

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS 2021

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 to \$300k 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.

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, 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.
- 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, who will shortlist projects subject to their 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 panel consisting 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 evaluation.

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 2021 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 **6pm AEST on 24 March 2021**.

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.