

About our Research Grants

Stroke Foundation is a national charity working towards **fewer strokes, better outcomes, and support and care for all**. Stroke Foundation funds research through an annual grants program. Since 2008, Stroke Foundation has awarded over \$7.1 million in research grants to 233 talented Australian researchers.

This grant round offers **three grant schemes to build capacity in priority-aligned stroke research areas and support the current and next generation of leaders** to pave the way in delivering meaningful advances in stroke prevention, treatment and recovery.

This guide sets out the rules, process, and expectations for the current grant round and should be read before you complete your application.

Grants offered

1. **Seed Grants** – supporting early-stage, priority-aligned stroke research
2. **Childhood Stroke Grant** – dedicated support for paediatric and childhood stroke research
3. **Future Leader Grants** – supporting an individual's leadership and capability development. A special stream focused on aphasia research is supported by the Dr Anna Correll Memorial Fund.
Researchers and people with lived experience are encouraged to apply.

Applicants may apply and have the opportunity for award in each scheme where they meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in this Application Guide.

Key dates

- › **Applications open:** Friday 1 May 2026
- › **Submission deadline:** Wednesday 1 July 2026, 5:00pm AEST (late submissions are ineligible)
- › **Eligibility review:** 6 July 2026
- › **Peer review:** 9 July - 7 August 2026
- › **Funding decisions approved:** late October 2026
- › **Outcomes advised:** November 2026
- › **Funding starts:** From 2027

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We encourage people with lived experience to apply, so please contact us with any questions and/or ways that we can assist in the application process.

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1. Definitions

Term	Description
Administering Institution	The organisation that supports and oversees your project (e.g., Australian university or research body; for lived experience applicants, an Australian consumer peak body may act in this role.)
Career Disruption	A prolonged interruption to a Principal Investigator's capacity to work (e.g., medical condition, pregnancy, carer responsibilities).
Chief Investigator (CI)	Other team members on the research project.
Community	A broader term used to describe people relevant to the study, which may include health professionals, population groups and people with or without lived experience of stroke.
Early- to early-mid-career researcher (EMCR)	An investigator with no more than 7 full time equivalent (FTE) years of research experience (post-graduation) as at the grant round close date; PhD not required.
Indirect Costs	Infrastructure expenses incurred by an Administering Institution for the support of research, i.e., institutional fees and overheads. Stroke Foundation Research Grants do not provide funding for Indirect Costs.
People with lived experience of stroke	Survivors of stroke, family members and carers of a person living with stroke.
Principal Investigator (PI)	The person leading the project.
Relative to Opportunity	How your track record is assessed considering your career stage and any disruptions (e.g., caring responsibilities) and/or career circumstances (personal or professional, e.g., clinical and/or teaching workload) affecting time in research.
Sub-study	An add-on study to the main protocol of a larger study, answering a different question and collecting/analysing additional data.

2. Seed Grants

2.1. Seed Grants support emerging researchers to conduct early-stage, priority-aligned stroke research. Stroke Foundation’s priority topics represent the top 50% of national stroke research priorities identified for 2027. These priorities were shaped through a two-year national project involving more than 300 contributors, led in partnership with leading Australian researchers and the Stroke Trials Centre of Research Excellence.

Purpose: Generate new knowledge, kickstart innovative projects and provide a platform for emerging researchers to tackle evidence and/or implementation gaps in stroke care and excel in their speciality.

Who can apply: Early- to early-mid-career researchers (no more than 7 FTE years of research experience postgraduation as at the grant round close date; PhD not required).

Amount: Up to \$80,000 per grant

Duration: Up to 18 months (effective 1 January 2027 – 30 June 2028)

Scope: Clinical, public health, and health services research.

Focus: Proposals must **directly address one of Stroke Foundation’s priority topics** – see Table 1.

Table 1: Stroke Foundation Seed Grant Research Priority Topics

Prevention	Early Treatment	Rehabilitation and Life After Stroke
› Early recognition of medical conditions (e.g. atrial fibrillation) that could lead to first stroke	› Better recognition and diagnosis of stroke and TIA so people get to hospital and receive early treatments faster	› Best approaches to recognise, treat and manage post-stroke fatigue
› Finding and treating what causes unexplained strokes	› New treatments to protect the brain from damage in both ischaemic and haemorrhagic stroke	› Best ways to support mental health and wellbeing post-stroke
› Understanding roles of, and how to address, genetic, social and environmental risk factors in stroke	› Understanding how the body and brain recover from stroke to find better tests and treatments	› Best approaches to recognise and improve communication difficulties caused by stroke
		› Best approaches to support people with problems with memory, thinking or perception caused by stroke, and to prevent post-stroke dementia

2.2. **High-quality proposals preferred for funding** will include some, or all of the following criteria:

- › Research designs that encourage inclusion of diverse individuals
- › Research that is nationally relevant
- › Projects that position the researcher/s to support applications for larger external funding (e.g., NHMRC, MRFF)
- › Interdisciplinary collaboration
- › Alignment with robust reporting standards (e.g., [CONSORT](#) criteria; [TIDieR guidelines](#); and observational studies that follow [STROBE](#) criteria.)

2.3. Specific Eligibility Criteria (Seed Grants)

1. Our seed-level funding focuses on clinical, public health and health services research. Laboratory-based or pre-clinical research proposals are **ineligible**.
2. Principal Investigators must qualify as an early to early-mid career researcher (no more than 7 FTE years of research experience post-graduation at close date; PhD not required). Consideration is given for applicants with career disruption or other extenuating circumstances that have affected their time in research (refer Section 7, Relative to opportunity and career track record).
3. Principal Investigators must not be a previous Stroke Foundation Seed Grant recipient.
4. The research must be conducted in Australia.
5. The proposal must **directly address** the nominated Stroke Foundation research priority topic. Question 1.4 in the application form requires a clear description of the project's relevance and significance in relation to directly addressing the nominated research priority topic. This criterion is assessed (in a blinded fashion) for eligibility prior to peer review.
6. Proposals must demonstrate engagement and recognition of people with lived experience and/or community that is safe, supportive, and proportionate to the study.
7. Applicants must complete the required online training module: [working effectively with people with lived experience](#).
8. The proposal's inclusion and exclusion criteria must be justified. Consideration of, rationale and methods for inclusion across diverse groups, including people with communication impairments and priority populations, is provided. See section 8 for more information.
9. **General eligibility criteria** applicable across all schemes **must also be met** - see section 5.

3. Childhood Stroke Grant

- 3.1. In Stroke Foundation's 30th anniversary year, we are pleased to introduce a dedicated Childhood Stroke Research Grant, made possible by our generous supporters.

Purpose: To enable researchers to tackle some of the most pressing issues affecting children and families including (but not limited to) treatment, hospital-to-home transition and better longer-term outcomes for childhood survivors of stroke.

Who can apply: Researchers of any career stage.

Amount: Up to **\$80,000**

Duration: Up to **18 months** (effective 1 January 2027 – 30 June 2028)

Scope: Clinical, public health, and health services research.

Examples of study areas include but are not limited to:

- › Evidence for rehabilitation interventions for children
- › Types of family support programs
- › Strategies to improve transition from childhood to adult services

3.2. Specific Eligibility Criteria (Childhood Stroke Grant)

1. Our seed-level funding focuses on clinical, public health and health services research. Laboratory-based or pre-clinical research proposals are **ineligible**.
2. Researchers of any career stage are eligible to apply.
3. You are eligible regardless of whether you have received a previous Stroke Foundation Research Grant.
4. The research must be conducted in Australia.
5. The proposal must clearly and **directly address** the purpose of this grant. Note: The response provided in the application form for Question 1.4 'Relevance and significance to the scheme' is reviewed for eligibility for this criterion.
6. Proposals must demonstrate engagement and recognition of people with lived experience and/or community that is safe, supportive, and proportionate to the study.
7. Applicants must complete the required online training module: [working effectively with people with lived experience](#).
8. The proposal's inclusion and exclusion criteria must be justified. Consideration of, rationale and methods for inclusion across diverse groups, including people with communication impairments and priority populations, is provided. See section 8 for more information.
9. **General eligibility criteria** applicable across all schemes **must also be met** - see section 5.

