



Cancer Council NSW Project Grants

Project Grants Application Guidelines

Grant Round 2027

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1. Cancer Council NSW

1.1 Overview

Cancer Council NSW ('Cancer Council') is Australia's leading cancer charity, uniting the community, providing support, investing in research and saving lives. Cancer Council is the only cancer charity that works across every area of every cancer:

- funding and conducting world-class research that underpins our work across the cancer journey
- preventing cancer
- supporting people as they navigate the cancer journey
- identifying and addressing survivorship needs
- advocating to ensure governments take action on cancer.

Cancer Council is committed to funding research that enhances outcomes across the entire cancer journey and is of value to the community.

1.2 5-Year Strategy

Cancer Council's 5-Year Strategy outlines its ambitious plan to make a lasting impact as it continues to tackle cancer. As the leading cancer charity in the NSW, Cancer Council is committed to improving the lives of those affected by cancer and ensuring that no one walks alone. Over the next five years, Cancer Council will focus on growing its impact in areas of greatest need, enhancing the lives of cancer survivors and working closely with the community to drive better outcomes.

Current challenges faced are:

- Over the next 25 years, around 1.52 million people in NSW will be diagnosed with cancer.
- There are more than 15,000 cancer related deaths in NSW each year.
- There is a 71% survival rate five years after cancer diagnosis in NSW. This means there are more people living with and beyond cancer who need supportive care.
- Some people are impacted by cancer disproportionately in NSW, depending on a range of risk and behavioural factors, access to healthcare and barriers to accessing interventions.

Cancer Council responds to these challenges with:

- Reduce cancer risk through prevention and early intervention.
- Improve cancer survival through world-class research.
- Enhance the quality of life of people affected by cancer through transformative support and research in survivorships needs.
- Improve equity in cancer outcomes through bold advocacy.

2. Scope

Cancer Council Project Grants (Project Grants) for 2026 are open to all Australian researchers. Project Grants will be awarded for up to three years, commencing in April 2026.

Project Grants support research in any aspects of cancer, including: its causes, mechanisms, prevention, treatment and care, quality of life and research into the implementation, scaling, organisation and performance of cancer control services.

Grants are valued between \$300,000 and \$600,000 over three years (minimum budget request is \$300,000). The maximum budget which can be requested is \$200,000 per annum. Cancer Council reserves the right to offer a grant a sum that differs substantially from that requested by the applicants.

Applications for Project Grants funding are received through the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) Ideas Grants submission and review processes. The NHMRC conducts a peer review on all Ideas Grant applications, the top-ranked applications not funded by NHMRC and assessed as fundable are then subject to an additional review by Cancer Council's Lived Experience Review Panel. The final decision on funding for Project Grants is with Cancer Council.

This national scheme meets Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) requirements to be reported as Category 1.

3. Lived Experience Involvement

The cancer community has a unique insight into the problems faced by those who have been affected by cancer. Therefore, it is mandatory for researchers applying for Cancer Council funding to involve people with Lived Experience in their research work.

People with lived experience are people who have been affected by cancer – patients, survivors, carers, or close family members or friends of someone diagnosed with cancer. A person with Lived Experience is also usually linked to an organised group who voices the perspectives of patients as well as their carers, families, and loved ones; and has been trained to take part in research decision-making processes as a representative of the broader cancer community.

Involvement of people with Lived Experience in research work means that the named person(s) have contributed to the planning and development of the research proposal, aided in preparation of the additional questions, assists in preparing and reviewing the annual progress reports and will be engaged in the ongoing research work by regular meetings and support(s) interpretation and communication of results of the research. Researchers have a responsibility to share the outcomes and feedback on their applications with their people with Lived Experience, and we also encourage involvement of Lived Experience in presentations and conferences, where possible.

The Project Grant applications will undergo Lived Experience Review (please see Lived Experience Review Guidelines on Cancer Council's [website](#) for more detail) and this review will account for 50% of the total application score.

4. Eligibility

4.1 Administering Institution

Each Project Grant will be administered by a single Administering Institution. The Administering Institution guarantees the infrastructure necessary to support the research will be available. Its explicit support for and commitment to the application is essential before any application can be considered.

The Administering Institution will be held responsible for the proper administration and expenditure of the grant and for ensuring that all reports required are submitted by the due date.

4.2 Chief Investigators

A Project Grant is led by the Chief Investigator (CI) A and by up to nine additional CIs (B-J). The Administering Institution certifies that the CIA:

- resides in Australia (or intends to reside in Australia) throughout the funding period
- is an Australian citizen, has resident status or has an appropriate visa to work in Australia for the entire duration of the funding period.

In addition, the following Eligibility Criteria will be considered:

- A CIA may hold a maximum of two active Project Grants at any one time, including a successful application for a grant round. If one of the CIA's existing grants concludes before 1st April of the following year (so that they would then hold only one active grant), this application will still be eligible for assessment and awarded, if successful.
- A CIA may be named as CIB–CIJ on a maximum of two active Project Grants, including a successful application for a grant round, in addition to their role as CIA on up to two active Project Grants. If one of these grants concludes before 1st April of the following year, this application will still be eligible for assessment and awarded, if successful.
- If the above eligibility criteria is not met, then you are unable to apply for funding as a CIA. You can still apply for funding as a CIB-CIJ.
- A CIA may submit multiple applications in a single grant round; however, only one application may be funded. If more than one application is assessed as fundable, the CIA must nominate which application will proceed to funding.
- The CIA can have a maximum FTE of 1.0
- At least one named and qualified person with Lived Experience (consumer) must be involved in the research proposal. For further guidance, please refer to the Lived Experience Review Guidelines which can be found on Cancer Council's [website](#).
- Applicants applying for funding from both NHMRC and Cancer Council must adhere to both the NHMRC and Cancer Council eligibility criteria and guidelines. For further information on the NHMRC's Ideas Grants, please visit NHMRC's [website](#).
- The list and sequence of all named CIs on the Cancer Council application must be the same as that on the NHMRC Idea's Grant application.
- Current funding recipients applying for new funding should note that Cancer Council must have received all due Annual Progress, Final and Follow-up Reports.

4.1 Cross Cancer Council Scheme Eligibility

- Researchers from any Australian state or territory are eligible to apply for Cancer Council Project Grants.
- Researchers based in South Australia and Western Australia are eligible to apply to Cancer Council in their state AND Cancer Council funding.
- Researchers ineligible to apply for their state's grant scheme are still eligible to apply for a Cancer Council Project Grant.
- Applicants applying for funding from both their state's grant scheme and a Cancer Council Project Grant must adhere to the relevant scheme's eligibility criteria and guidelines. If both the state Cancer Council application and Cancer Council Project Grant application are successful, only one of the two offers can be accepted.

5. Funding Conditions

Cancer Council awards funding for discrete projects and does not permit grantees to hold duplicate funding for the same purpose from multiple sources. Cancer Council expects grant applicants to accept funding from other funding bodies (such as the NHMRC) if offered, allowing other Cancer Council applicants to be funded. Applicants who have been awarded funding from any other source for the same purpose will become ineligible if they do not decline additional offers. The CIA is required to inform Cancer Council immediately should funding from other sources for the same purpose, or parts of the same work, be awarded.

Cancer Council expects that successful applicants will participate in future Cancer Council review processes, as appropriate. From time to time, Cancer Council may request images, graphics or videos of the research project to be used for fundraising campaigns and other marketing purposes.

Cancer Council will not award any grant to any researcher or Administering Institution who receives funds, directly or indirectly, from the tobacco industry or organisations reasonably considered by Cancer Council to be associated with the tobacco industry. It is a condition of the award of the Research Grant that the Chief Investigator A does not receive funds to support their salary from the alcoholic beverage industry or organisations reasonably considered by Cancer Council to be associated with the alcoholic beverage industry. In addition the research project must not receive funds, directly or indirectly, from an industry materially involved in the manufacturing, distribution and/or marketing of tobacco or alcoholic beverages. If Cancer Council considers that the Chief Investigator A or the Administering Institution is in breach of these conditions, or reasonably believes that the integrity of the Project is threatened by influence from the tobacco and/or alcoholic beverage interests, it may elect to terminate the Research Grant Agreement immediately.

The grant must be spent wholly for the purposes for which it was requested and so certified by the CIA and the Administering Institution. If the research is terminated early or completed at a lower than initially envisaged cost, Cancer Council must be advised and any unspent funds returned.

Payments in respect of any grant shall be within the terms and conditions specified in the funding offer and set out in the Research Grant Agreement.

The Administering Institution ensures that more than 50% of the grant funding is spent on the Project in Australia.

6. Expenditure Guide

Cancer Council will support budget items that are integral to achieving the approved research and that are clearly outlined in the application. Use of grant money must be within the conditions stipulated in the signed Research Grant Agreement and consistent with the approved budget.

6.1 Acceptable Budget Items

Project Grant funds must only be used for costs associated directly with the proposed research in the application. The budget submitted within your application will be separated into the following categories:

- Personnel

- it is not the intent of Cancer Council to enable salary savings by the CI's institution, however, CI salary requests can be included in the budget if well justified. The Administering Institution must provide written assurance at time of award that the CI requesting salary support will be offered an employment contract exceeding the duration of Project Grant funding. If salary support for a CI is sought, Cancer Council reserves the right to request additional justification before agreeing to this funding.
- Services
 - publication costs (open access only)
 - ethics / governance costs for related research
 - Lived Experience remuneration (e.g. travel, time served on meeting, expenses)
 - Note that people with Lived Experience who are listed as Associate Investigators can still be remunerated in line with the Administering Institution's policies and procedures
 - Research services, e.g. sequencing costs, animal housing and others where applicable
- Equipment
 - equipment or apparatuses over \$10,000 must be specified in the application and may need additional justification
- Travel Costs
 - costs associated with domestic and international travel essential to the Project (economy travel only) as per approved budget
- Consumables

6.2 Unacceptable Budget Items

Budget items that will not be supported include overhead costs including but not limited to:

- operations and maintenance of buildings
- use of libraries
- hazardous waste disposal
- regulatory and research compliance
- Information Technology costs
- personal memberships of professional organisations and groups
- staff training and development costs not directly related to the Project
- research infrastructure including:
 - physical space and all the services associated with it
 - furniture for research staff
 - administrative services
 - office and laboratory services
 - computer networks and basic network utilities
 - personal computers
 - utilities (electricity / gas / water)
 - patent costs
 - Associate Investigators' salary
 - student scholarships
 - PhD stipends

6.3 Salary Support

Cancer Council follows NHMRC's Direct Research Costs Guidelines, with the exception of salary requests which are not restricted to NHMRC's pre-defined Personnel Support Package (PSP)

levels. Amounts requested for personnel support may cover all salary and salary on-costs (e.g., payroll tax, workers compensation, leave loading, and superannuation).

Grant-supported personnel will be employees of the Institution(s) in which the research is conducted and will be subject to the conditions of employment of those Institutions. Cancer Council will make no contribution to the costs of their employment outside the grant offered.

7. Application Submission Process

Applications to the Cancer Council Project Grants comprise:

1. NHMRC Ideas Grant application, to be submitted to the NHMRC in accordance with their guidelines.
2. Submission of a Cancer Council NSW application through our [grants portal](#), which includes Lived Experience targeted questions.

The Supplementary Questions included in the online grant submission form identify which Cancer Council(s) you are submitting your application to and seeks information specific to that Cancer Council. Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines of the Cancer Council(s) to which they are applying.

Information provided in the Supplementary Questions will not be provided to the NHMRC and is for the exclusive use of Cancer Council to assist consideration of funding applications.

NHMRC Ideas Grant application (requirements for Cancer Council funding)

1. Applications submitted via Sapphire must select "Cancer Council" as a funding option
2. Applicants must provide consent for NHMRC to release application data to partner organisations (that is, Cancer Council).

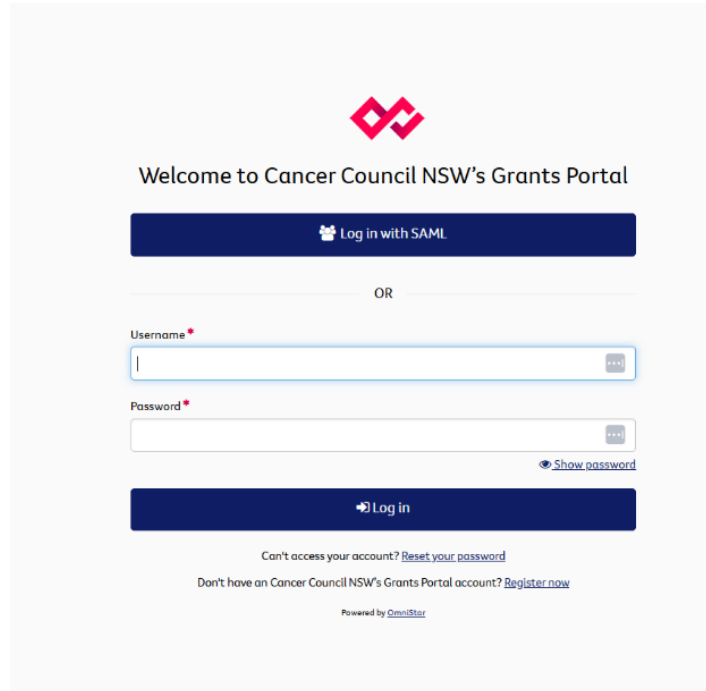
Visit the NHMRC [website](#) for information about applying to the Ideas Grant scheme and for access to Sapphire.

7.1 Cancer Council NSW grants portal

Cancer Council NSW has recently moved the application submission process to an [electronic grants portal](#).

Step 1: Create an account

Navigate to Cancer Council NSW's Grants portal [here](#) and select 'Register now'. If you experience any issues creating an account, please contact research@nswcc.org.au

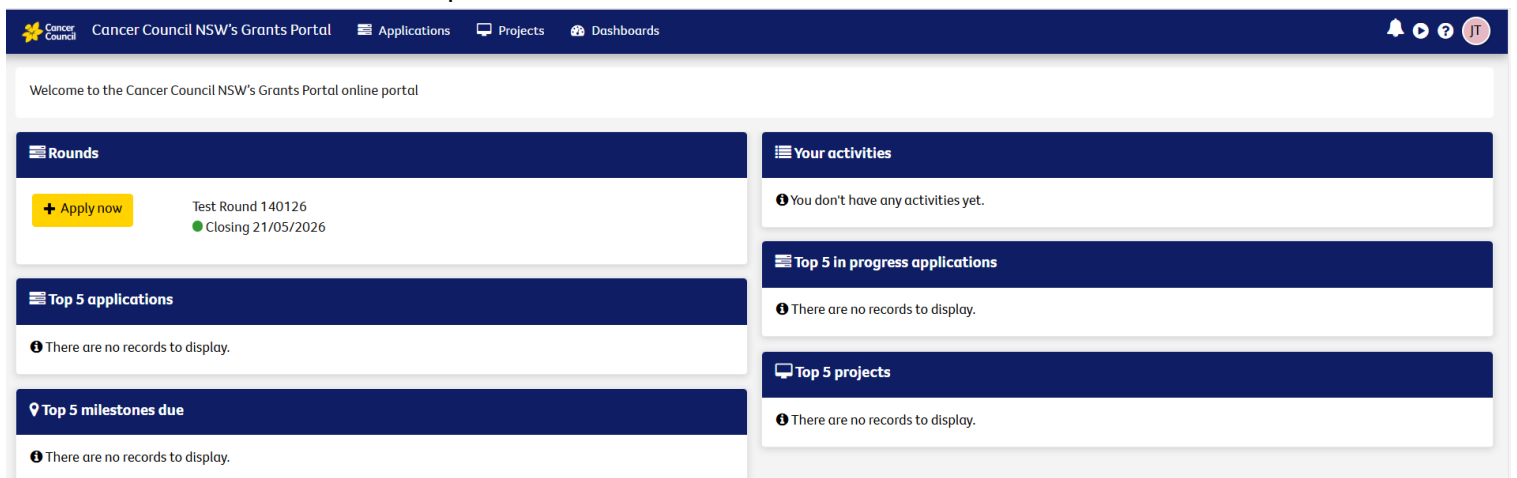


The screenshot shows the login page for the Cancer Council NSW Grants Portal. At the top center is the Cancer Council NSW logo, a red diamond shape. Below the logo, the text reads "Welcome to Cancer Council NSW's Grants Portal". There are two main login options: a dark blue button labeled "Log in with SAML" and a standard text input field for a username. Below the username field is a password field with a "Show password" link to its right. A "Log in" button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom, there are links for "Reset your password" and "Register now", and a small note "Powered by OmniStar".

