

Guidelines and Expression of Interest Application Form

The Prader-Willi Research Foundation of Australia (PWRFA) aims to transform the lives of people living with Prader Willi Syndrome (PWS) and their families by enabling innovative and best in class research.

This is a call for Expression of Interest (EOI) applications for Australian PWS research grants. PWRFA will provide between \$25,000 and \$50,000 AUD (GST-free) to fund an Australian research project which will improve outcomes for people with PWS. Projects should be between 1 and 2 years in duration. Applications which address the priority areas outlined in the PWS Research Roadmap will be viewed favourably. However, we welcome applications for research projects that focus on any aspect of PWS. We will consider applications from both laboratory and clinical researchers, in basic and/or applied science.

Key themes from the Research Roadmap include:

- **Care:** Develop innovative models to deliver best practice clinical care
- **Treat:** Accelerate research into treatments that target the most debilitating symptoms, notably hyperphagia and PWS behaviours, including mental health challenges
- **Transform:** Accelerate research to transform life by reactivating the silent PWS genes

Expression of Interest deadline: Friday 7th June, 2024

Application process

The grant process will consist of two stages.

1. Expression of Interest (300 words):
 - a. Due Friday 7th June
2. Full application – by invitation only (up to 3 pages):
 - a. Researchers with successful EOIs will be invited to submit a full application
 - b. Applicants will have approximately 4 weeks to complete the full application with an anticipated deadline of mid August.

Applications will be reviewed by the PWRFA scientific advisory council and a PWS parent/carer panel. External experts will be consulted as and if required.

General Guidelines

FORMAT

All margins should be at least 2cm. Please use at least 11 point font. The use of figures and illustrations is not necessary in the EOI but is encouraged in the Full Application where it enhances understanding of the proposal.

Word/Page limits are specified in the application forms.

FUNDING INFORMATION

- The maximum value is \$50,000 AUD
- Funds are offered GST-free
- At this time there is no allowance for indirect costs
- At this time, we anticipate awarding a single grant. However, the number of grants will depend on available funds at the time the awards are made

PROJECT INFORMATION

- The project aims should be consistent with the budget, and achievable within 1 – 2 years.
- Projects should have discrete and measurable outputs
- Consideration should be given to how the work will be translated into products or practices that can have a positive impact on the lives of people with PWS
- You may submit multiple EOIs. However, if you wish to submit more than 2 EOIs please consult with PWRFA's research director prior to the grant deadline

If your project is successful:

- a Funding Agreement will be entered into which will outline payment terms, reporting and acquittal processes. A copy of the sample Agreements is available upon request.
- We will require you to provide a short lay summary of your project for families.

GRANT SUBMISSION

Applications should be saved as a single PDF.

The file name should follow this format; Surname_PWRFA grant_2024

Please number any additional EOIs as follows; Surname_2_PWRFA grant_2024

EOIs should be emailed to diane.webster@praderwilli.org.au by the 7th June 2024.

Additional information about PWRFA's research strategy can be found on the website.

- <http://praderwilli.org.au/grants>
- <http://praderwilli.org.au/pws-updates>

Questions regarding the 2024 PWRFA grant round, or the suitability of a project with respect to PWRFA priorities, can be sent by email to diane.webster@praderwilli.org.au

Thank you for your interest in PWS research.

Expression of Interest

SECTION 1

Project Title:

Chief Investigator:

Include Title, Degree, Phone and e-mail contact information, and Host institution details.

Other Key Personnel:

Please name and provide affiliations for other key personnel who will be involved in the project. State the role of each individual on the project (e.g., Investigator, Postdoctoral Fellow, Collaborator).

Key words:

Please provide up to 6 key words that categorise the area and/or field of research

SECTION 2 (300 words)

In 300 words, please explain how you would use the funding to improve outcomes for people with PWS.

Guidelines:

- *Pitch your project idea; what is it, why does it matter, what impact will it have on the lives of people with PWS and/or their families, why are you and your team best placed to do this work?*
- *Target your pitch to a lay scientific audience. EOIs will be review by the PWRFA scientific advisory council and a family advisory panel.*

SECTION 3

Does this project address a priority area identified in the PWS Research Roadmap?

- Care; Develop innovative models to delivery best practice clinical care and clinical trials
- Treat; Accelerate research into treatments that target the most debilitating symptoms
 - Hyperphagia
 - PWS behaviours and mental health challenges
- Transform; Accelerate research to transform life by reactivating silent PWS genes

- We are interested in learning more about the Chromosome 15 Biobank

Please provide a Conflict of Interest statement:
