

## STILLBIRTH FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA & STILLBIRTH CENTRE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE 2025 RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Your application should include:

- Completed 2025 SFA & CRE Grant Application Form as the covering page
- For each Chief Investigator:
  - o A one-page CV
  - o Up to one page of relevant publications in the past five years
  - o Details of current and requested funding from any funding body, including any previous SFA | CRE funding (Chief Investigator, project title, funding body, years of funding and funding amount)
- Documentation of tax exemption status
- “Lay” description (no more than one-half page) – this should be in a format such that it explains to bereaved parents how the research will make a difference to stillbirth
- A Project Outline (see below)
- References (one page)
- Budget including total amount of funding required and the amount requested from Stillbirth Foundation Australia

The Project Outline should be **no more than four (4) A4 pages**, single spaced and should include:

- Aims
- Hypothesis
- Synopsis (one-half page)
- Introduction (one-half page)
- Scientific Approach including aims, background, research plan and expected outcomes
- Feasibility
- Impact and Significance

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm (AEST) Friday 3rd October 2025. **Late applications will not be considered.** As part of your application please complete and submit the enclosed “SFA | CRE 2025 Grant Application Form”.

Applicants are requested to submit all application documents as PDFs to:

[research@stillbirthfoundation.org.au](mailto:research@stillbirthfoundation.org.au)

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged via email and applicants will be advised of the outcome of the grant application assessment via email. Investigators should anticipate that the grant assessment process may take up to three months before the notification of the outcome is available.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

1. Following the notification of a successful grant application, a colour photograph of the investigators or research group will be requested to be used in publicity and reports of the Stillbirth Foundation Australia (SFA) and Stillbirth CRE, and for inclusion on our websites.
2. Support from SFA and Stillbirth CRE must be acknowledged in any relevant correspondence, reports or materials, peer review journals and conference presentations or posters by the Researchers in relation to the project.
3. SFA and Stillbirth CRE will be mentioned in all press releases associated with the project. Any media release of information regarding research findings must be forwarded to SFA at least 72 hours prior to general release for approval.
4. In consultation with researchers, the SFA and Stillbirth CRE may choose to share research information with the general public in order to raise awareness of stillbirth within Australia. Project details, including the names of the Chief Investigators, may be used by the SFA and Stillbirth CRE at events, in communications and for fundraising. However, SFA and Stillbirth CRE will not release any information that would prejudice the ability of the Researchers to publish any reports in peer review publications and any IP or commercial outcomes from the research conducted will remain the property of the research team and their relevant Institute.
5. Ethics Approval for the project must be attained within a six-month period after receiving written confirmation from SFA that you are a successful applicant. Failure to attain Ethical Approval for your project within this period will result in reconsideration of funding of the project by SFA (i.e., SFA reserves the right to withdraw funding for your project).
6. Within 30 days of the completion of the grant period, a report must be submitted to SFA. In some cases, this reporting procedure may need to include progress reports in addition to a final report at the conclusion of the project.
7. Progress and final reports, including the Acquittal Statement should be sent to SFA at mid-grant period and upon completion. The report should show the utilisation of funds, under or over budget, received from the SFA and certified by the person responsible for the project. If the researchers are unable to demonstrate adequate progress of the project, SFA reserves the right to suspend the final payment.
8. SFA will consider applications on the condition that SFA is not the only organisation to provide cash support. Written evidence of approved co-existing funding from another organisation (i.e., not SFA) is required as part of your application. The co-existing funding from the other non-SFA organisation/s has to be equal to or greater than 75% of the requested funding from SFA.
9. If SFA is a funder of your project, and during the course of you conducting your project it becomes apparent that more funds are required for completion, we reserve the first right to make this additional funding and, if deemed not appropriate, SFA has the right to approve the organisation from which additional funding is sought.

10. To ensure that the outcomes of the research are integrated into the national body of stillbirth knowledge and to encourage and support national collaboration, grants awarded under this Grant will be included in the Stillbirth CRE program.
11. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in SFA:
  - a. Requesting the allocated research funds be returned to SFA;
  - b. Ruling ineligible all future applications from the Chief Investigators.

For any further information, please contact:

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