



Charlies Foundation for Research Mid-Range Grant Program 2026/2027: Guidelines and Conditions

Charlies Foundation for Research generously fund several Mid-Range Research Grants annually for research conducted at and by employees of the Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group. All research must be completed within 18-months.

- **Discovery research grants** up to **\$30,000** to support discovery research across all specialities.
- **Ray Florence Shaw Trust**, up to **\$30,000** for one research project in **Cardiovascular** research.
- **Ray Florence Shaw Trust**, up to **\$30,000** for one research project in **Ophthalmology** research.
- **Bob Johnson and Jenny Llanos Respiratory Grants**, up to **\$30,000** each awarded to the top two scoring applicants in Respiratory medicine.

Grant program

The priorities for Charlies Foundation for Research (CFR) in supporting research through this Mid-range grant program are:

- Supporting research whose focus is on improving patient outcomes, ensuring a healthier, longer life for all West Australians.
- Growing **research capacity**, particularly to gain experience and momentum to secure future larger grants from peak research funding bodies.
- Supporting **translational research**, with the greatest potential for research impact and improvements in patient care and health outcomes.

Dates

Opening Wednesday 29 July 2026

Closing Extended TUESDAY ~~2nd September~~ **15TH SEPTEMBER 2026 6pm**

Outcomes for the 2026/2027 Grant Funding Program will be announced on 4 November 2026 at the Annual Charlies Foundation for Research 'Research Awards Night'.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Available to researchers, in the role of CI, employed within SCGOPHCG for minimum 0.25 FTE.
2. Research must be conducted at SCGH and/or OPH
3. Research must be completed within 18 months.
4. **Discovery** applications are open to **ALL** specialities.
5. **Ray Florence Shaw** applications are only **eligible** to **Cardiovascular** OR **Ophthalmology** research.





6. **Cardiovascular research includes:** To promote the advancement of knowledge and training within the hospital by means of study and research into the cause, prevention and treatment of diseases of the heart and blood vessels.
7. **Ophthalmology research includes:** To promote the advancement of knowledge and training within the hospital by means of study and research into the cause, prevention and treatment of diseases of the eyes.
8. **Bob Johnson and Jenny Llanos Respiratory Grants:** To promote the advancement of knowledge and training within the hospital by means of study and research into the cause, prevention and treatment of disease of the lungs.
9. Commercial research projects are not eligible for CFR grant programs (e.g. clinical trials sponsored by pharmaceutical companies, or research with a commercial benefit to a third-party)
10. Applicants are limited to **one application of the Mid-range grant program as Chief Investigator.**
11. Applicants will need to provide a copy of their Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certification.
 - a. This qualification is free for WA Health employees through the Western Australian Health Translation Network (WAHTN) Research Education and Training (RET) Program. It is expected to take 4.5 hours to complete your initial certification, or 90 minutes for your refresher course.
12. If GEKO (Governance, Evidence, Knowledge and Outcomes) approval has been granted the applicant **must demonstrate** that the proposed activity **does not** meet the definition of research requiring ethical review. Acceptable justifications may include confirmation that the project constitutes quality assurance, audit, or service evaluation, as defined by national guidelines.
13. If ethics and / institutional governance is required, please be aware of timelines for approval and ensure these can be met within the grant timeframe. Ethics applications must be submitted to the WA Health Central HREC and governance to the research governance office.
14. Researchers cannot secure a CFR grant in the 2026/27 financial year if they have an active CFR grant of the same category.
15. Researchers who held (or currently hold) a CFR grant need to be up to date with their project progress / final reports to be eligible to receive a CFR grant in a different category in 2026/27.
16. Please note that Progress and Final reports are a requirement of the Research Grant Agreement for CFR grants.

Research Grant Agreement

Successful applicants will be sent a grant award letter and must meet with the Research Grants and Partnerships Coordinator to discuss the terms and conditions of the award, project timelines and milestones, reporting requirements, and any support available to ensure the successful delivery of the project. Following this meeting, the Research Grant Agreement will be sent by DocuSign and must be signed within 14-days. If not completed



within this time, the grant is liable to be withdrawn. The Midrange grant program requires a progress report 6 months after starting and a final report 4 weeks after the conclusion of the grant.

Grant Extensions

No extensions are permitted for the Midrange grant scheme, barring extenuating circumstances. Grant holders are encouraged to engage with the Department of Research early in their grant duration if problems arise. For current CFR grant holders, new requests for extensions will be reserved for extenuating circumstances only and considered on a case-by-case basis. Extensions beyond 6 months will not be accepted.

Please contact the SCGOPHCG Department of Research if you have any questions

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