

SSMRF 2019 Research Grants

Guidelines for Applicants by Expression of Interest (EOI)

SSMRF is delighted to announce a new round of research grants for 2019. These grants are open to researchers based at St George Hospital and The Sutherland Hospital including scientific, medical, nursing, midwifery and allied health staff.

A. Background

The SSMRF was established in 2007 with the aim of promoting and funding medical research at St George & Sutherland Hospitals.

B. Specific Objectives of SSMRF Grants

To foster, strengthen and grow teams of quality researchers who will:

- Fulfill the SSMRF's overall objectives
- Undertake research that is scientific in nature, in medical or health related fields and is, or may prove to be, of value to Australia.
- Be in a position to secure external Category I grant funding to further their work.

C. Amounts and duration of funding

There is a maximum of \$200,000 available for the 2019 grants and it is envisaged that about 4 – 6 grants of between \$20,000 - \$50,000 will be awarded for a 12 month period.

D. Process of Application

The process for applications will involve an expression of interest (EOI). The EOI will be limited to a maximum of 2 A4 pages plus an abbreviated 2-page CV (bio sketch) for each investigator, which includes grant history, most important publications of the last 5 years and details of any existing funding for the project

Applicants who wish to discuss their plans should email the Chair of the SSMRF Research Committee, Professor Michael Grimm (m.grimm@unsw.edu.au).

Following review of all **EOIs** by the SSMRF's Research Committee, the competitive EOI's will be invited to submit a full application. The review process of the **full applications** will be undertaken by a minimum of two reviewers at least one of whom will be external to St George and Sutherland Hospitals. The SSMRF's Research Committee will make their recommendations based on the reviewers' assessments. All grant awards are subject to the SSMRF Board's approval.

E. Ineligibility criteria

This 2019 round of grants is not open to CIAs of current SSMRF Microbiome Research Centre Grants and recipients of SSMRF Capacity Building Grants.

F. Timelines & Key Dates

15 Feb:	EOI advertised
18 March:	EOI submission deadline
8 April:	Invitations to submit full applications
17 May:	Full application - submission deadline
3 June:	Completion of reviews of full applications
10 June:	Research Committee recommendations to SSMRF Board
June 2019:	Successful grants announced

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI):

1. Project Title:

2. Field(s) of research and percentages

Please use the six digit codes from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC), 2008 which can be found [here](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/0/6BB427AB9696C225CA2574180004463E)
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3. Research Team:

- List the Chief Investigator and include:
 - Academic qualifications
 - Current appointment to St George or Sutherland Hospital
 - Any other (or additional) appointments at other institutions
 - University and other relevant affiliations
 - Contact details (email and mobile phone contact of Chief Investigator)
- List all Co-Investigators and their:
 - Academic qualifications
 - Current appointment at St George or Sutherland Hospital if applicable
 - Any other (or additional) appointments at other institutions
 - University and other relevant affiliations
- The Department(s) (and their location) in which the work will be conducted

4. Project Outline:

The body of the EOI should:

- Be no more than 2 A4 pages in length (min 11 pt font)
- Clearly state the background, the aims and significance of the proposal
- Briefly describe research methods
- Describe how the research team's proposal will meet the SSMRF objectives (above)

5. Brief Budget Outline:

Please provide a brief budget, with justification, and estimated timeline for expenditure.

7. Possible referral of your application to other external potential sources of funding.

SSMRF may seek external funding from trusts and foundations for some grant applications including those deemed worthy but, due to limited funding, unsuccessful.

If SSMRF wishes to use your application for these purposes SSMRF will contact you prior to any applications being made.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI):

EOIs should be submitted electronically in a single document in pdf format to:

Jacque Stratford, CEO ceo@ssmrf.com.au

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN 5PM MONDAY 18 MARCH 2019.