



RPH Research Foundation
Cardiovascular Research Program
Expressions of Interest
Guidelines and Conditions

1. About the RPH Research Foundation

For nearly 40 years, the RPH Research Foundation has been improving our community's health by funding leading world-class medical research, ideas, and innovations at Royal Perth Hospital. The Foundation links universities, research centres and researchers with the Royal Perth Bentley Group and more broadly with the East Metropolitan Health Service to maximise health research impact.

The Foundation strives to build on its rich history of research funding through the delivery of strategic objectives:

- **Growth through leadership**
- **Research capability and Impact**
- **Environment for success**
- **Stakeholder engagement**

By providing year-on-year funding and in-house facility support to researchers across a range of disciplines, the Foundation has become a renowned leader in its field. Its core vision is to champion innovative research that has a real impact on the health and wellbeing of the wider community.

2. Cardiovascular Research Program

The RPH Research Foundation has received a gift of \$250,000 that is specifically tied to cardiovascular research. We are therefore calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for cardiovascular research proposals.

The Foundation invites applications from early to mid-career researchers that demonstrate a strong link with East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS). The funding may be awarded to one or more applicants.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, the Coordinating Principal Investigator (CPI) and Principal Investigators (PIs) must meet the following criteria:

- Work in Australia for the duration of the grant
- Be an Early Career Researcher (≤ 7 years since the completion of the highest degree, subject to career disruption) or a Mid-Career Researcher (within 8-15 years since the completion of the highest relevant degree, subject to career disruption).
- Be undertaking most of their research work within the EMHS network (i.e., Royal Perth Hospital, Bentley Hospital, Armadale Health Service, Kalamunda Hospital, St John of God Midland Public Hospital, Population and Community Health Programs).
- In addition, Investigative team make-up must include CPI and/or PIs employed by EMHS, with demonstration of ongoing employment.
- Project timeline should not exceed 3 years.

Eligible costs

- Staff salaries: We do not provide a salary for the Coordinating Principal Investigator but will cover other salary costs where staff do not already have a salary for the period of their grant, and they are essential to the research proposal.
- Materials and consumables, including laboratory chemicals and materials, and associated charges for shipping, delivery, and freight.
- The cost of purchasing animals for the research project.
- Equipment, up to \$25,000.
- Dissemination and engagement costs e.g., costs of activities and outputs to facilitate the impact and to promote uptake.

The successful applicants will have access to the Foundation's biostatistical service.

Ineligible costs

- Salary recovery costs for staff funded full-time by the employing organisation
- Infrastructure costs e.g., building and premises costs, utilities, stationery, photocopying, postage
- Overhead and indirect costs e.g., administrative staff
- Travel costs
- Costs for large equipment
- Non-research related activities
- Office furniture and clothing

4. Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed by the Scientific Advisory Committee on the following criteria:

| Criteria | Score |
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| Applicant's track record | 10 |
| Novelty, originality, and innovation of the proposed project | 10 |
| Clinical translation: Potential to improve the burden of a disease/condition of the patient population | 30 |
| Scientific quality and feasibility of the project | 20 |
| Community engagement plans – consulting, informing, and collaborating with the community | 30 |

5. How to apply and key dates

Applications must be submitted online at <https://crp-eoi.paperform.co/> by 30 January 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted.

| Stages of Application | Key Dates |
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| Call for applications Open | 25 November 2022 |
| Application submission deadline | 30 January 2023 |
| Application Review Process Start | 1 February 2023 |
| Successful applicants awarded | 30 March 2023 |

Projects must commence in 2023 on the release of funds.

6. Further Information

Funding may be split between multiple applicants. No single submission over the amount available to disperse (\$250,000) will be considered.

Payment will be made to the administering institution nominated in the successful grant application(s)

Grant payments will be made against milestones/key performance indicators as agreed. An income and expenditure statement will be required in each year of grant funding. Unspent funds must be returned to the Foundation.

Successful applicants must fully acknowledge the RPH Research Foundation support when opportunities arise (e.g., media, publications, forums, conferences, public discussions, etc.) as detailed in the Grant Agreement. Successful applicants will also be required to acknowledge the donor who provided this funding as per the grant agreement.

The Foundation reserves the right not to make an award.