4. Future Leader Grants

- 4.1. Future Leader Grants are for those who have started on the path, or aspire to be, a leader in stroke research.

Purpose: To support an individual's **leadership and capability development**, increasing the potential for successful collaboration driven by emerging researchers and people with lived experience.

Who can apply:

- › Early- to early-mid-career researchers (no more than 7 FTE years of research experience post-graduation as at the grant round close date; PhD not required); and
- › People with lived experience of stroke (survivors of stroke, family members and carers of a person living with stroke).

Amount: Up to **\$5,000** per grant

Duration: Up to **12 months** (1 January 2027 – 31 December 2027)

Special stream: **Dr Anna Correll Future Leader in Aphasia Research** (supported by the [Dr Anna Correll Memorial Fund](#))

Examples of how the grant may be used include (but are not limited to):

- › Travel for research visits (domestic and/or international) and associated costs to spend time in research facilities (e.g., a centre of excellence)
- › Formal mentoring programs
- › Leadership training
- › Research events, for example, conferences or courses for professional development, where specific development/capacity building components are incorporated and described (e.g., mentoring).
- › Developing skills in co-design and working with people with lived experience
- › Consultation and collaboration with priority communities.

4.2. Specific Eligibility Criteria (Future Leader Grants)

1. EMCRs and people with lived experience can apply.
 - › The EMCR criteria applies for people with an academic or professional research background. We will take career breaks or other disruptions into account (refer Section 7, Relative to opportunity and career track record).
 - › Lived experience applicants do not need to calculate length of time in research.
2. Individual applicants in all disciplines may apply.
3. Applicants based outside of Australia are **ineligible**.
4. Applicants must not be a previous Stroke Foundation Future Leader Grant recipient.
5. **General eligibility criteria** applicable across all schemes **must also be met** - see section 5.

4.3. Tips for applicants

1. **Show your leadership experience:** Provide one or two examples of how you have demonstrated leadership or initiative and explain how these experiences connect to your goals in stroke research.
 2. **Engage a mentor early:** Identify a suitable mentor and outline how their guidance will support your development.
 3. **Present a clear development plan:** Describe the activities you will undertake and how they will build your skills, knowledge, or leadership capability.
 4. **Explain the impact:** Be specific about how the proposed activities will strengthen your capacity and future potential to contribute to stroke research.
 5. **Include all relevant costs:** Consider the full range of expenses, including remuneration for lived experience contributors where applicable.
 6. **Smaller applications are welcome:** You may apply for the full amount or request a smaller budget tailored to your needs.
- 4.4. Grant recipients are required and we encourage all applicants to complete the relevant modules on:
- › [Working effectively with people with lived experience](#); and/or [Working with stroke researchers](#). More information is available on [EnableMe](#).

5. General Eligibility Criteria (all schemes)

The following conditions apply in addition to the specific eligibility criteria for each grant scheme. This should be considered foundational (but not exhaustive) criteria.

5.1. Applications must be supported by an Administering Institution.

An Australian university or research body with recognised governance to provide support for, certification and oversight of the proposal is required. For lived experience applicants, an Australian consumer peak body may act in this role. An institutional contact with a recognised role within the Administering Institution is also required (this person must not be the applicant).

5.2. One distinct proposal per scheme per Principal Investigator/Applicant.

An applicant may apply to multiple schemes where they meet the eligibility criteria, but each proposal must be different. For example:

The same person may apply for a Seed Grant, the Childhood Stroke Grant, and a Future Leader Grant - provided that each application is unique.

The same person may also be included as a Chief Investigator on other distinct applications.

Applicants may be successful in each grant scheme in which they have applied.

If it is found that the same project has been submitted in any scheme, those applications will be deemed **ineligible**.

