentions:

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Chief Investigator:

Signature:	Date:
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Thank you for your expression of interest.

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Please note: If you have a current project, or have had previous funding from Spinnaker Health Research Foundation and have not yet submitted a final report and budget acquittal for a project that is concluded, you will not be eligible for future funding.

For enquiries please contact Claire Dobbs-Evans on 6152 6278 or email to claire.dobbs-evans@health.wa.gov.au

By lodging your application form you consent to have your details added to the Spinnaker database; and to receive future updates about research opportunities and general information from the Foundation. To unsubscribe from any or all future communications please email claire.dobbs-evans@health.wa.gov.au



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