

MEDICAL & SCIENTIFIC KIDNEY RELATED RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS

Guidelines for Applicants

Kidney Health Australia provides Project Grants for high calibre broad based multi-disciplinary and collaborative research activities. Teams will be expected to contribute to new knowledge at a leading international level in important areas of health and medical research. These grants are available for all research approaches relevant to better health but preference will be given to projects with a population or clinical basis rather than laboratory based projects. Projects are expected to focus on clinical, public health or health services research into the causes, prevention and treatment of disorders of the kidneys or urinary tract.

Appropriate areas of kidney research include, but are not limited to:

- Improving and assisting community awareness and prevention strategies
- Increasing detection rates of early Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
- Documenting CKD demographics, trends and costs
- Implementing best care approaches to detected CKD cases
- Facilitating a smooth transition into dialysis and transplantation
- Improving outcomes and quality of life on dialysis
- Reducing the financial and social impact of CKD on patients and families

Applicants are encouraged to specially focus on the harder-to-reach population groups in the community including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse populations;
- People experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

Nature of Funding: The Project Grants scheme offers a once only amount of up to **\$50,000** towards the cost of the project.

- The project should usually be able to be completed with these funds and not be dependent on additional funds being raised
- The project should be able to be completed within a defined time from commencement. This time would not normally be expected to exceed 2 years
- For projects not completed within 12 months a progress report at the 12 month mark and on completion of the project are required.
- This award is not designed to be a “seeding grant” – the project should be substantial in its own right and designed to lead to a definitive result

Closing date: **Four printed copies** each of your application and **accompanying signed application letter and cover sheet**, must reach the Medical Director's office by **31 August** annually.

Application: Ensure that you complete the main application cover sheet and include it with the main application form and not exceed five pages in length (six including cover sheet). The following format should be used in the application:

(COVER SHEET – sample below)

Complete the Cover Sheet and include within the application. Information which must be provided is as follows:

- 1 Applicant.** Full name, any qualifications and appointments of Chief Investigator and all support researchers
- 2 Contact details.** Chief Investigator's department, full research facility mailing address, phone, mobile, fax and email
- 3 Brief specific title – Both scientific and lay versions**
- 4 Full 'lay' description of the research project.** *Intelligible to a person with no specific medical or scientific training (200 words)*

(SUBSEQUENT FOUR PAGES)

- 5 Scientific description and outline
- 6 Aims
- 7 Outline of methods to be used
- 8 Potential Outcomes
- 9 Scientific references supporting the research project
- 10 Chief Investigator's Scientific publication track record. *The applicant's best five publications.*
- 11 Budget and scope of research
- 12 Signatures

Forward applications to: **The Medical Director, Kidney Health Australia, GPO Box 9993, Adelaide SA 5001.**

For further information contact the Medical Director's Office by phoning 08 8334 7500 or email research@kidney.org.au

Research proposals are assessed according to the relevance to kidney disease, scientific merit and the track record of the investigator(s). To determine which applications will be funded, all applicants enter a peer review process. Assessment is undertaken by independent reviewers who are suitably qualified researchers and kidney experts.

MAIN APPLICATION COVER SHEET (this sheet must be completed and included with your application)

Chief Investigator				
Surname		First Name		Title
Qualifications				
Current Appointment				
Institution		Department		
Postal address		Courier Address (if different to postal address)		
Phone	()	Mobile		
Email		Fax	()	

Other Co- Investigators				
Title / First name / Surname	Institution	Email	Phone	State

Associate investigators				
Title / First name / Surname	Institution	Email	Phone	State

Administering Institution Name		Address
Name of institution (where funds will be administered)		
	ABN	
Contact Name		
Direct Phone Number		

Simple (Lay) Project Title	
Scientific Title	
Brief Project Grant (Lay) Outline	

		YES / NO
1.	Does this project involve experiments on human subjects?	
	If YES, is copy of Human Ethics Review Committee approval attached?	
2.	Does this project involve experiments on animals?	
	If YES, is copy of Animal Ethics Review Committee approval attached?	
3.	Does this project involve genetic manipulation of organisms or the use of radioactive/carcinogenic / toxic chemicals?	
	If YES, is copy of Institutional Bio-safety Committee approval attached?	

Nominate the special focus kidney research areas that your project focuses on. (Note only one focus area from page one)

MAIN PROJECT APPLICATION *(The following is a guide outline only – 4 pages maximum allowed for main application)*

Outline the relevance of this project to the causes, diagnosis, management and prevention of kidney disease

Describe overall aims of the research and expected kidney health outcomes. Avoid using technical terms. This should be suitable for release to media or for general publication.

SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION AND OUTLINE - List specific aims of the project, including a clear statement of the hypotheses to be tested.

AIMS

OUTLINE OF METHODS TO BE USED

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES: How will your research contribute to Kidney Health Australia’s mission "*To advance the public health agenda through awareness, detection, prevention and management of kidney disease*". Only projects with the potential to improve or promote kidney disease health/policy/practice will be supported. The project can address any issue in biomedical, clinical or public health (including the areas of education/health promotion, epidemiology, behavioural/ social sciences).

SCIENTIFIC REFERENCES: Supporting the research project

Empty box for Scientific References.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS: Chief Investigator's publication track record. *The applicant's best five publications.*

Empty box for Scientific Publications.

To what extent (%) does this application fit into the following broad research areas? Total % should not exceed 100

1	2	3	4	5	6
ATSI	Biomedical	Behavioural	Clinical	Nutrition	Public Health

BUDGET AND SCOPE OF RESEARCH

(a) Are you submitting this research project to other organisations? Please identify.

(b) Please summarise the budget you wish to be considered relative to this project. Note that this will be assessed by our review panel to ensure the project proposed is feasible within this budget.

	NAME	LEVEL	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
Personnel				
Other Costs	Equipment			
	Maintenance			
TOTAL				

SIGNATURES *only required on original application, copies sufficient for subsequent applications*

I, the Chief Investigator for this research project make the following statements:

- I certify that all details given in this application are correct and I agree to carry out the project in accordance with the Kidney Health Australia's current Conditions of Award for Project Grants and in accordance with the principles of the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007)*.
- By signing, I confirm that I have complied with all instructions in the application form and understand that failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of my application from the review process.
- I acknowledge all supporting documentation has been provided with this application. I understand my application will not be eligible for consideration by Kidney Health Australia if this application is incomplete or lacking the required documents

Full Name			
Signature		Date	___/___/___

Verification by Research Administrative Officer

- I verify that I have checked this application and that, to the best of my knowledge all instructions included in this form have been complied with and all relevant details and documentation are correct and included with this application at the time of lodgement with Kidney Health Australia.
- In addition, I verify this institution has established administrative procedures for assuring sound scientific practice in accordance with the principles of the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007)*.

Title		Full Name	
Position			
Department		Institution	
Phone		Fax	
Email			
Signature		Date	___/___/___