5.3. **Project timeline must fit with the grant period.**

The grant period is intended to allow time for required ethics approval. A proposal that is building upon existing work ('pre-work'), such as lived experience and/or community engagement in study design, pending or existing ethics approvals, can apply where all other conditions are met. Pre-work relevant to the proposal may be indicated in the project timeline, without altering the grant period's effective start date. The project timeline should map how the research will be feasibly completed within the grant period, including final reporting to Stroke Foundation.

5.4. **The project's budget must be well-justified, meet the grant criteria for funding and include remuneration for lived experience contributors where involved.**

Eligible costs include (but are not limited to) the following examples:

- › Personnel costs (research assistants, salary on-costs, casual help)
- › Lived experience remuneration (sitting fees, expenses) - where lived experience experts are involved, remuneration **must** be included in the project budget
- › Travel (domestic/international where relevant)
- › Consumables and small items of equipment or other assistance necessary for the project
- › Dissemination costs (excluding conference costs), including fees for publishing in Quartile 1 journals, **may be requested up to a maximum of 5% of the grant value**, where the activity directly enhances the project's translation or community impact. The journal must be JIF (Journal Impact Factor) Quartile 1 in the latest edition of Journal Citation Reports or [SCImago Journal Rank](#) (SJR) Quartile 1.

Stroke Foundation values the sharing of findings, especially with participants and community audiences, and will continue to offer reasonable in-kind support for this.

Ineligible costs include (but are not limited to) the following examples:

- › **Indirect Costs** (i.e., institutional fees, infrastructure, overheads). These costs must be excluded from the application's budget.
- › Equipment-only proposals
- › PhD stipend top-ups
- › Laboratory/pre-clinical projects
- › Projects where Stroke Foundation is a current financial partner are **ineligible** for additional funding (i.e., a project where Stroke Foundation has budget allocated, or has contributed financially to work that is currently in progress.)
- › Conference costs (e.g., registration, travel, presentation fees) are **not funded** through Stroke Foundation's seed-level grants, which prioritise work needed to complete the project itself.

5.5. Proposals for **sub-studies of existing projects with significant funding** may be considered case-by-case with specific consideration of:

- › the amount and timeframe of the existing funding; what value the proposed work would add to the existing project; and justification for why the proposed work is outside the existing funding's scope.

Note: Existing funding that is less than the grant being applied for is generally considered acceptable in relation to this criterion. Applicants can seek assessment of this criterion during the grant round.

5.6. **The application form template is completed in full and instructions provided are adhered to** (e.g., specified limit, format).

6. Steps to submit your application

1. **Download the application form** (available on our website when applications open).
2. **Clarify submission requirements with your Administering Institution**

This includes securing any required institutional support and confirming the process for certification and submission.
3. **Complete the application form in full**, adhering to instructions provided and required formatting:
 - › File format: Word document preferred; PDF acceptable
 - › Font: Arial 11
 - › Line spacing: single
 - › Page size: A4
 - › Margins: 1.7 cm (left/right), 2.5 cm (top/bottom)
 - › Tables/figures/diagrams are accepted within the allocated space
 - › No appendices and/or additional documentation
 - › The certification page must be fully signed
 - › All details included must be current at the time of application.
4. **Submit your application before the deadline:**
 - › Email the signed application to **research@strokefoundation.org.au** by no later than **Wednesday 1 July 2026, 5:00pm AEST**.
 - › You will receive an **acknowledgement of receipt by email** - please verify receipt **before the deadline**.

Important note: Stroke Foundation does **not allow** extensions or late submissions (including IT issues that arise). Any applications received after the deadline will be deemed **ineligible**. This ensures an equitable process for all applicants. We encourage all applications to be submitted at least one day early.

