

STILLBIRTH FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA 2026 RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Your application should include:

- Completed 2026 SFA Grant Application Form as the covering page
- “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 criteria below)
- Budget including total amount of funding required and the amount requested from Stillbirth Foundation Australia
- Documentation of tax exemption status
- For each Chief Investigator:
 - A one-page CV
 - Up to one page of relevant publications in the past five years
 - Details of current and requested funding from any funding body, including any previous SFA funding (Chief Investigator, project title, funding body, years of funding and funding amount)
- References (one page)

The Project Outline should be **no more than four (4) A4 pages**, single spaced, 12 font size 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 Friday 2 October 2026, 5pm AEST. **Late applications will not be considered.** As part of your application please complete and submit the enclosed “SFA 2026 Grant Application Form”.

Applicants are requested to submit all application documents as one collated PDF document to: 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. The total grant will be provided to you in two parts, over a maximum two-year period from receiving written confirmation from Stillbirth Foundation Australia (SFA or the Foundation) that you are a successful applicant.
2. Ethics Approval for the project must be obtained within six months of receiving written confirmation from SFA that you are a successful applicant. An initial 50% payment will be made upon receipt of Ethics Approval. Failure to obtain Ethics Approval within this period may result in SFA reconsidering or withdrawing funding for the project.
3. A mid-project progress report must be submitted and demonstrate satisfactory progress and include an update on the utilisation of grant funds, under or over budget, received from 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.

The second and final payment of 50% is subject to satisfactory progress and Board approval prior to release. The final payment will be paid minimum nine months after the first instalment payment upon receipt of an invoice (or as specified in the SFA Successful Applicant Grant Letter) and a completed financial acquittal statement and progress report demonstrating satisfactory progress of the study.

4. Within 30 days of the completion of the grant period, a final report and financial acquittal must detail the final use of funds and be certified by the person responsible for the project.
5. A lay summary of the project and significant findings (approx. 500 – 800 words) is to be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the grant period, and may be utilised for SFA marketing purposes.
6. If the project has not started by 1 July 2027, SFA reserves the right to rescind the offer to fund the project. Should funding be rescinded, SFA requires the return of any and all monies paid within seven working days of such notice being given.
7. 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 SFA, and for inclusion on our websites and social media channels, in relation to the Project. Investigators may also be asked to provide a brief biography to accompany any publicity activities planned by SFA.
8. In consultation with researchers, SFA 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 SFA at events, in communications and for fundraising. However, SFA 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.

9. Support from SFA must be acknowledged in any relevant correspondence, reports or materials, peer review journals and conference presentations, posters or other publicity or communications activities produced or undertaken by the Investigators in relation to the Project.
10. SFA must be mentioned in all traditional or digital media activity (including media releases, interviews, blogs social media posts and the like) associated with the Project. Any release of information to the media regarding research findings must be forwarded to SFA for approval at least 72 hours prior to release.
11. During the course of the Project should it become 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.
12. Should the Project require a research midwife/nurse/assistant or other staff to recruit patients, SFA requires that the research person/s to be identified with branding on their clothing such that SFA is easily identified. This may include branded clothing or badge identification.
13. A Chief Investigator that has been successful in the previous year (e.g. 2025), cannot apply for funding in the current (e.g., 2026) grant round. However, they can be an “other investigator” in the current grant round.

Failure to comply with these conditions may result in Stillbirth Foundation Australia:

- 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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