

Cure4CF–Cystic Fibrosis Trust Global Integration Grant

2026 Application Guidelines

Purpose of the Program

The Cure4CF–Cystic Fibrosis Trust Global Integration Grant supports high-impact, collaborative research that accelerates solutions for people with cystic fibrosis (CF) through integrated Australia–UK partnerships. The program aims to:

- Translate promising science into clinical benefit and practice change
- Build durable research infrastructure and shared resources
- Grow early- and mid-career researcher capability through bidirectional training
- Deliver community-prioritised impact aligned with unmet needs in CF
- Seed future co-investment and long-term international collaboration
- Supports short-term exchanges, shared methods, workshops, and joint training

Eligibility Criteria

Applications must meet **all** criteria:

- The lead applicant must be either an
 - an Australian citizen or permanent resident (for AU-led applications) or
 - a UK-based applicant (for UK-led applications)
- Research must be conducted primarily in Australian or UK research facilities
- Each application must include at least one Australian **and** one UK Investigator
- Able to provide evidence of previous collaboration
- Preference will be given to projects that include bidirectional training and data sharing

Alignment with Priorities

Projects must address community-prioritised unmet needs, such as:

- Non-modulator therapeutic options
- Gastrointestinal health and multisystem complications
- Ageing with CF
- Infection management
- Reducing treatment burden
- Digital tools and adherence supports

Consumer/Patient Involvement

Applications must demonstrate meaningful engagement with people affected by CF in the research question development and throughout the research process.

Available Budget

Award value: up to AUD \$200,000 for the Australian research component and up to GBP £99,000 for the UK research component.

Funding Period

Projects of up to 18 months duration will be considered in the 2026 Round.

Allowable Costs

Eligible: salaries, on-costs, consumables, participant costs, core facility access, data curation, biobanking, patient or consumer involvement costs, justified equipment.

Not eligible: overheads, capital works, non-essential items, commercialisation/marketing costs.

This funding scheme is not open to applications for research involving non-human primates.

Intellectual Property

The grant will be awarded to a single institution who will be responsible for the research agreement. Cure4CF and the CF Trust do not require ownership of intellectual property but do require the agreement to a revenue sharing clause.

Application Components

Applicants must submit the application form and upload a PDF containing the following:

1. **Case for Support (maximum 10 pages)** this must include:
 1. Rationale and aims
 2. Hypothesis and research question
 3. Methods, study design, techniques, data analysis
 4. Anticipated difficulties & alternative approaches
 5. Expected deliverables and impact on people with CF
 6. Management and governance plan for the integrated collaboration
 7. Timeline
 8. Unpublished data to support the hypothesis and or feasibility (2 pages maximum)
 9. References (2 pages maximum)
2. **Investigator CVs** - maximum 2 pages per investigator using the provided template below

Formatting Requirements

- Arial, minimum 11pt
- Single spacing, standard character spacing
- Margins ≥ 2 cm

Review Stages

1. Eligibility check
2. Scientific Review Panel (comprising representatives from the CF community, international experts and C4CF & CF Trust research leadership)
3. Joint Steering Committee final recommendation
4. Foundation ratification (Cure4CF & CF Trust)

Reporting Requirements

- Annual reports and data as requested, for the duration of the project and for five years after the funding has finished
- Annual financial acquittal
- Final impact report within one month of project end
- Participation in Cure4CF and CF Trust community and promotional activities

Assessment Criteria & Scoring

Applications will be reviewed by a Joint Scientific Review Panel comprised of international experts including patient and consumer leads and representatives and scored across:

Criterion	Weight	Description
Scientific Excellence	20%	Rationale, innovation, methods, preliminary data
Significance & Unmet Need	20%	Alignment with community priorities
Integration & Team Quality	20%	AU–UK collaboration, complementary expertise

Translational Potential	15%	Pathway to clinical impact, IP considerations, partners
Feasibility & Methods	10%	Study design, risk mitigation
Consumer Involvement	10%	Depth and influence of PPI/E
E/MCR Development & Equity	5%	Training, leadership opportunities

Scores follow a 1–5 scale (Poor → Exceptional)

Timeline

- **6th July 2026 10am AEST (GMT+10)** – Invitations for applications
- **10th August 7pm AEST (GMT+10)** – applications close
- **Aug -Sept 2026** – Peer review and interview
- **October 2026** – Final decisions by Joint Steering Committee
- **Nov 2026** – Contracting & onboarding
- **Dec 2026 -Jan 2027** – Project commencement

Curriculum Vitae Of Applicant(s)

A separate CV must be completed by the Principal Applicant and each Co-investigator named in the application. Each CV should be **no more than 2 pages**, and any CV longer than that will be returned to be revised.

Surname:		Forenames:	
Title of current post:			
Date of appointment:			
Contribution to proposed project			
PREVIOUS POSTS HELD (list the most recent first)			
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS			
Date	Degree	Subject	University/Institution
Experience in training young career professionals (e.g. graduate students) (Maximum of 250 words)			

PUBLICATIONS

Applicants should list **the top five publications relevant to the application only.**

Please list only your original research publications and other scholarly contributions that you consider to be significant.

Publications should be in chronological order with the most recent first.

Please give citation in full, including title of paper and all authors.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Please provide details of current research funding including the name of the project, the funding body, project dates and the amount awarded.