7. Relative to opportunity and career track record

- 7.1. Stroke Foundation uses similar criteria to NHMRC to consider applicant's track record relative to opportunity, career circumstances and career disruption. Peer review also includes additional consideration of research outputs relative within the scheme's criteria.
- 7.2. All **relevant research career details** should be provided in the application form, including:
 1. **Career stage description** and **earliest research qualification date**

Identify when an applicant's research career began, e.g., as a PhD candidate, date of PhD award, medical school graduation, Masters or other graduation). Note: Applicants are not required to have a PhD.
 2. **Clear calculation of time in research** (see Table 2 below as an example).
 - › Where applicable, an applicant's time spent doing a PhD should not be counted in their total FTE time in research, only the time in research accumulated either side of doing the PhD.
 - › Any **career disruption** or part-time periods (e.g., caring responsibilities, clinical load)
 - › Any **extenuating circumstances** affecting your research time

Applicants can seek assessment of EMCR qualification during the grant round, however timeframes for this assessment cannot be guaranteed. Assessment may be sought by emailing relevant details to research@strokefoundation.org.au. Assessment of eligibility criteria is undertaken in a blinded fashion.

Table 2: Within 7 years FTE research experience (post-graduation) example

Appointment description	Start	End	Effective FTE
PhD awarded	20 December 2018	-	-
Full time research position	1 January 2019	31 December 2020	2.00
0.5 FTE research position due to child raising duties	1 January 2021	30 June 2024	1.75
Full time research position	1 July 2024	31 December 2024	0.50
Clinical position with 0.5 FTE for research	1 January 2025	30 June 2026	0.75
Total FTE research experience	20 December 2018	30 June 2026	5.00 FTE

8. Inclusive research

- 8.1. **Guiding principle:** Research should be inclusive of the broader stroke community and designed with or informed by people with lived experience. Proportional, safe, and supportive engagement is expected.
- 8.2. Where studies are focused on priority populations (e.g., culturally and linguistically diverse communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, regional/remote communities) and/or people who face barriers to participation (e.g., people who have difficulty with language), applicants should:
 - › Explain the **study rationale** and **methods** for inclusion
 - › Describe **adaptations** to consent, materials, and data collection
 - › Include budget for **remuneration** and **access needs** (e.g., transport, interpreters)
- 8.3. **Resources and references:**
 - › [Working effectively with people with lived experience](#) training module
 - › [Stroke Trials CRE Co-design and Collaboration Resources](#)
 - › [The MRFF's principles for consumer involvement in research](#)
 - › [Consumers Health Forum of Australia and NHMRC Statement](#)
 - › For methods to enable inclusion of people with aphasia (i.e., difficulty with language), including recommendations, resources and practical guidance:
 - › [“Towards the Consistent Inclusion of People With Aphasia in Stroke Research Irrespective of Discipline”](#) (Shiggins et al., 2022)
 - › [“Making qualitative research accessible to people who have communication disability”](#) (Pennacchia et al., 2025)
 - › [The Aphasia Handbook](#) (Stroke Foundation and the Australian Aphasia Association, 2023)

9. Review process

- 9.1. Stroke Foundation's research grant review process is robust and independent and focuses on impact and evidence. It adheres to a strict Conflict of Interest policy. The decision-making process is final and there is no appeal process.
- 9.2. The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) oversees the Stroke Foundation Research Program. The RAC's deliberations for funding recommendations are undertaken in a blinded fashion and require Stroke Foundation Board approval. Funding recommendations are based on the highest-ranking applications.
- 9.3. **Peer review process**
- › All eligible applications are reviewed, scored and ranked by independent peer reviewers.
 - › Each funding scheme will be reviewed independently, with reviewers allocated only to that scheme.
 - › Each application is assessed by five independent peer reviewers.
 - › A cap on the number of applications per reviewer is applied to support balanced workloads.
 - › In the Future Leader Grant scheme, researcher applications and lived experience applications are reviewed in separate groups.
- 9.4. **Scoring:** When reviewing the applications, reviewers are asked to score against each of the criteria outlined in the Descriptors (available on the Stroke Foundation [website](#)).
- Scoring criteria and weighting:**
- › **Seed Grants and Childhood Stroke Grant:**
 - Research Program/scientific quality (40%)
 - Relevance (20%)
 - Impact (20%)
 - Team Track Record (20%)
 - › **Future Leader Grants:**
 - Leadership Development Plan (50%)
 - Relevance (25%)
 - Track Record and Leadership (25%)
- 9.5. **Ranking:** The reviewers each receive the same number of applications and, after scoring them, are asked to rank each application. Within each scheme, all of the ranks from all of the reviewers are combined into one overall ranked list. The RAC is provided with a de-identified copy of each ranked list. These lists provide a basis for funding recommendations.
- 9.6. De-identified peer review feedback is available to applicants upon request.
- 9.7. Resubmissions, either in part or in full, are not considered outside of a grant round. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply in the next round.
- 9.8. The funding pool is determined annually by the Stroke Foundation Board. If no applications meet the criteria of the grant call, awards may not be made.

