

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 materially extend the lives of those living with CF.

Our focus is on funding innovative research in therapeutics, cell and gene therapies, antimicrobials, and vaccines that build on existing knowledge with a clearly identified path and commitment for translational impact. This research would be considered within the technology readiness levels of 3 to 7. Diagnostics, devices, nutrition, exercise and observational studies are not areas of research priority.

You can find out more about Cure4CF on our website: 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 with an innovative approach to develop potential solutions for CF.

All Australian researchers are encouraged to apply, irrespective of career stage or nominal area of research. For clarity, Australian researchers from academia, government and industry can apply.

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

Only one application will be considered from each Chief Investigator.

The project must clearly meet Cure4CF'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; proof of concept must be established. We support research programs where theories have been demonstrated, scientific curiosity satisfied and where practical utility is evident. We expect the funding to accelerate discoveries and knowledge along the translational pathway and applicants will need to demonstrate this in their applications.

Why should I apply for this grant?

The Cure4CF Grant provides funding to help your research move closer to extending the lives of those living with CF.

Cure4CF does not ask for IP ownership nor institutional shareholding; our objective is to support promising life-changing treatments efficiently towards translation into clinical practice 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 \$800,000 AUD. You are invited to apply for any amount to the maximum of \$800,000 AUD. There is no minimum grant amount. The grant funding is provided only for research activities associated with this project.

Eligible expense items include salaries and on-costs, consumables, equipment, travel and other direct costs associated with delivering the project. Salary on-costs include superannuation, workers compensation and payroll tax. Expense items, overheads, capital works and non-essential items such as trade subscriptions, catering etc will not be supported. Commercialisation and/or marketing costs will also not be supported.

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 to the next stage. This enables access to research capability and capacity beyond the existing knowledge. Such advancements will result in advanced treatment discoveries. Ultimately, these discoveries will have a significant impact on the health, lifespan, and well-being of people with CF.

Examples of previously funded projects can be found at www.cure4cf.org.

How do I apply?

Grant application forms and guidelines can be found [here](#).

Submissions must be lodged via <mailto:grants@cure4cf.org>.

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 the application form, please contact us via email grants@cure4cf.org.

How many times can I apply?

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

When is the deadline?

The application and all supporting documents must be submitted via grants@cure4cf.org before 5pm (ACST) on 3rd August 2024.

Applicants will receive an automated email confirming 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 revise or resubmit, you can request to withdraw the original application by emailing 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 in late October 2024.

Successful applicants must formally accept the Cure4CF grant by signing and returning the Research Sponsorship Agreement within 3 months of the Notification of Success Letter.

Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified by letter and an opportunity to receive feedback will be provided

Will 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 Cure4CF and the employing institution of the Chief Investigator.

The grant money will be released in tranches upon achieving the specific milestones that will be detailed in the Research Sponsorship Agreement. Project reports are to be provided every six months and the grantee must ensure all expenditures relating to the grant can be reconciled.

Does the project have a specific start/stop date?

Yes. The grant must be activated by attending an on-boarding session and returning of the signed agreement within three (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.

Projects must be underway within three (3) months following the On-boarding session. We strongly advise grantees to apply for ethics approval (if required) immediately upon receipt of a notice of success to avoid project delays.

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

The project must not exceed 24 months in duration.

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

We look forward to hearing from you!