Please read Stroke Foundation’s [Research Partnership Framework](https://strokefoundation.org.au/what-we-do/research/research-partnerships) and then complete this application form.

Section A. Application Summary

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| 1. **Name of Chief Investigator (Applicant):** |  | | | | | |
| 1. **Chief Investigator Email:** |  | | | | | |
| 1. **Chief Investigator Phone:** |  | | | | | |
| 1. **Research Project Title:** |  | | | | | |
| **Partnership Tier  (select all that apply):** | 1. **Tier** | | 1. **Description** | | 1. **Requested** | 1. **Lead time** |
| 1. **1. Endorsement** | | 1. Referenced in the application / letter of support | |  | 1. 4 weeks |
| 1. **2.** 2. **Lived experience involvement** | | 1. Connection with people with lived experience, Stroke Foundation support for safe and effective involvement | |  | 1. 8 weeks |
| 1. **3.** 2. **In-kind support** | | 1. Minor involvement of Stroke Foundation personnel (e.g. Associate Investigator) | |  | 1. 3 months |
| 1. **4.** 2. **Partnership project** | | 1. Joint development of proposal, significant involvement of Stroke Foundation personnel, dedicated Stroke Foundation activity with funding, in-kind support, cash contribution. | |  | 1. 6 months |
| 1. **Comments for Tier(s) requested:** |  | | | | | |
| 1. **Administering Institution:** |  | | | | | |
| 1. **Partner organisations:** |  | | | | | |
| 1. [**Research Priority Area**](https://strokefoundation.org.au/what-we-do/research/research-grants/current)**(s) addressed by the proposal:** |  | Research in priority populations[[1]](#footnote-2) in any stage of care. | | | | |
|  | 1. Translational and implementation research. | | | | |
|  | 1. Long-term community support beyond 6 months post-stroke. | | | | |
|  | 1. Long-term psychosocial recovery beyond 6 months post-stroke. | | | | |
| 1. [**Stroke Strategy**](https://strokefoundation.org.au/about-us/strategies) **2024 Strategic Action(s) addressed by the proposal:** | 1. **Prevent Stroke** | | | 1. **Save Lives** | 1. **Enhance Recovery** | |
| 1. Reduce the risk of stroke through identification and management of high blood pressure. | | | 1. Strengthen foundations of best-practice stroke care by enhancing the Living Stroke Guidelines and National Stroke Audit. | 1. Enhance the quality and reach of stroke information resources by ensuring they are relevant, current, digitally enabled, inclusive and well-known. | |
| 1. Reduce the risk of secondary stroke. | | | 1. Support hospitals to deliver best practice stroke care by providing targeted quality improvement programs. | 1. Provide better information and support to more survivors of stroke, family members and carers through a Stroke Navigator program. | |
| 1. Promote community action to reduce the risk of preventable stroke through a national behaviour change program. | | | 1. Update and expand education resources for health professionals in stroke care. | 1. Better support people with unique needs (e.g. families of childhood survivors of stroke and young adult survivors) by ensuring relevant information and support is available. | |
| 1. Build the capability of at-risk communities by advocating for the delivery of a F.A.S.T. (Face. Arms. Speech. Time.) campaign that targets stroke hot spots. | 1. Better support people in diverse communities (e.g. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse communities) by ensuring relevant and culturally-appropriate information and support is available. | |
| 1. Expand service navigation and community access supports to survivors of stroke (e.g. Stroke Foundation Navigator program). | |
| **Timeline for Stroke Foundation partnership:** | 1. Date of initial engagement with Stroke Foundation Team member and Team members name (if applicable): | | | | 1. Click or tap to enter a date. 2. Name: | |
| 1. Date application submitted via email to Stroke Foundation at: [research@strokefoundation.org.au](mailto:research@strokefoundation.org.au) | | | | Click or tap to enter a date. | |
| 1. Response to this application requested by: | | | | Click or tap to enter a date. | |
| 1. Outcome of funding expected by: | | | | Click or tap to enter a date. | |
| 1. Implementation period if funded: | | | |  | |
| 1. **Key members of the Research Team** |  | | | | | |

Section B. Project Summary

1. **1. Has ethical approval for this project been obtained/applied for?**
2. Yes  No
3. *If yes, please provide written confirmation when available. If no, provide details of when ethical approval will be sought.*

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**2. Project Outline**

1. In approximately **200 words**, provide a brief background to, and outline of, the project. Include the research question or implementation gaps being addressed, source population, design, and outcomes to be assessed (including time points).

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**3. Previous application**

1. Does this application build on the Research Team’s previous Stroke Foundation application?
2. Yes  No
3. *If yes, please provide the previous research project title and in approximately* ***50 words*** *detail how this research project application is different.*

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1. **4. Contribution of Stroke Foundation**
2. Outline the anticipated contribution and role that Stroke Foundation and/or Stroke Foundation representatives would have in this project using the table below. Provide a breakdown of the activities (i.e. what is involved and an estimate of when/how frequently) and value of this contribution (i.e. quantified in-kind support, project budget for financial support).

