

The **Australian & New Zealand** **Intensive Care Foundation**

2020 Research Grant Guidelines for Applicants

Stage 1

Expressions of Interest OPEN: **Wednesday 4 March 2020**

Expressions of Interest CLOSE: **Friday 24 April 2020**

Applicants are required to complete and submit the Expression of Interest 2020 template available on the Intensive Care Foundation website.

EOIs must be emailed (in WORD not as PDF) to info@intensivecarefoundation.org.au by the closing date. Late EOIs and EOIs that fail to conform to the word limits and format requirements clearly set out on the EOI template will be automatically excluded.

Stage 2

Unsuccessful EOI Applicants advised by email: **late May 2020**

Invited Applicants will be advised by email: **late May 2020**

Invited Applicants will be asked to submit a full application to the Foundation. The Application Form will be attached to the email and must be completed and emailed to info@intensivecarefoundation.org.au by the closing date.

Invited full applications CLOSE: **Friday 26 June 2020**

Late Applications and Applications that fail to conform to the word limits and format requirements clearly set out on the Application form will be automatically excluded

Questions to Applicants from Reviewers: **early July 2020**

During this week Applicants may receive short questions from Reviewers. These will be emailed by the Foundation and must be answered by the Applicant within the time frame provided.

Deadline for responses to reviewers' questions:
2 weeks from date of issue (mid-late July 2020)

Responses must adhere strictly to the nominated word limit and time frame. Words over the limit will be discarded. Late responses will be excluded.

Foundation Grant Awards

Grant recipients will be announced at the ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM 2020 in Sydney, **14-16 October**.

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INTENSIVE CARE FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

The Intensive Care Foundation aims to improve the care, treatment and quality of life of critically ill patients in Australia and New Zealand by raising funds for vital clinical research. The Foundation's ultimate goal is to help increase the number of lives saved in intensive care each year. There is a rigorous independent process by which Expressions of Interest and Grant Applications are assessed. This process is supported by the Foundation's Scientific Review Committee and independent reviewers from the intensive care community. Blind assessment of the scientific merit of the research projects proposed in the Applicants' Expressions of Interest is carried out by the Foundation's Scientific Review Committee. Applicants whose EOI passes this first stage of assessment will be known as Invited Applicants, and are then asked to complete and submit the full Application. All Applications for Intensive Care Foundation funding are assessed using a rigorous peer review process. Invited Applicants are given the opportunity to give brief responses in writing to reviewers' questions. Grant recommendations are made by the Scientific Review Committee. These recommendations are reviewed by the Foundation Board where final Grant funding decisions are made.

Grant Categories

General Medical

Most grant applications from a wide range of applicants with various levels of research experience will fall into this broad category. The Foundation is keen to demonstrate support for **early career researchers** who are included within this category. To be classified as an **early career researcher** you:

- will be within five years of your post-graduate qualification
- will not have previously received a grant from the Foundation on which you were designated Chief Investigator
- will not have been named as Chief Investigator (or equivalent) on a previously funded grant from a large competitive grant scheme, e.g. NHMRC or Australian Research Council

Nursing Research

The Board of the Intensive Care Foundation has expressed a particular interest in receiving more applications from intensive care nurses in 2020, recognising the value of research led by intensive care nurses in Australia and New Zealand. Early career researchers are reminded of the benefits of engaging a mentor to assist in the preparation of their applications. Preference will be given to projects addressing clinical nursing issues, but other relevant topics will also be considered.

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Trainee Formal Project Research

This category is specifically targeted to trainees undertaking a Formal Project through the College of Intensive Care Medicine and offers grants to a maximum of \$5000. Preference will be given to smaller applications seeking assistance in the cost of assays, statistical analyses or similar support required for project completion.

Guide to Completing the Expression of Interest Form

1. Projects involving both basic and applied research will be considered.
2. Applicants are advised to highlight the scientific merit of their proposed project as it is on this basis that EOIs will be assessed.
3. Feasibility of the proposed project will also be considered. Applicants will be asked to justify why their project is feasible within the available team, timeframe and setting, and/or to provide any pilot or feasibility data already completed.
4. **Projects should be of direct relevance to intensive care practice and of a high scientific standard.**
5. **It is desirable for the project to be able to be completed within 2 years of awarding the grant**
6. There will be a maximum limit to the size of a grant in 2020 (\$50,000 but is under review and may be increased).
7. Funding for salaries and/or consumables is acceptable. However, grant funds cannot be used for general overheads, travel or other non-approved purposes. Equipment may be funded only where its clearly necessary for the project. Equipment purchase will not be funded where its major continuing use would be unrelated to the project.
8. Applicants who have previously been awarded Intensive Care Foundation Research Grants will be **excluded** if they have failed to report on progress of these projects. The EOI will specifically request details of the Grant.