

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS 2023

This form should be used by all researchers applying for either a Translational Research Grant or an Incubator Grant.

- **Translational Research Grants** are for projects with significant proof of concept data available to demonstrate potential to move through the translational pipeline towards treatment. This includes pre-clinical and clinical research. Projects are typically in the range of \$150,000 to \$300,000 per year for up to three years. The budget must be commensurate with the type of research and resources required. If your project budget lies outside of this range, please contact us to discuss your application first.
- **Incubator Grants** focus on small scale 1-year projects investigating bright new ideas with the potential to generate results that may attract larger scale funding. Projects are typically in the range of \$50 to \$100k. The budget must be commensurate with the type of research and the resources required.

Please supply costing in Australian dollars using the current exchange rate. Applicants should apply for the true cost of the research - projects should be appropriately resourced, including appropriately skilled and experienced personnel, to enable successful completion of the project. Larger grants for exceptional projects may be considered.

The expression of interest (EOI) does not require detailed budget information, but an estimate of the project cost should be given. Grant money can be used for:

- Personnel (including on-costs) and up to 3 percent annual salary increment. Higher increments must be justified. Personnel can include the Chief Investigator, Co-Investigators, any Associate Investigators, postdocs, PhD students, RAs, and skilled technicians. We encourage the involvement of Honours or undergraduate summer students in projects but we will not fund them. Personnel definitions can be found below.
- Equipment that is unique to the project, essential for the project to proceed and cannot be accessed elsewhere.
- Direct research costs for the purchase of research materials required to conduct the proposed research. Use as a guide: <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/manage-your-funding/funding-agreement#download>
- Animal costs that are a direct requirement of the research project.
- Travel costs directly related to achieving the objectives of the grant.
- We will not cover institutional overheads.
- Also please provide details of other funding sources (confirmed and being pursued).

Personnel definitions:

- The **Chief Investigator (CI)** is responsible for completion and lodgement of the application and is the project leader who is responsible for the successful completion of the research proposal. The CI may request a salary however the level and proportion requested must be fully justified.
- **Co-Investigator (Co-I)** is defined as an investigator who provides significant intellectual and/or practical input into the research, despite not being the project leader. The Co-I may request a salary however the level and proportion requested must be fully justified.
- An **Associate Investigator (AI)** is defined as an investigator who provides some intellectual and/or practical input into the research and whose participation warrants inclusion of their name on publications. Salaries for AIs need to be clearly justified in relation to the role they will play in the project. If it is a significant role, consider listing as a co-investigator.
- Personnel can include the Chief Investigator, Co-Investigator, any Associate Investigators, postdocs, PhD students, RAs, and skilled technicians. We encourage the involvement of Honours or undergraduate summer students in projects, but we will not fund them.
- The CI must obtain agreement from the other investigators and named collaborators to participate as outlined in the proposal and adhere to the terms and conditions of the grant. Written agreement must be made available to Sanfilippo Children's Foundation on request if funding is awarded.

REVIEW PROCESS

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by our Scientific Advisory Board, who will shortlist projects subject to their scientific merit and alignment with objectives and priorities of the Foundation. Short-listed applicants will be invited to submit a more detailed research application due in mid-May, which will subsequently be subjected to external peer review and consideration by our Scientific Advisory Board.

Full Applications for Translational and Incubator Grants will be assessed for scientific merit against the following criteria (using a similar scoring system to the NHMRC):

Criteria	Description	Weight
Scientific Quality	Is the project clearly defined, well designed and feasible?	50%
Significance and/or Innovation	Does the project have the potential to change the course of Sanfilippo Syndrome and how quickly can it be implemented into the clinic?	25%
Team Quality and Capability	Do the researchers have the required skills and experience to carry out the project?	25%

Following scientific evaluation, the applications deemed fundable will be anonymised and presented (in layman's terms) to a Family Consultation Panel of people whose family members are affected by Sanfilippo. Families will score applications based on their impact for the Sanfilippo community. The

Sanfilippo Children's Foundation Board of Directors will make the final funding decision on each project based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Board, alignment with our research strategy and the Family Consultation Panel.

Applicants should carefully consider how their research project aligns with the Foundation's Research Strategy which can be found on the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation website:

www.sanfilippo.org.au/researchstrategy.

HOW TO APPLY

- Researchers should firstly complete and submit the 2023 EOI form downloaded from the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation website.
- One additional page for figures, tables and diagrams referred to in the application can be attached.
- **Please do not submit any other documents with your application such as a cover letter as they will not be considered.**
- All expressions of interest are to be submitted by email only to research@sanfilippo.org.au no later than **6 pm AEDT on Tuesday, 14th March 2023**.

All queries should be directed to research@sanfilippo.org.au

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

The Foundation will acknowledge receipt of every EOI. They will do this by email within two working days of receiving it. If you do not receive an Acknowledgement of Receipt of your EOI, please follow up with a "Request for Confirmation of Receipt of EOI". Do not resend the entire EOI, as sending multiple copies can lead to confusion.

The EOI Acknowledgement of Receipt will include an Application Number which should be used on all future correspondence. The Foundation manages all correspondence by this unique number.

Acknowledgements will be sent to the Chief Investigator nominated on your EOI form.