

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS 2020

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

- **Translational Research Grants** are funding for projects with significant potential to move through the translational pipeline towards treatment. This includes pre-clinical and clinical research to develop new treatments. We fund projects up to \$500k/year for up to 3 years.
- **Incubator Grants** focus on small scale projects investigating bright new ideas with the potential to generate results that may attract larger scale funding. We fund projects up to \$90k for 1 year if a salary is included in the costing. If a salary for the researcher has already been secured from another funding body, applications within the region of \$25k would be considered.

Applicants should apply for the true cost of the research. Larger grants may be considered for co-funding with partner funding bodies.

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.
- Equipment that is unique to the project and is essential for the project to proceed.
- Direct research costs for the purchase of research materials required to conduct the proposed research. Use as a guide: <https://nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/direct-research-costs-guidelines>
- 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.

REVIEW PROCESS

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by our Scientific Advisory Board, and in consultation with the Board of Directors, will shortlist projects subject to available funding and alignment with objectives and priorities of the Foundation. Chief Investigators for short-listed projects will be invited to submit a more detailed research application by mid-May, which will subsequently be subjected to external peer review and consideration by our Scientific Advisory Board. 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.

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.

Full Translational and Incubator Grant Applications will be assessed by 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%

HOW TO APPLY

- Researchers should firstly complete and submit the 2020 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 dani@sanfilippo.org.au no later than 6pm AEST on 24 March 2020.

All queries should be directed to dani@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 re-send 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.