

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND INTENSIVE CARE FOUNDATION

2022 GRANT PROGRAM

2022 Granting Program - Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

- The Australian and New Zealand (ANZ) Intensive Care Foundation is a charity, founded over 30 years ago by the peak medical and nursing associations for ICU professionals in our two countries (ANZICS, ACCCN, and CICM).
- Our annual grant program is seeking to fund a broader and more diverse range of chief investigators, project teams and project designs every year, drawn from the clinicians, researchers *and educators* that care for ICU patients in ANZ.
- Any meritorious and scholarly project that helps us achieve our mission by making an impact can become a strong candidate for our funding support.

Brief outline of our granting process following EOI submission

EOI for the 2022 granting program opens on **Wednesday 4 May 2022** and closes on **Thursday 30 June 2022**.

The Scientific Review Committee (SRC) will select the most competitive EOIs and invite the project team to submit a full grant application. Judging criteria will be provided at this time. All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be notified in **early July** and if successful will have approximately two months to submit a full application for funding.

EOIs will be judged in three domains:

- (i) merit (including significance and usefulness),
- (ii) methods (including feasibility, budget, and capacity of the team to succeed), and
- (iii) impact (of the project outputs, including their innovativeness, clinical uptake, and the ways in which they develop our craft and its future leaders).

A published report in a scientific journal is a worthy and traditional project output but there are others in areas such as clinical education. The production of reusable learning objects (learning packages, videos, or online resources), or educational courses (face-to-face or online) are examples of suitable alternatives for projects of this type.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Essential Criteria

Expressions of interest must meet ALL these criteria to be eligible

1. At least one member of the project team is a *novice investigator*¹
2. At least one member of the project team is (i) a current CICM fellow, or (ii) a current financial member of ANZICS or ACCCN (for more than 12 continuous months at the time of application)
3. A minimum level of *interprofessionalism*, defined as a project team comprising more than one of the professions or disciplines that work together in an ICU
4. The project must plausibly be able to be completed within three years of being awarded

Desirable Criteria

The Foundation encourages these, none are essential

1. The *chief* investigator is also a *novice*¹ clinician, researcher, or educator in intensive care.
2. The project is likely to lead to a larger program of work in ICU research or education eg seed funding, pilot studies, and observational work that will inform a subsequent large grant application from a peak funding body (eg. NHMRC).
3. *Interprofessionalism*. Several professions and disciplines provide care to patients in ICU; project teams comprising as many different ones as possible are encouraged.
4. Projects that demonstrate and promote *diversity and inclusivity*. This may apply to the project team, topic or subjects, as well as the application of the project's output.
5. Projects that promote fairness and equity, especially where this helps to understand and reduce unwarranted variation in the provision of health care. The Foundation especially encourages such projects which include the first peoples of Australia and New Zealand, or people in neighbouring low- and middle-income countries.

Any potential EOI applicant who is uncertain if their project meets any criterion is encouraged to contact the Foundation for confirmation prior to the submission deadline

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1. A *novice investigator* is someone who:
 - works within or is associated with intensive care units of private or public hospitals within Australia and New Zealand. This includes those with university appointments or students actively engaged, or seeking to be engaged, in ICU-related research activities
 - does not hold an academic title higher than senior lecturer/senior research fellow
 - has not completed a PhD, or completed one less than 5 years ago[#]
 - has not completed a postgraduate qualification pertaining to intensive care, or completed one less than 5 years ago[#]

[#]applicants who completed their PhD or postgraduate qualification more than 5 years ago are novice investigators if these years include career breaks, or periods of combined clinical + PhD work. Applicants will not be disadvantaged for such reasons.

(Definition adapted with thanks from ANZICS' Novice Investigator Group <https://www.anzics.com.au/novice-investigator-group-novig>).

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Conditions that the Foundation will require to be met following a successful grant application

Projects must be completed according to the study plan in the full grant application and the funding agreement that is signed by the project team and the Foundation prior to release of funds and project commencement. **Projects must feasibly be able to be completed according to the funding agreement within 3 years of being awarded the grant.**