

Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis MRFF and NHMRC Partnership Guidelines

Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis (Cure4CF) supports the submission of proposals to nationally competitive grants schemes, including the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) that seek to accelerate life-extending and life-transforming solutions for those with cystic fibrosis.

We do this by funding innovative research that builds on existing knowledge and has a clearly identified path for, and a commitment to, translational impact.

There are two options for support: in kind support only (see examples below) and a combination of in-kind and cash support.

What can be claimed as a cash contribution?

- The salary costs of new Cure4CF staff employed and dedicated to work on the research.
- Funds provided as salary support to the partner organisation.
- Funds to pay for proposed travel.
- Funds to purchase new equipment.
- Funds for direct research costs for the project.

What can be claimed as in-kind contributions?

- Salaries or proportions of salaries of established Cure4CF staff who will be released to work on the research or participate in research, governance or advisory committees.
- Use of existing equipment owned by the Cure4CF for the project.
- Use of facilities and materials owned by Cure4CF in conducting the research.

Cure4CF will not provide cash contributions for expense items such as overheads, capital works and non-essential items such as trade subscriptions, catering etc. Commercialisation and/or marketing costs will also not be supported.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for support from Cure4CF on grant applications, the following conditions must be met:

- The applicant must complete and submit the Partnership Request Form.
- The application must be led by an applicant who is an Australian permanent resident or citizen, with research to be conducted primarily in Australian-based research facilities.
- The proposed research must clearly meet [Cure4CF's Research Priority](#)
- Applications must include meaningful consumer involvement as part of the application and project.

An application will be considered incomplete if it fails to comply with the instructions.

Requests will not be considered if they are received within 4 weeks of the grant submission date without prior agreement with Cure4CF.

Successful applicants will ensure research is conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and codes of practice and all necessary licences and approvals must have been obtained and

are adhered to. This includes those concerning the use of animals and the obtaining of patient consents and ethics committee approvals, as relevant to the research.

Assessment criteria

The request for support will be assessed based on the proposal's merit against four key criteria outlined below. Cure4CF will only consider providing cash or in-kind contributions to projects that are of the highest quality.

Scientific excellence - Excellent rationale and plan, highly innovative, extensive evidence, and data to justify potential outcomes

Impact - Addresses an area of high clinical need, would result in significant impact to many, clear path for clinical adoption, exceedingly likely to realise a cure or significant life extension

Translation potential- Excellent translational pathway, partners in place, regulatory strategy determined if needed

Consumer involvement – Consumer advisory committee in place and consumers engaged in the development of the research question and all aspects of research.

Applications will be evaluated by Cure4CF's Research and Commercialisation (R&C) Committee. The applicant will be notified of the outcome and the Letter of Support will be provided to the Administering Institution and Chief Investigator.



Process

Funds will only be released following receipt of the grant outcome letter and a signed Research Sponsorship Agreement between the parties.

Support is only applicable to the funding scheme and round identified in the Partnership Request Form. A separate request is required for each funding scheme and round.

Obligations of Grantees

Reporting

The successful applicant must ensure all expenditure relating to the Cure4CF grant can be reconciled.

Cure4CF will require a written report every six months, and a financial report every 12 months (where cash contributions have been made to the partner organisation).

Intellectual Property

Cure4CF will not seek ownership of intellectual property developed by Grantees. However, Cure4CF will seek a beneficial return including financial benefit, of value realised from intellectual property commercialisation. The terms for such beneficial return will be outlined in the Research Sponsorship Agreement.

As a charitable foundation, Cure4CF must ensure that the results of the research we fund has maximum impact in terms of the public good, which includes translation of findings to substantially extend the lives of those living with CF. Often, translation requires some form of commercialisation. Cure4CF asks that award holders obtain our consent before commercialisation events occur so that we can ensure that the commercialisation terms align with this interest. Cure4CF typically take a share of any net revenue our Grantees generate from commercialisation and use this to support our charitable objectives.

Engagement in Cure4CF Activities

Cure4CF enters a partnership with successful grant recipients and encourages grantees to engage with Cure4CF to access other resources, expertise, and support Cure4CF may offer beyond the funding period. Grantees must be willing to contribute to Cure4CF promotional activities as requested.

Partnership Request Form

Privacy Statement.

Personal information submitted as part of a request for a letter of support will be viewed by staff of Cure4CF and the Research and Commercialisation committee members.

Chief Investigator Details

Title	First Name	Last Name
Institution/Department	Position	
Address		
Telephone	Email	

Proposal Details

<p>Name of chief and associate investigators, their organisations, and any partners of the project</p>	
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Title of proposal	
Application ID (if applicable)	
Funding body	
Scheme (including stream if applicable)	
Any requirements or guidelines for the Letter of support from the funder or scheme (where possible, attach a pre-filled letter of support on a template as a separate document; C4CF will complete relevant details)	
Application due date, and any other applicable key dates	
A synopsis of the proposal (max two pages, as a separate document)	

Criteria for Cure4CF Support

Criteria	Yes/No	Comments
Have you ever received funding from Cure4CF?		
Does the proposal align with the Cure4CF Research Priority Statement		
Does the proposal align with the James Lind CF priorities ? Please indicate which priority		
Is the proposal approved by the host institution?		
Please provide the budget for the project including what proportion of funds are being sought from MRFF and other partners		
Does the proposal include international investigators?		
How do you anticipate engaging with Cure4CF for the project?		

<p>Have you engaged consumers in the development of the proposal so far?</p> <p>If so, please outline below</p>		
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In-kind support

Support category	Required Yes/No
Consumer engagement	
Grant review and editing	
Recruitment support	
Social media support	
Data management/Statistical support	
Facilitation of meetings	
Participation in research or advisory committee (or equivalent)	

Declaration

I declare that all information provided in this application and attached documents are true and correct.

Name:

Date:

Signed: