1. **Application Summary**
2. Please read the Stroke Foundation Research Grant Application Guide and then complete this application form. Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) indicate an eligibility condition.

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| **Principal Investigator (Applicant) Name:** |  | |
| **Principal Investigator Email:** |  | |
| \***Research Priority Area(s) nominated:** | 1. Research in priority populations (as defined in the Application Guide) in any stage of care. |  |
| 1. Translational and implementation research.   Projects must specifically assess how to improve adoption or implementation of evidence-based treatments/processes, that have been shown to be effective, within health care or home settings. |  |
| 1. Long-term community support beyond 6 months post-stroke. |  |
| 1. Long-term social and emotional wellbeing beyond 6 months post-stroke. |  |
| 1. **Research Project Title:** |  | |
| 1. **Funding requested:** (Up to a maximum value of $80,000 excluding GST) | 1. $ | |
| 1. **\*Administering Institution:** |  | |
| 1. **\*Contact Person for Administering Institution:** (Not the Principal Investigator.) |  | |
| 1. **Contact’s Email Address:** |  | |
| 1. **Administering Institution Physical Address:** |  | |
| 1. **Administering Institution ABN:** |  | |

1. **EMCR Summary**
2. **\*1. EMCR career stage eligibility**
3. As defined in the Application Guide, an early- to early-mid-career researcher (EMCR) is an investigator with no more than 7 FTE years of research experience (post-graduation), as at the grant round close date.

Provide details of how the Principal Investigator meets the EMCR definition, based on the time since the earliest research experience qualification date (e.g., PhD candidate, date of PhD award, medical school graduation, Masters or other graduation).

Include details of anycareer disruptions or other extenuating circumstances that have affected the Principal Investigator’s time in research, for consideration.



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| 1. **EMCR qualification statement** | | | |
| In no more than **6 lines** provide a statement of the Principal Investigator’s EMCR qualification: | | | |
| **Provide details of the Principal Investigator’s graduation date(s), key appointments, career disruption and calculations of total FTE research experience.** (Insert more rows as needed) | | | |
| 1. **Graduation / Key appointments / Career disruption details** | 1. **Start date** | 1. **End date** | 1. **Effective FTE** |
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| 1. **Total FTE research experience (post-graduation)** |  |  |  |
| 1. **Optional:** If applicable, provide an explanation of the impact that any career disruption or other extenuating circumstances had on your research career, in no more than 100 words. | | | |

**Section 1: Project Summary**

1. **1.1. Is this study part of a project for a tertiary qualification?**
2. Yes  No
3. *If yes, please state the qualification, the university, when the enrolment commenced and whether part time or full time.*

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1. **1.2. Has ethical approval for this project been obtained/applied for?**Please provide written confirmation when available.
2. Yes  No
3. **\*1.3. Project Aim**
4. In no more than **200 words**, outline the research question, the gap that this research aims to address and methodology.

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1. \_/200 words
2. **\*1.4. Relevance and significance to the stroke research priority area(s)**
3. In no more than **200 words**, how does the project directly address the research priority area(s) nominated, as specified by this scheme? Include the project’s significance to the study’s target groups and the wider stroke population and/or community.

*Note to Applicant: An eligible or ineligible decision for this criterion is based on this response.*

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2. *Note to Reviewers: Refer to details provided at 2.6 ‘Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria Justification’ for assessment of the relevance of the proposal to the wider stroke population and/or community.*
3. **\*1.5. Engagement of people with lived experience and/or community**

**a)** Have you completed our module on [working effectively with people with lived experience](https://informme.org.au/learning-modules/working-effectively-with-people-with-lived-experience-to-design-conduct-and-promote-stroke-research)?

1. Yes  No
2. **b)** In no more than **200 words,** describe the extent that people with lived experience and/or community have been engaged in your study design and/or their role(s) in the ongoing conduct of the research.

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2. **\*1.6. Have you applied for or received funding for this project elsewhere?**
3. Yes  No
4. *If yes, please provide detail on the amount and timeframe of funding requested or received and the expected or actual date of this outcome.*

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1. **1.7. Expected outputs**
2. **a)** In no more than **200 words**, outline the expected outputs from the project.

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2. **b)** Does your research plan involve producing a tangible resource or product?
3. Yes  No
4. *If yes, describe the plans for where the resource or product will be housed/made available, in no more than 4 lines.*

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1. **1.8. Recruitment strategy and contingency plans**
2. Describe in no more than **200 words** your recruitment strategy and contingency plans to ensure that recruitment and project completion occurs within the grant period.

