



SSMRF 2023 Early Career Researcher and Standard Research Grants

Applicant Guidelines for initial Expression of Interest (EOI)

The St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation (SSMRF) is delighted to announce a new round of research grants for 2023. These grants will be open to research teams based at St George and/or Sutherland Hospitals including scientific, medical, nursing/midwifery and allied health staff, for research work that will be carried out predominantly at those hospital campuses.

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. Grant types

- **Early career researcher grants** (up to \$20,000): Honours, Masters and PhD students; JMOs, trainees (medical, nursing, allied health), advanced trainees, fellows; medical specialists within 5 years of hospital appointment and nursing/allied health specialists within 5 years of highest degree; scientists within 5 years of award of PhD. Proof of relevant dates, enrolments and qualifications must be submitted.
- **Standard grants** (up to \$50,000): Full grants from mid-career, established and senior researchers and teams

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 (biosketch) for each investigator**, which includes qualifications, appointments, affiliations, contact details, grant history, most important publications of the last 5 years and details of any existing funding for the project. **For early career researcher applications, proof of ECR status *must* be included.**

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, competitive EOIs will be invited to submit a full application. The review process of the **full applications** will be undertaken by a minimum of two reviewers. 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

Expressions of Interest that do not adhere to these guidelines will be ineligible for consideration.

F. Timelines & Key Dates

Monday 1 st May	EOI advertised
Friday 26 th May	EOI submission deadline
Friday 9 th June	Invitations to submit full applications
Friday 14 th July	Full application - submission deadline

Monday 14 th August	Completion of reviews of full applications
Friday 25 th August	Research Committee recommendations to SSMRF Board
Early September	Successful grants announced to recipients

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](#)

3. Research Team (listing of team, along with maximum 2 page biosketch for each investigator):

- 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
 - for ECR applicants, proof of ECR status
 - contact details (email and mobile phone contact of Chief Investigator)
 - grant history, most important publications of the last 5 years, existing funding for the project
- 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
 - grant history, most important publications of the last 5 years

4. The Department(s) (and their location) in which the work will be conducted

The proposed work must be carried out predominantly at St George and/or Sutherland Hospitals

5. 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. Fine detail is not required but the Research Committee must be able to make some judgement of feasibility from the description
- describe how the research team's proposal will meet the SSMRF objectives (above)

6. 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 must be submitted electronically in a **single document in pdf format** to:

Pam Brown, CEO: ceo@ssmrf.com.au

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN 5PM FRIDAY 26th MAY 2023.

EOIs that do not comply with these guidelines will not be considered.