NRF
NeuroSurgical Research Foundation

GUIDELINES TO APPLICANTS FOR RESEARCH GRANTS

The NeuroSurgical Research Foundation (NRF) calls for applications for research donations consumables and research equipment for 2020

General neurosurgical research up to the value of $30,000
Paediatric neurosurgical research up to the of $30,000

A.   Application Form and Project Outline

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1.   **Title of Proposal**

2.   **Project Category –** General neurosurgical research applications must be from a collaborative group in Adelaide.
Paediatric neurosurgical research applications must be a collaboration with an interstate or overseas group.

3.   **Chief Investigators** – give name, title, qualifications, current department, address, contact details and position of the Chief Investigators, one of whom must be from a collaborative group in Adelaide. Indicate the number of days per month each applicant expects to devote to the project, and any anticipated absences. For the Paediatric neurosurgical research the second Chief Investigator must be from interstate or overseas.

4.   **Other participants** – list the names of other participants including their institution, role (Chief Investigator or Associate Investigator) and time commitment (days per month) to the project.

5.   **Current research support** – itemise for the non-Adelaide based CI, giving value of support for each year that support has been granted. Funds from all sources must be included.

6.   **Applications for research support currently pending –** itemise for the non-Adelaide based CI by funding agency, project title, and funds requested for each year. If no applications for support are pending, please indicate why application is only being made to the NRF.

7.   **Relationship between the support requested and other applications –** indicate any overlap between this application and any other current or pending support, specifically addressing why existing support cannot be utilized to support the research proposed in the current application.

8. **Ethical review –** indicate where ethical review (human and /or animal) was or is to be sought for the studies in this proposal. Please note that ethical clearance must be obtained before the start of the research.

9. **Budget Information** – itemise under the headings of Equipment, Maintenance and Salaries. Indicate the priority of the request (A,B or C).

10. **Financial Summary** – support requested.

11. **Justification of Budget** – do not exceed one page.

   - **Project Outline** – The section of the application should be modelled on the NHMRC project grant format and should include a background, hypotheses and aims, research methods and materials, and finally the project significance.
   - There is a maximum **LIMIT of 3 PAGES**.
   - **Formatting requirements**: 2cm margins, minimum size 10 font (Arial), normal character spacing, single-line spaced.

   Note: The information provided must be sufficient to allow the application to be assessed scientifically. The amount of information required for a research donation may vary, but sufficient detail must be provided. For projects expected to take more than one year to complete, the proposal should clearly state the aims, expected results and budget requirements only for the first year of the project, as research donations are awarded for one year only.

12. **Certification –** all applications must carry certification by the Head of the Division/ Department/School "that appropriate general facilities will be available to the applicant if successful and that the project will be carried out strictly in accordance with NHMRC Ethical and Scientific Guidelines".

B. Curriculum Vitae, Research Activity and Achievements of Chief Investigator Team

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Note: This section is required for all listed Chief Investigators.

Three (3) page curriculum vitae including:

- **Half page NHMRC-style career summary** including qualifications and skills.
- **Previous research support** – this should be itemised for the last six years, giving the same information as for current research support, including details of original papers arising from these grants.
- **Publications of applicant** – please list the five most relevant publications, plus a summary of other journal publications over the preceding five years. Abstracts should not be listed.
- **Formatting requirements**: 2cm margins, minimum size 10 font (Arial), normal character spacing, single-line spaced.

Application Submission

Please submit one original by email Monday 11th May 2020

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Grant Reporting

The NeuroSurgical Research Foundation would appreciate a report on the outcome of the research project funded by this research donation, either on the conclusion of the study or annually. This is to assist the Foundation in publicizing the benefits of research in neurosurgical injuries and diseases, and to assess the quality of the research which has been funded as a guide in future research donations. However, this is not a condition of the research donation.

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