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**1.9. How did you hear about Stroke Foundation’s grant round?***(This information will help to inform promotion channels for future rounds.)*

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1. **Section 2: Research Plan**
2. ***\*Section 2 can be no longer than 3 pages in length in size 11 Arial.*** *Applications where this section exceeds this limit will be deemed ineligible.* *In this project outline, please ensure that you focus on outlining the Methods and Analysis of the research project.*

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| 1. **2.1. Background:** |
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| 1. **2.2. Significance:** |
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| 1. **2.3. Research aims and Hypotheses:** |
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| 1. **2.4. Methods:** |
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| 1. **2.5. Sample Size Justification and Statistical Analysis:** |
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| 1. **2.6. Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria Justification:** Provide brief details on consideration of, and methods for, inclusion across diverse groups, including priority populations relevant to the study, and/or people who face barriers to equitable inclusion or access (e.g., people who have difficulty with language). |
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1. **Section 3: Research Team**
2. **3.1. List up to ten (10) Chief Investigators in the research team.** (Delete unused boxes where applicable.)

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| 1. **Role** | 1. **[Title] [First name] [Surname]** | 1. **[Department], [School], [Organisation]** |
| 1. **Principal Investigator** |  |  |
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| 1. **\*3.2. Publication track record:** List **five** publications in total, produced by the Investigators in the last 7 years\* (2018-2025) that are most relevant to the application.  You may also add up to two lines for each publication to explain why they are relevant (e.g., “this publication demonstrates our previous expertise in using this approach”, etc.)  *If there is career disruption, the PI/CI* *may include the Top 5 publications relative to the last 7 FTE years.* |
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| 1. **3.3. Track record statement:** In no more than **300 words**, outline the track record of the Principal Investigator relevant to the application and relative to opportunity. This could include a brief track record of one or more senior Chief Investigators (no more than 100 words, within the 300 words allowable). |
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| 1. **3.4. Mentoring:** In no more than **10 lines**, outline the mentoring arrangements that are in place to help develop the career of the Principal Investigator. |
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**Section 4: Project Timeline & Project Budget**

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| 1. **\*4.1. Provide the Project Timeline in relation to the Grant Period (Seed Grant periods are effective 18 months from the start of the award year (i.e., 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2027).** Your response may include a table, image or text. The timepoints for project commencement and completion (including final reporting due 30 June 2027) must be clearly shown. |
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| **\*4.2. Project Budget – Items requested:**   1. *(e.g., personnel, lived experience remuneration, direct research costs, equipment, travel related to data collection, consumables).* 2. Please add a new line for each item requested. 3. Note: A maximum of $80,000 can be requested for Seed Grants. | 1. **Amount requested** 2. **(ex GST)** |
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|  | 1. **Total:** $ |

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| 1. **\*4.3. Project Budget Justification:** 2. Provide justification for the particular item requested. This must align with the proposed aims and timeline of the study and be fully justified. |
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**Section 5: References**

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| 1. Record any references made within the Summary and Research Plan (Sections 1 and 2): |
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1. **\*Section 6: Certifications**
2. **Certification by Principal Investigator**
3. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the details provided in this application form and in any supporting documentation are true and complete.
4. I certify that I meet all the eligibility criteria for a Principal Investigator as outlined in the Stroke Foundation Research Grant Application Guide.

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| 1. **Name of Principal Investigator** | 1. **Signature of Principal Investigator** | 1. **Date** |
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1. **Certification by the Head of Department / Authorised Representative in the Administering Institution**
2. I certify that:

* I am prepared to have the project carried out in my institution under the circumstances set out by the applicant/s;
* To the best of my knowledge all details on this application form are true and complete;
* The amount of time which the investigator/s will be devoting to the project is appropriate to existing workloads;
* This institution supports this application and if successful it will provide basic infrastructure for the project;
* The project can be accommodated within the general facilities in this institution and that sufficient working and office space is available for any proposed additional staff.

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| 1. **Name of Head of Department /  Authorised Representative** | 1. **Position** |
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| 1. **Signature of Head of Department / Authorised Representative** | 1. **Date** |
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| **#** | **Eligibility condition**  (refer to the Application Guide for full details) | **Section of form** | **Principal Investigator**  **check** | **Research Office**  **check** |
|  | Application Summary table completed and institutional contact is not the Principal Investigator | Application Summary |  |  |
|  | The Principal Investigator qualifies as an EMCR. | EMCR Summary |  |  |
|  | The proposal clearly and directly addresses the grant scheme’s specified research priority area(s). | 1.4 |  |  |
|  | The proposal demonstrates engagement and recognition of people with lived experience and/or community during the research process (study design and/or ongoing conduct of the research). The applicant has completed the required e-learning module. | 1.5 |  |  |
|  | Seed funding criterion is met. The proposal does not have existing significant funding. | 1.6 |  |  |
|  | No more than five publications in total are listed for the Investigator team. | 3.2 |  |  |
|  | The project timeline does not exceed the grant period. | 4.1 |  |  |
|  | The project budget is justified, includes lived experience remuneration and does not include ineligible costs (i.e., infrastructure, indirect costs). | 4.2, 4.3 |  |  |
|  | The application adheres to the limits imposed within each Section. | All |  |  |
|  | The application template has not been modified. | All |  |  |
|  | The Certification page is fully signed and dated. | 6 |  |  |
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Note: This checklist is strongly encouraged, but not required, to be completed prior to submission.