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| 1. **Tier** | **Contribution** | 1. **Comments/description** | |
| 1. 1: | Endorsement referenced in funding application |  | |
| 1. Letter of support |  | |
| 1. 2: | 1. Recruitment of people with lived experience to join the research team |  | |
| 1. Recruitment of people with lived experience for co-design |  | |
| 1. Recruitment of study participants |  | |
| 1. 3: | 1. Stroke Foundation representative/s as Chief Investigator/s |  | |
| 1. **Hours / week:** | 1. **Annual hours:** |
| 1. Stroke Foundation representative/s as Associate Investigator/s |  | |
| **Hours / week:** | **Annual hours:** |
| 1. Stoke Foundation representative/s as steering committee / working group member/s |  | |
| 1. **Hours / week:** | 1. **Annual hours:** |
| 1. Access to Stroke Foundation Councils and Committees. |  | |
| 1. Stroke Foundation resources (e.g. print, digital) |  | |
| 1. 4: | 1. Co-development of project |  | |
| 1. Budget allocation |  | |
| 1. Use of logo |  | |
| 1. Access to Stroke Foundation programs |  | |
| 1. Any other contribution requested and additional notes/comments: | | | |

1. **5. Engagement of people with lived experience**
2. Engagement of people with lived experience to design, conduct and promote stroke research is a key component in the assessment of this application. These aspects are highly regarded by our Research Advisory Committee.
3. In considering the benefits of such engagement, applicants should refer to The Consumer Health Forum of Australia Inc. and NHMRC Statement available at: <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/statement-consumer-and-community-involvement-health-and-medical-research>
4. Completion of 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) is desirable for Stroke Foundation’s endorsement (Tier 1) and mandatory for Tier 2-4 partnerships. Have members of the team completed this module?
5. Yes  No

Describe the extent of engagement of people with lived experience in your study design and/or their roles in the ongoing conduct of the research.

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1. **6. Inclusive Research**
2. ‘Inclusive’ is one of Stroke Foundation’s guiding principles. Proposals are assessed for their relevance to the wider stroke population.
3. Inclusion plans are encouraged to consider reach, representation and diversity of: gender; race; ethnicity; culture; language; communication; age; geographic location; and priority populations relevant to the research question.

In relation to people with aphasia (i.e., difficulty with language), applicants are encouraged to refer to:

[“Towards the Consistent Inclusion of People With Aphasia in Stroke Research Irrespective of Discipline”](https://www.archives-pmr.org/article/S0003-9993(22)00528-7/fulltext#seccesectitle0001) (Shiggans et al., 2022), for methods to enable inclusion, including recommendations, resources, and guidance.

[The Aphasia Handbook](https://strokefoundation.org.au/media/c3qjm2zw/sf1629_aphasia-booklet.pdf) (Stroke Foundation and the Australian Aphasia Association, 2023)

1. Provide brief details on the inclusion plans for this study.

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

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1. Section C. Letter of Support  
     
   *If you do not require a letter of support:   
   please select this ‘Section C’ and delete.*

*If you request a letter of support for your funding application:   
please see example text below and complete with suggested wording for Stroke Foundation’s consideration.*

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***Letter of support – example***

*Address block*

*Dear \_  
  
Re: Project title / application ID*

I refer to the project titled/grant proposal “name” to be submitted to the (funding opportunity name) in (year) for consideration.

Stroke Foundation is a national charity focussed on preventing stroke, saving lives, and enhancing recovery. Stroke Foundation stands alongside survivors of stroke and their families, healthcare professionals and researchers. As the voice of stroke in Australia, Stroke Foundation plays a vital role in supporting Australian researchers as they work towards the next innovation in stroke prevention, treatment, and recovery.

**Subject matter statistics**

* X
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**Stroke Foundation Support for the proposal***Examples:*

The state of stroke in Australia relevant to the proposal:

How this project directly addresses Stroke Foundation’s Strategy, Research Priority Areas, other focus areas of our mission:

Stroke Foundation supports this proposal because…. *what will it achieve, why is it important, design qualities*:

Stroke Foundation is a strong advocate for collaborating with those with real life experience. *statement on how this proposal demonstrates engagement of people with lived experience (in study design and ongoing conduct of the research).*

**Existing collaborations with members of the research team***Describe if applicable to investigators/partner organisations:*

**The role of Stroke Foundation in this project**Research partnerships and large-scale collaborations are drivers of our research and advocacy strategy. Stroke Foundation is committed to evidence-based care for stroke and is ideally placed to enable rapid translation of project findings through our digital platforms, our NHMRC endorsed “living” clinical guidelines for stroke and various programs ensuring an immediate benefit to clinicians, healthcare services and, most importantly, Australians who suffer stroke.

*Describe Stroke Foundation’s role in the work proposed through this application and why this is needed (i.e. what will this ensure):*

Stroke Foundation’s in-kind activities may include: *(add/delete as appropriate to the application)*

* Promotion and engagement of community through our networks and digital platforms including EnableMe and InformMe.
* Facilitation of consultation with and access to our Clinical Council, Consumer Council, and Research Advisory Committee at relevant points during the project.
* Promotion of the project’s outputs, new evidence and consensus recommendations, as aligned with Stroke Foundation's strategic plan, through our networks and digital platforms, and to State and Federal governments.
* Continuing to coordinate the National Living Stroke Guidelines, National Stroke Audit and the InformMe website: the dedicated website for health professionals involved in stroke care.

*A big picture statement on why this project is worthwhile/the benefits realised if successful:*  
  
We believe that the proposed project has the potential to deliver:  
  
For the reasons outlined above, Stroke Foundation is pleased to support the proposal. We wish you success and look forward to working with you.

1. Commonwealth of Australia, Department of Health, *National Strategic Action Plan for Heart Disease and Stroke* (September 2020, p.10) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)