10. Conditions of Research Grant Award

- 10.1. Conditions of Award are published on the Stroke Foundation website during the round. Key points to note in advance of an offer of award include (but are not limited to):
- › Stroke Foundation Research Grants do not provide funding for Indirect Costs (i.e., institutional fees, infrastructure, overheads).
 - › Successful applicants and institutions receive a Letter of Award and Conditions of Award.
 - › Funding is held by Stroke Foundation until required documentation (including notice of ethics approval where required) is lodged with Stroke Foundation.

- › Variations must be requested via the Research Grant Variation Form and approved by Stroke Foundation.

11. Consistent practices

- 11.1. Stroke Foundation's practices are consistent with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#), confidentiality obligations, legislation, privacy principles, ethical and publication requirements, which protects any IP in the application, the provision of sufficient detail for peer review and access to information provided within Stroke Foundation's Research Program for evaluation purposes. Stroke Foundation's organisational policies, including information and systems security, encompass the preservation of confidentiality, integrity and secure access to information that is required for Stroke Foundation to fulfill its mission and ensure continuous improvement of its work. We take all reasonable steps to ensure researchers are informed of the use of information that is provided to us.
- 11.2. Stroke Foundation may consider in-kind contribution to any proposed research project in accordance with its [Research Partnership Guide](#) and application process. Examples include (but are not limited to):
- › Support for producing or disseminating tangible resources or products developed through the project
 - › Alignment with an existing Stroke Foundation program or strategic initiative.

No preference is given to applications that involve Stroke Foundation in-kind contribution. Assessment of research partnership applications is overseen by Stroke Foundation's Research Advisory Committee following established governance protocols.

Requests received outside of the timeframes specified in the [Research Partnership Guide](#) will not be considered for Stroke Foundation research grant rounds and Stroke Foundation cannot guarantee timely consideration within this period.

Letters of support are **not applicable** for applications in Stroke Foundation research grant rounds.

Appendix 1: Frequently asked questions

Grant Types

1. **How are the grant types decided?**

The Research Grant funding pool is reviewed and agreed annually by the Stroke Foundation Board based on the organisation's strategic objectives and financial performance.

The RAC consider a range of key inputs and are instrumental in determining the type, priority topics and number of grants in the funding round.

In recent years, our Seed and [Endowment](#) Grants have been offered annually.

Career Stage

2. **Does career stage eligibility criteria only apply to the Principal Investigator?**

Yes.

3. **Is a PhD or a medical degree a pre-requisite to apply?**

No.

4. **Are PhD students eligible to apply?**

Yes.

5. **Is the time spent doing my PhD counted in my FTE time in research?**

No, we do not count the time of doing the PhD in the total of FTE years of research experience, rather, the time in research that has been accumulated either side of doing the PhD.

6. **Do I need to include my graduation certificate to prove my eligibility?**

No, simply state your graduation dates/details in the appropriate section of the application form.

7. **What evidence is needed to show experience in stroke research?**

Provide this in the track record statement on the application form. Any stroke related publications can be listed in the table for the 5 most relevant publications.

Applying

8. **I'm having trouble choosing the priority topic that best fits my project?**

Unfortunately, it is not for us to decide which category of priority that it best falls into. Many research projects do not fit fully into one priority and may span across a few different ones. You are welcome to choose more than one priority, but ensure that this is justified in Question 1.4.

