

## Monash Health Foundation – COVID-19 funding application

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### Call for applications

Monash Health Foundation has run a public appeal to raise money for COVID-19 research. So far, more than \$450,000 has been raised. These funds are now being made available to support promising COVID-19 research being conducted at Monash Health.

#### 1.1 Eligible projects

Eligible research studies must be directly relevant to COVID-19 and its impacts on either:

- patient health and wellbeing at either an individual or population level; or
- health service delivery to provide safe and high quality care for affected or at risk patients.

Studies may include clinical research, social research, clinical trials, registries, or workplace studies.

To ensure that these funds are disbursed to leverage the most significant research outcomes for Monash Health, studies must:

- be led by a Monash Health employee;
- have been granted, or at minimum have submitted an application for, HREC and Governance approval;
- demonstrate that the funds will allow the study, or a specified part of it, to achieve a significant outcome that could not be achieved without the funding.

#### 1.2 Funds available

The total amount of funding available for COVID research at this time is approximately \$450,000. Requests of up to \$100,000 will be considered from eligible expressions of interest.

#### 1.3 Expression of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited and must address the following questions:

**Question 1:** Provide the title and a brief description of the funding proposal (up to 100 words).

**Question 2:** Outline the aims, objectives, background, research plan and timeline (up to 800 words).

**Question 3:** Explain how the expected research outcomes will improve our understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 on the health of individuals or on health service delivery (up to 600 words).

**Question 4:** Outline how the funds will be used to deliver project outcomes above and beyond what could otherwise be achieved (up to 300 words).

**Question 5:** Detail the core project team including Monash Health researchers involved, other study partners and collaborators, and a summary of respective roles and specialist expertise (up to 200 words).

**Question 6:** Specify all other funding sources, from any source, including health service, university, research institute, industry, philanthropy and detail any partner’s financial contribution to this research (up to 200 words).

**Question 7:** Provide a brief plan of how the outcome of the research will be shared with the Foundation, so that they may communicate this to the broader community who have contributed to funding the research (up to 200 words).

#### 1.4 Due dates for Expressions of Interest

Completed Expressions of Interest must be submitted to [research@monashhealth.org](mailto:research@monashhealth.org) by no later than **11:59 pm on Monday 14 September 2020**.

#### 1.5 Assessment Criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed by a multidisciplinary research panel using the assessment criteria and weightings detailed in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 – Criteria and weighting**

Criteria		Weighting
<b>1.</b>	<b>Research proposal</b>	<b>30%</b>
	Research proposal clearly addresses the Project Eligibility Requirements and Research proposal questions	
	Itemised Project budget (including consumables, staffing, software, statistical review, etc) that clearly demonstrates how the requested funds will be used to deliver project outcomes above and beyond what could otherwise be achieved	
	Research proposal identifies current status, aims, background, research plan, feasibility, timelines/duration and expected benefits	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Research Team</b>	<b>30%</b>
	Composition, experience, roles and structure of the project team including collaborators and partners	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Project Outcomes</b>	<b>40%</b>
	Research directly related to coronavirus (COVID-19)	
	Research outcomes address an identified need	
	Evidence that funding will help achieve a significant outcome that would not otherwise be achieved	
	Willingness to share project outcomes to meet the promotional and reporting needs of the Monash Health Foundation	
	Project implementation timeframe	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>