Step 2: Apply for the given funding round

Once logged in, you can select 'apply now' on the homepage for any open funding round. Here you can also see any applications that are in progress, any active projects and also when any milestones, such as reports or payments, are due.

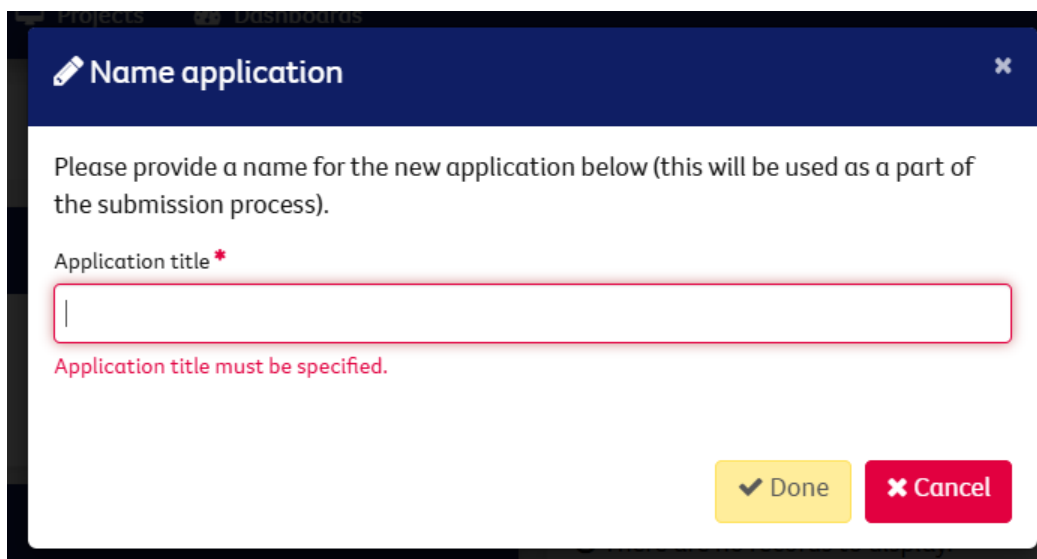
Note that when first logging in, the portal will prompt to give you a walkthrough of the system which we advise to complete.



The screenshot shows the dashboard of the Cancer Council NSW Grants Portal. The top navigation bar includes the Cancer Council logo, the portal name, and menu items for "Applications", "Projects", and "Dashboards". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Rounds" with an "Apply now" button and details for "Test Round 140126" (closing 21/05/2026); "Your activities" showing "You don't have any activities yet."; "Top 5 in progress applications" showing "There are no records to display."; "Top 5 applications" showing "There are no records to display."; and "Top 5 milestones due" showing "There are no records to display.".

Step 3: Enter application title

The portal will prompt you to enter a title for your new application, this must be the same title as your NHMRC application.



Step 4: complete the details of the application

The Supplementary Questions included in the online grant submission form identify which Cancer Council(s) you are submitting your application to and seeks information specific to that Cancer Council. Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines of the Cancer Council(s) to which they are applying.

Information provided in the portal will not be provided to the NHMRC and is for the exclusive use of Cancer Council to assist consideration of funding applications. The sections in the application are as follows:

Application Identifier:

- Application Identifier: Note that this automatically generated
- NHMRC Application Identifier: provide the 7-digit NHMRC application identifier
- You must upload a PDF or word document of the NHMRC Grant Proposal (the application report and application summary are not needed).
- Is your application being considered for funding by the NHMRC and/or Cancer Australia: select the relevant checkbox
- Which Cancer Council's are you applying to: select the relevant checkbox

Cancer Council NSW's Grants Portal Applications Projects Dashboards

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Cancer Council NSW Application Identifier *

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NHMRC Application Identifier *

Please upload your NHMRC Grant Proposal (pdf and word only) *

Drop files to attach, or [browse](#)

Max file size: 10 MB

Is your application also being considered for funding by the NHMRC and/or Cancer Australia? *

Yes
 No

Which Cancer Council's are you applying to? *

Cancer Council NSW's Project Grant Scheme is national and open to researchers from any Australian state/territory. Researchers in South Australia and Western Australia are eligible to apply to Cancer Council in their state AND to Cancer Council NSW. Researchers in all other states/territories are eligible to apply for Cancer Council NSW funding.

Cancer Council NSW
 Cancer Council South Australia
 Cancer Council NSW AND Cancer Council South Australia

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Eligibility:

- Is the Chief Investigator A (CIA) named as a CIA on more than one active Cancer Council NSW's Project Grant: note that as per our eligibility criteria this must be 'no'.
- Is the CIA named as CIB-CIJ on more than two active Project Grants: note that as per our eligibility criteria this must be 'no'.
- Is the majority of the research work facilitated in Australia: note that as per our eligibility criteria this must be 'yes'.
- Does the research proposal address Cancer Council NSW's Research Strategy priorities: note that as per our eligibility criteria this must be 'yes'.

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Eligibility Criteria

Is the Chief Investigator A (CIA) named as a CIA on more than one active Cancer Council NSW's Project Grant? *
Explanation: CIA can be named on two active Project Grants only.

Yes
 No

Is the CIA named as CIB-CIJ on more than two active Project Grants? *
Explanation: CIA can be named on only two active Project Grants as an CIB-CIJ.

Yes
 No

Is the majority of the research work facilitated in Australia? *

Yes
 No

Does the research proposal address Cancer Council NSW's Research Strategy priorities? *

Yes
 No

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Title and Project Summary

- Scientific Title: this must be the same as the application title and the NHMRC application title.
- Lay Title: this must be suitable for a lay audience.
- Scientific Project Summary (max 250 words): Provide a brief summary of your project
- Lay Project Summary (max 250 words): Provide a brief summary of your project that can be easily understood by a lay audience. Whilst this question will not be scored, it will be shared with the Lived Experience Review Panel to provide a high-level summary of the project.

The screenshot shows the 'Cancer Council NSW Application – Title and Project Summary' form. The left sidebar lists various application stages, with 'Title and Project Summary' selected. The main content area contains four text input fields: 'Scientific Title', 'Lay Title', 'Scientific Project Summary (max 250 words)', and 'Lay Project Summary (max 250 words)'. Each field has a 'Previous' button to the left and a 'Next' button to the right. The 'Scientific Project Summary' field shows '243 words remaining' and the 'Lay Project Summary' field shows '234 words remaining'. The top navigation bar includes 'Applications', 'Projects', and 'Dashboards' tabs, and a notification icon.

Contacts

- Complete this section with the relevant details for the Research Admin Officer, the Chief Investigator(s) and the Associate Investigator(s) (where applicable).
- Note that there is a dropdown list of institutions, and many of these have their details prepopulated. If the details are not automatically prepopulated for your institution, then you must select 'Institution not found in database' and enter the details manually.

The screenshot shows the 'Cancer Council NSW Application – Contacts' form. The left sidebar lists various application stages, with 'Contacts' selected. The main content area is titled 'Administering Institution' and includes an explanatory note: 'Explanation: Please include name and department address of the Institution's Research Admin Officer (RAO)'. The form contains several input fields: 'Title', 'First Name of RAO', 'Middle Name of RAO', and 'Last Name of RAO'. Below these is a dropdown menu for 'Institution' with a checkbox option 'Institution not found in database (Please provide details manually)'. Further down are fields for 'ABN', 'Address', 'State', 'Telephone', 'Department', 'Suburb', 'Postcode', and 'Email'. The top navigation bar and sidebar are consistent with the previous screenshot.

Declaration	Chief Investigator A			
	Title *	First Name *	Middle Name	Last Name *
	Gender *	Which of the following best describes you? *		
	Institution *			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Institution not found in database (Please provide details manually)			
	ABN *	Department *		
	Address *	Suburb *		
	State *	Postcode *		
	Telephone	Email *		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Is the CIA an Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident or has the Australian working rights for the duration of the project? *			
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Do you have PhD Award?			
	Expertise and Contribution to the project (200 words max) *			
Institution where most of the research work will be facilitated by CIA				
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Institution is same as above selected			
	Institution *			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Institution not found in database (Please provide details manually)			
	ABN *	Department *		
	Address *	Suburb *		
	State *	Postcode *		
	RRMA Classification *			
	For more information, please click here			
	Chief Investigator B-J			
	Please list all Chief Investigators who will be named on the Cancer Council NSW application, and their Institution. There can be NO changes to the list and sequence from the NHMRC listed Chief Investigators.			
	<input type="button" value="+ Add Another"/>			
	Associate Investigators			

Scope of Research and Budget:

- Project Start date: automatically pre-populated dependent on the grant funding round being applied for.
- Project end date: automatically pre-populated dependent on the grant funding round being applied for.
- Project Timeline (max 2500 characters): Include a timeline which details the measurable milestones and deliverables you expect to achieve in the given period in your funding term. To clearly demonstrate the expected progression of your project, please list every milestone and deliverable you expect to achieve and when you expect to achieve it, including employment of staff, ethics approval, development of study measures, data collection (e.g. expected recruitment numbers within the time period), data analysis, manuscript preparation).
- NHMRC Ideas Grant Budget: detail the original NHMRC Budget.
- CCNSW Project Grant Budget: detail the requested Cancer Council NSW and/or Cancer Council SA budget. CCNSW Project grants are valued between \$300,000 to \$600,000 over three years

- Justification for salary requests, e.g. Time Commitment in FTE *
- Modifications of NHMRC proposal: Applicants must explain how they will modify the aims and objectives of the proposed study to fit within the funding limits of the Cancer Council scheme.

Cancer Council NSW's Grants Portal

Application Identifier: Cancer Council NSW Scope of Research & Budget

Project Start Date: 01/04/2026

Project End Date: 31/03/2029

Project Timeline (max 2500 characters)

Explanation: Include a timeline which details the measurable milestones and deliverables you expect to achieve in the given period in your funding term. To clearly demonstrate the expected progression of your project, please list every milestone and deliverable you expect to achieve and when you expect to achieve it, including employment of staff, ethics approval, development of study measures, data collection (eg. expected recruitment numbers within the time period), data analysis, manuscript preparation).

Milestone 1: [Empty field] Start: [Empty field] Finish: [Empty field]

Deliverable 1: [Empty field] Start: [Empty field] End: [Empty field]

+ Add Another

Cancer Council NSW's Grants Portal

Project Budget

NHMRC Ideas Grant Budget

Explanation: Please detail the original NHMRC Budget in the Table.

Item *	Year 1 *	Year 2 *	Year 3 *	Total
[Empty field]	[Empty field]	[Empty field]	[Empty field]	[Empty field]
Description	[Empty text area]			

+ Add Another

NHMRC Budget Summary

Total	Year 1 Total: \$0.00	Year 2 Total: \$0.00	Year 3 Total: \$0.00	Total: \$0.00
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Clearance Requirements:

- Does the research proposal require/involve Human Ethics: if yes, you must provide your Human Ethics Approval Number and upload the approval letter, if available, or explain when you plan to submit your application and the expected approval date
- Does the research proposal require/involve Animal Ethics: if yes, you must provide your Animal Ethics Approval Number and upload the approval letter, if available, or explain when you plan to submit your application and the expected approval date
- Does the research proposal involve organisms being genetically manipulated such that they fall under current guidelines issued by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator and are the respective approvals/licences in place?

Funding from Other Sources:

- Is this project directly leveraging funding from other source: If yes, you must provide details of the other funding you are leveraging.

Data Collection

- What Tumour Type of cancer does your project focus on: Identify a maximum of 3 tumour types where the research will be most relevant.
- Age Group: Select the most relevant age group(s)
- Broad Research Area: Select the most relevant research area
- Research Focus: select which populations or areas your research addresses, if any.
- Common Scientific Outline: Identify a maximum of 3 sub-categories that best describes your project as per the [ICRP guidelines](#).

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What Tumour Type of cancer does your project focus on? *

Explanation: Identify a maximum of 3 tumour types where the research will be most relevant. Indicate the degree of relevance (percentage).

Cancer *	Percentage (%) *
+ Add Another	

Total: 0%

Age Group *

Explanation: Select the most relevant age group(s)

Children (0-14)
 Adolescent and Young Adults (15-24)
 Adults (24+)

Broad Research Area *

Explanation: Select the most relevant research area (select one only)

Research Focus

Does your Research Focus address the following populations?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
 Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD)
 Low SES
 Regional and Rural
 Other

Does your Research Focus address the following areas?

Low survival cancers
 Rare Cancers
 Other

Common Scientific Outline *

Explanation: The NCI Common Scientific Outline (CSO) is an international classification system organized around six broad areas of scientific interest in cancer research to lay the framework for better coordination among research organizations and funding agencies. To view category descriptions in full, click [here](#).

Identify a maximum of 3 **sub-categories** that best describes your project.

Category *	
Sub-category *	

Lived Experience (Consumer) Targeted Questions:

The Lived Experience Review responses require applicants to illustrate how the proposed research Project will address the five criteria:

- Magnitude of problem and extent of benefit (350 words max)
- Pathway for realising the benefit (350 words max)
- Potential for application of findings (350 words max)
- Equity (350 words max)
- Lived Experience Involvement (350 words max)

Please refer to the Lived Experience Review Guidelines which can be found on the Cancer Council [website](#) for further guidance on completing this section, which will be reviewed by the Lived Experience Review Panel.

- Cancer Council's Lived Experience Review Panel will be provided with *only* the responses to the Lived Experience Review Form questions. Ensure the Lived Experience Review responses can be read as stand-alone information, without reference to the NHMRC application and Supplementary Questions responses.

- Please ensure that the questions are addressed in lay and accessible language, providing the relevant information only. Word limits refer to the maximum length allowable but do not need to be fully used.
- Please involve your named person with Lived Experience in filling in these forms to ensure the responses are easily understandable to lay people without a research specific background. The person with Lived Experience review will constitute a large part of your final application scoring.

Consumer targeted questions

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Explanation: Please follow the Consumer Review Guidelines [hyperlink]

Please provide a lay summary of the project (700 words max) to support the Consumer Review. *

Magnitude of problem and extent of benefit (350 words max) *

Explanation: Describe the problem you are addressing with your research and explain how the results of your research will have an important positive impact on human lives, including any of the following aspects: disease causation, prevention, diagnosis; treatment; physical and/or mental and/or social wellbeing; quality of life, dignity, and survival.

This criterion is worth 20% of the Consumer Review score.

- Describe the extent of the problem and its importance.
- Provide epidemiological background.
- Explain how the research will lead to tangible benefits to human life.
- Explain the importance of the benefits, and the probability of achieving these benefits.

Pathway for realising the benefit (350 words max) *

Explanation: Provide a clear description of the steps required to reach the stated end benefits of the research. Steps should begin with the aims in the current project and, if necessary, beyond the current project. Include a timeframe for each of the steps.

This criterion is worth 20% of the Consumer Review score.

Potential for application of findings (350 words max) *

Explanation: Explain how the research in the current study and, if necessary beyond the current study, will be applied in the real world (over the short, medium or long term) to achieve the stated benefits. Describe the barriers you need to address to be successful and how you propose to address them, and how the outcomes will be enabled or facilitated.

This criterion is worth 20% of the Consumer Review score.

Equity (350 words max) *

Explanation: Justify the selection of the study sample and explain why you have included and excluded particular groups who could potentially benefit from the outcomes of this research. If relevant, outline how the proposal addresses an under-studied or under-served population and/or a population with a high burden of disease or poorer outcomes.

This criterion is worth 20% of the Consumer Review score.

Consumer Involvement (350 words max) *

Explanation: Outline how relevant informed consumers (cancer patients, survivors, carers, family member or friend of someone diagnosed with cancer or community members) have been involved during the development of the research proposal, and describe the plan for ongoing consumer involvement over the course of the research.

This criterion is worth 20% of the Consumer Review score.

- Name(s) of consumer(s) involved in this project.
- Describe how the consumer(s) is/are qualified to be involved in the project (refer to the Consumer Review Guidelines for a list of recognised experiences).
- Specify the network in which the consumer(s) is/are engaged.
- Describe the involvement of the consumer(s) to date (include examples of consumer involvement activities).
- Specify how the consumer(s) will be involved for the duration of the project

Note: To satisfy eligibility requirements, at least one named and qualified consumer must be involved in the research proposal (refer to the Consumer Review Guidelines).

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Lived Experience (consumer) Consent:

This section must be completed by the named person with Lived Experience (consumer), note that the CIA will be unable to sign this section.

- You must first 'invite user to register or share application' and then enter the email address of the named person with Lived Experience. You must ensure they have 'edit access' and not just 'view access'. [invite user to register or share application](#)
- The person with Lived Experience will then receive an email inviting them to edit the application. The CIA, or delegated person, should support the person with Lived Experience to complete this section for the first time.
- The person with Lived Experience must then complete this section with the relevant information, including:
 - Name
 - If they are a Chief Investigator or Associate Investigator
 - Telephone
 - Email address: note that the email address entered in this section must match the email address of the account of the person with Lived Experience, or they will be unable to provide their signature below.
 - Affiliated Institution (if applicable)
 - Completion of Lived Experience (Consumer) Training
 - Research Type
 - Reasoning for being named on the application
 - Signature: note that only the named person with Lived Experience will be able to sign this section, provided that they are logged in with the same email address as listed above.
- Note that the CIA will not receive a notification once the person with Lived Experience has completed this section, so we advise that your person with Lived Experience contacts you upon completion of this section.

Note that multiple people are unable to work on a single application at a time, so the CIA must exit the application before the person with Lived Experience is able to edit this page.

Cancer Council NSW's Grants Portal Applications Projects Dashboards

Application Identifier ✓

Cancer Council NSW Application – Eligibility ✓

Cancer Council NSW Application – Title and Project Summary ✓

Cancer Council NSW Application – Contacts ✗

Relevance ✓

Cancer Council NSW Scope of Research & Budget ✓

Clearance Requirements ✓

Funding From Other Sources ✓

Data Collection ✓

Consumer targeted questions ✓

Consumer Consent

Declaration

Consumer Consent

Explanation: This page is meant to be filled in by the named Consumer(s) on the research proposal

Title First Name * Middle Name Last Name *

First Name is required Last Name is required

Named as AI or CI? *
 Yes
 No

Telephone * Email *

Telephone is required Email is required

Is there any affiliated Institution? *
 Yes
 No

Have you completed a relevant consumer training or are you working in Consumer in Research for more than 2 years?
 Yes
 No

What Research Type does this research work include? *

What Research Type does this research work include? is required

What is your reasoning for being a named consumer on the project proposal? *

What is your reasoning for being a named consumer on the project proposal? is required

Please certify that you agree to be a named consumer on the project proposal by providing your signature. *
 You need to hover over the field with the cursor to be able to sign with the cursor

Sign above

+ Add Another

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Declaration:

- The CIA details will automatically be pulled through from the application details, and the CIA must select 'I agree to the above declaration' to be able to submit the application.

Cancer Council NSW's Grants Portal Applications Projects Dashboards

Application > 2026/RG0000 - Test

Invite user to register or share application

Application Identifier ✓

Cancer Council NSW Application – Eligibility ✓

Cancer Council NSW Application – Title and Project Summary ✓

Cancer Council NSW Application – Contacts ✓

Relevance ✓

Cancer Council NSW Scope of Research & Budget ✓

Clearance Requirements ✓

Declaration

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I, the Chief Investigator A, declare that:

- All the details supplied in this application form and in the attached documents are true and correct.
- I have read the accompanying guidelines and information to applicants provided with this application form and meet the general eligibility criteria.
- Cancer Council NSW will be contacted immediately if any information provided in this application changes or is incorrect.
- Cancer Council NSW reserves the right to contact the Administering Institution to confirm the application has been reviewed and approved.
- The Administering Institution has approved the application and authorised the respective investigator to submit the Application.
- I meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the guidelines.

I agree to the above declaration *

Title First Name Last Name

Miss Jasmine Tomlinson

Previous Submit

Submission:

- After submitting the application, we advise that you download the application and share with your RAO and any relevant investigators, as appropriate.

- Upon submission, you will receive an email notification confirming your submission.
- Note that you will be unable to edit the application after submission, but you can return to the portal and view your submitted application. If you require further edits to your application following submission, please contact research@nswcc.org.au
- You will not be able to submit any application, or request any changes to a submitted application, after the deadline.

Application submission

Select the application attachments you wish to download:

[All application forms and attachments \(.zip\)](#)

This package of files contains your application content, attachments, and other files supporting your application.

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8. Cancer Council Review Process

Cancer Council’s research funding comes from donations from the general public. Consequently, funding research that is both of significant scientific merit and of value to the community we serve and represent helps to ensure Cancer Council responds to the genuine requirements of the community that supports us. Review of applications occurs in two stages. Applications are initially reviewed through the NHMRC Ideas Grant peer review process. Those applicants highly assessed by the NHMRC but unsuccessful in obtaining Ideas Grant funding are then reviewed for benefit and community engagement by Cancer Council’s Lived Experience Review Panel.

Applicant responses in the Lived Experience review form will be scored against the Lived Experience review criteria by a panel of trained research Lived Experience people (the Lived Experience Review Panel) convened by Cancer Council. To determine the final ranking of applications, equal weighting is given to the NHMRC scientific review score and the Lived Experience review score, that is, the Lived Experience Review Panel score comprises 50% of the final score assigned during the assessment process.

After Lived Experience review both scores (NHMRC and Lived Experience review) are considered equally, and a final ranked list will be established. This list will be reviewed by the Cancer Research Committee (CRC, please see below) and the top ranked eligible applications suggested for funding to the Board. The decision of the Board is final.

More information about Cancer Council’s application and assessment processes can be found on Cancer Council’s [website](#).

8.1 Cancer Research Committee

The Cancer Research Committee (CRC) is established as a committee of the Cancer Council Board and provides oversight and strategic guidance for Cancer Council NSW's research funding program. Members of the CRC are researchers with a wide range of expertise, including clinical research, members of the cancer community, the Chief Executive Officer of Cancer Council and a representative of the Board.

The Cancer Research Committee has responsibility to ensure that procedures for allocating research funding and monitoring research progress and outputs are rigorous, transparent and systematic and conform to the highest standards of accountability and strict governance.

9. Grant Administration

9.1 Research Grant Agreement

After Board approval funding offers will be made to the successful applicants and their Administering Institutions. Upon acceptance of the offer, a Research Grant Agreement will be issued to the Administering Institution. The Administering Institution and CIA must accept the terms of the Research Grant Agreement and sign the Agreement before payments are made. No changes to the Agreement are allowable. It is recommended all parties familiarise themselves with the Research Grant Agreement prior to submission. The Research Grant Agreement is available to review on Cancer Council's [website](#). Please find key dates and deadlines in Table 1.

Table 1 Key Dates and Deadlines

Date	Milestone
13 March 2026	NHMRC Ideas Grant / Cancer Council Project Grant applications open
08 April 2026	Minimum data due for NHMRC Ideas Grant via Sapphire
6 May 2026	Closing date for NHMRC Ideas Grant applications via Sapphire
03 July 2026	Closing date for submission of Cancer Council Project Grants application via the Cancer Council online grant submission form.
Approx. December 2026	Cancer Council Lived Experience Review Panel convenes 4-6 weeks after NHMRC funding outcomes are released.
February 2027	Council Cancer NSW Board convenes. Cancer Council advises applicants of funding outcomes

Note: If NHMRC's Ideas Grant timeline is delayed, other key dates may also be delayed.

10. Reporting

CIs are contractually required to report on progress of their funded projects. Annual Progress Reports and a Final Report outlining the progress versus agreed milestones, research outputs and financials will be submitted using the Cancer Council NSW provided templates.

Annual Reports are to be provided following Year 1 and 2 of the grant, and the Final Report will be provided following the final year (year 3) of the project.

2 years following the project end date (year 5) Cancer Council NSW requests the submission of a short Follow-Up Report to measure impact of the funded research (See Figure 1). Submission of this report forms part of the requirements for funding. Please see the Research Grant Agreement for details.

All grants will have a start date of 1st April, unless otherwise specified. All reports are due on or before 1st May each year.

Failure to submit reports on time may lead to suspension of funding as outlined in the Research Grant Agreement. Cancer Council reserves the right to recommend the suspension and/or termination of funding to a grant if progress is unsatisfactory. Successful CIs will be required to submit regular Financial Reports outlining expenditure of funds in relation to the grant. Cancer Council reserves the right to withhold payment if more than 50% of the budget in the reporting period is underspent, or if there are significant issues.

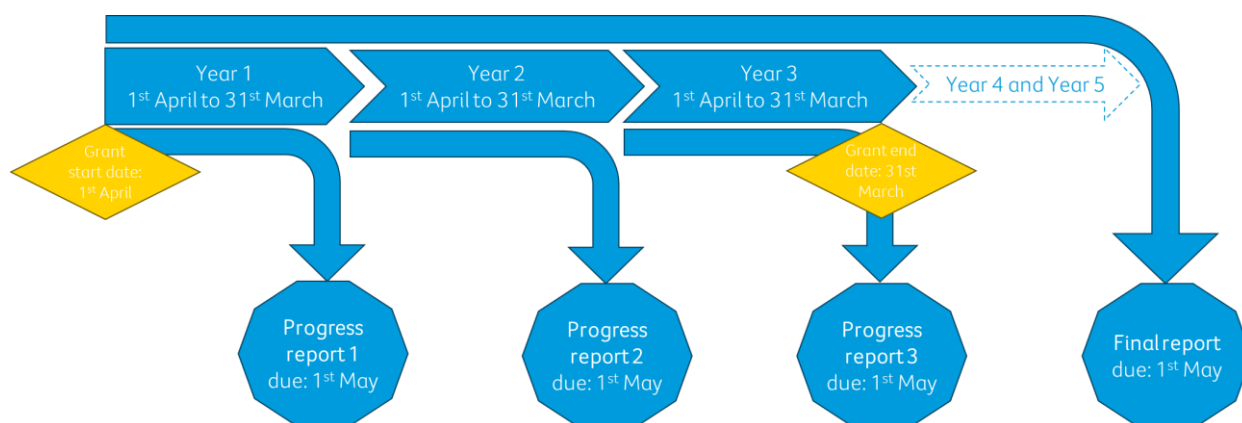


Figure 1 Cancer Council's Project Grants Reporting Schedule.

11. Variation Requests

Administering Institutions/CIA can request variations related to the Project, which must be submitted through the grants portal.

Examples of variation requests include:

- No-cost extensions
- Changes to personnel
- Budget reallocation >25%

Decisions on variation requests are at the absolute discretion of Cancer Council.

12. Enquiries

For enquiries about the **Cancer Council** Grants, please contact research@nswcc.org.au.

For enquiries about the **NHMRC** application process contact the NHMRC Research Help Centre on 1800 500 983 or email help@nhmrc.gov.au.