9. **Am I eligible if stroke has not been my main area of research?**

Yes, this is based on your proposal meeting the eligibility criteria. However, one component of the scoring is track record. It is advisable to include team members/colleagues with experience in stroke research.

10. **Can a researcher be named on multiple applications?**

A researcher can be named as the Principal Investigator in one application per grant scheme, and in multiple applications (without limit) in each grant scheme as a Chief Investigator.

For example: The same person may apply for a Seed Grant and a Future Leader Grant, and they may be named as a Chief Investigator on multiple other Seed Grant applications. Applicants may be successful in each grant scheme in which they have applied.

11. **What format should applications be submitted in?**

Word doc is the preferred format for all research grant applications. PDF format is also acceptable.

12. **Who should check and submit the application i.e., Principal Investigator, or internal research grants office?**

Either the applicant or the internal research grants office can submit the application. It is important that you confirm this arrangement ahead of submission, as well as gain the emailed acknowledgement of receipt sent from Stroke Foundation following submission. You may wish to copy others into the submission email as well.

In the eligibility checklist at the end of the application forms, 'research office' is referring to the administering institution. The checklist is intended to assist applicants and research offices with compliance checking prior to submission. We strongly encourage, but do not require, the eligibility checklist to be completed prior to submission.

13. **Are copies of CVs and ethics required?**

No. The information in the application template will be sufficient and should not require any further attachments. If you are successful, ethics approval will be required then.

14. **Are references required in the Project Summary of the application form?**

Responses are acceptable without references in this part of the application form. However, anything based on prior work should be cited and then listed in the reference table.

Research Team

15. **Is there any limit to the number of Chief Investigators included in the application?**

The limit is for 10 investigators in total to be listed, inclusive of the Principal Investigator.

16. **For the EMCR Seed Grants, can senior researchers or senior advisers of the stroke research be added as Chief Investigators?**

Yes, we encourage mentoring by mid-career and senior researchers and anticipate that the EMCR Principal Investigator is supported by an experienced research team.

17. **What if a Principal Investigator is transitioning from a different field of research to stroke (clinical) research?**

This is fine as long as the research meets the criteria. Details of the transition can be included in the Track Record Statement referring to "relative to opportunity". The same career stage rules apply regarding FTE years post-graduation, regardless of the research focus. For example, in the EMCR Seed Grant and Future Leader grant schemes, if the applicant has worked for 10 years in research, but only 3 years in stroke related fields, they are ineligible to apply.

Grant funds

18. **Are grants subject to the GST of Stroke Foundation?**

Yes.

19. **Does Stroke Foundation cover indirect costs (i.e., institutional fees/infrastructure costs/overheads)?**

No, Stroke Foundation does not cover any of the above costs.

20. **Can grant funding be used for equipment, research assistant salaries, consumables and travel?**

Grant funds can be used for support personnel such as research assistants, lived experience remuneration, casual help, consumables, travel and small items of equipment or other assistance necessary to carry out a specific project. The project budget must be justified and meet the grant criteria for funding.

21. **Can on-costs be included as part of salary cost in the budget?**

Yes. On-costs are an unavoidable part of the salary cost and can be included in the project budget.

22. Can severance pay be included in grant acquittals?

No. We only include costs that support the actual cost of the project, and so severance pay would not be included.

International

23. Does Stroke Foundation award grants internationally?

No, Stroke Foundation does not award grants to Administering Institutions that are outside of Australia.

24. Is a project eligible if it is led by Australian researchers but data are collected internationally?

The project could be considered if it also collected data for Australia or would benefit survivors of stroke in Australia.

25. Can a researcher from another country be the Principal Investigator for a Seed Grant, but the research be completed at an Australian University?

People from overseas can be a Principal Investigator, but the research must be done in Australia and administered by an Australian institution. You should highlight your contribution and explain the practicalities of conducting the study.

Contact for queries

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