



Charlies Foundation for Research Bright Ideas Grant Program 2025/2026 Round 2.

Charlies Foundation for Research generously fund several grant programs annually for research at the Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG) completed within 12 months. The Bright Ideas Grant aims to foster **new and emerging researchers** up to the value of \$10,000.

Grant program

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

- Supporting **early to mid-career researchers** focused on the prevention of disease, the relief of suffering and improved patient outcomes.
- Growing **research capacity**, particularly by supporting early to mid-career researchers to gain grant writing experience in areas including budget and CCI engagement, while building momentum with their research (including pilot data) to secure future larger grants from research funding bodies.
- Supporting research, with potential for research impact to the CIs career and improvements in patient care and health outcomes.

Dates

Opening Thursday 4th December 2025

Closing Tuesday 27th January 2026 5pm

Outcomes for the Round 2 Bright Ideas Grant Funding Program will be announced on 23rd March 2026.





Eligibility Criteria

1. Available to researchers (in the role of CI) employed within SCGOPHCG for at least **0.25 FTE**.
2. **Applications are open to Early Career Researchers only.** Applicants (Chief Investigator) are eligible if they have received less than \$35,000 in research funding to date. In addition, early career researchers are considered those that are entering their research career up to
 - **maximum five years** post conferral of a PhD or
 - **maximum five years** post conferral of a Master's by research or
 - **maximum five years** combination of relevant research training, skills, and experience and do not hold a Higher Degree by Research.
3. Commercial research projects (such as clinical trials sponsored by pharmaceutical companies, or other research with a commercial benefit to a third-party) are not eligible for CFR grant programs.
4. Applicants are limited to **one application per round as Chief Investigator**
5. Applicants will need to provide a copy of their Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certification.
 - a. GCP certification is mandated for clinical trials in Australia and is applicable to all human research. The Department of Research recognises the importance of GCP training and supports grant applications adhering to this standard.
 - b. This qualification is free for WA Health employees through the Western Australian Health Translation Network Research Education and Training Program. It is expected to take 4.5 hours to complete your initial certification, or 90 minutes for your refresher course.
6. 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.
7. If ethics 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 Central HREC.
8. Researchers can secure a CFR grant in the 2025/26 financial year if they have no more than one active CFR grant of that category.
9. Researchers who held (or currently hold) a CFR grant in 2024/2025 or earlier need to be up to date with their project reports to be eligible to receive a new CFR grant in 2025/26.





- a. The Bright Ideas Grant program requires a progress point half way through and a **final** report at the conclusion of the grant.

Research Grant Agreement

Successful applicants will be sent a grant award letter and will need to complete and return the Research Grant Agreement to the Department of Research within 14-days. If not completed within this time, the grant award is liable to be withdrawn

Grant Extensions

No extensions are permitted for the Bright Idea 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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