



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who funds these grants?**

Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Cure4CF) is a registered not-for-profit charity and the largest private funder of cystic fibrosis (CF) research and development in Australia. We support 'game changing' research with the potential to substantially extend the lives of those living with CF. Our focus is on funding innovative research into therapeutics, cell & gene therapies, antimicrobials and vaccines that build on existing knowledge and has a clearly identified path and commitment for translational impact, including alleviation of medical impact from CF. Diagnostic, devices, epidemiology, nutrition & exercise and observational studies are not areas of research priority.

You can find out more about Cure4CF on our website: [www.cure4cf.org](http://www.cure4cf.org)

### **Who should apply for a grant?**

We are looking for researchers with outstanding ideas that build on existing knowledge in the research arena but take a novel approach to a potential solution.

All Australian researchers are encouraged to apply, irrespective of career stage or nominal area of research.

Collaboration is encouraged and applicants can involve more than one research group or institution.

Only one application will be considered from each principal researcher.

The project must clearly meet Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's core objective: research with the potential to lead to new therapies or cures that will result in a material increase in average life expectancy for people with CF

Cure4CF does not fund basic or fundamental research. We support research programs where theories have been demonstrated, scientific curiosity satisfied and where practical utility is evident. We expect the funding we provide will add commercial value to discoveries and result in therapeutic candidates progressing along the translational pathway.

### **Why should I apply for this grant?**

The Cure4CF Innovation Grants provide pump priming grants to help your translational research become more commercial ready.

Cure4CF does not ask for IP ownership nor institutional shareholding, our objective is to support promising life changing treatments efficiently towards commercialisation and reach those who need it faster.

The foundation is seeking a partnership with successful grant recipients and encourages Grantees to consider other resources, expertise and support Cure4CF may offer beyond the funding period.

## **What is supported by the grant?**

The Cure4CF grant scheme offers a total pool of up to \$500,000.00 AUD. You are invited to apply for any amount to the maximum of \$500,000.00 AUD. There is no minimum grant amount.

The grant funding is to be provided only for research activities associated with this project.

Eligible expense items include direct costs such as salaries, consumables, equipment and travel. Indirect costs such as overhead, patent costs, publication costs, capital works and non-essential items such as trade subscriptions, catering will not be funded.

## **What research areas will be supported by the grant?**

The goal of these grants is to translate existing and innovative technological or medical research knowledge into progressive research, enabling access to research capability and capacity beyond the existing knowledge that will result in advanced treatment discoveries, and ultimately have a significant impact on the health, lifespan and well-being of people with the CF.

The project must not exceed 24-months in duration.

Our focus is to fund research projects aiming to deliver community benefits through new innovations with therapeutic drugs, cell and gene therapies, vaccines, antimicrobials and more.

The Cure4CF Foundation does not support research areas such as population studies, policy development, diagnostic, devices or epidemiological studies.

## **How to apply?**

Grant application and guidelines can be found on [www.cure4cf.org/research-grants-2022/](http://www.cure4cf.org/research-grants-2022/)

Submissions must be received through the electronic submission portal

An application will be considered incomplete, if it fails to comply with the instructions, or if the submitted material is insufficient to permit adequate review.

Late applications will not be processed.

If you are experiencing any difficulty accessing or submitting your application online, please contact us via email [grants@cure4cf.org](mailto:grants@cure4cf.org)

## **How many times can I apply?**

Only one application will be considered from any researcher who is listed as a principal Investigator in any one round. Multiple applications can be considered from the same organisation but must be submitted by different principal investigators

## **When is the deadline?**

The application must be submitted via

<https://cure4cf.smartygrants.com.au/HolcknerFamilyImpactGrantRound2022>

before 5pm (ACST) on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Recipients will receive an automated email confirming that the application has been successfully submitted.

## **Can my application be updated once it has been submitted?**

Once the application is submitted, you will not be able to make changes.

If the closing date has not yet passed and you have already submitted the application and wish to resubmit the application, you can submit an updated version and request to withdraw the original one by emailing [grants@cure4cf.org](mailto:grants@cure4cf.org)

## **When will I be notified about the outcome of my application?**

Successful applicants will be notified through the receipt of a Notice of Success Letter and a Research Sponsorship Agreement by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Successful applicants must formally accept the Cure4CF grant by signing and returning the Research Sponsorship Agreement.

## **Would the application be assessed by specific Assessment Criteria and Scoring?**

Yes, an assessment and scoring criteria framework is in place and available in the application guidelines.

## **When will I receive payment of the grant if my application is successful?**

The grant will not be activated, nor any monies released, until a Research Sponsorship Agreement is fully executed by both parties.

The grant money will be transferred at pro-rata rate upon achieving the agreed milestones. Project reports to be provided every six months and the grantee must ensure all expenditure relating to the grant can be reconciled.

## **Does the project have a specific start / stop date?**

Yes. The grant must be activated and the project underway within 3 months of the date of the issue of the Notice of Success Letter. If the grant has not been activated within this timeframe, Cure4CF reserves the right to withdraw the offer of the grant, unless an extension has been approved.

The project must be accomplished within the timeframe specified in the agreement and the grant payment received by the recipient.

## **If you have more questions**

If you cannot find an answer to your question, please feel free to contact us via email [grants@cure4cf.org](mailto:grants@cure4cf.org)

We look forward to hearing from you!