

CANCER COUNCIL TASMANIA GRANT SCHEME APPLICATION

For Funding in 2025

Electronic Submissions are due to admin@cancertas.org.au on 25 October 2024

Eligibility

- The scheme is open to researchers in all faculties and institutes of the University of Tasmania, departments within Tasmanian hospitals, and the Department of Health. The priority area is cancer control. This includes research on reducing the incidence and impact of cancer on individuals and the community. It includes every aspect of cancer control, including supportive care, prevention and early detection, behavioural research, and translation of findings into positive patient outcomes. It encompasses population health strategies, medical research, and clinical and psychosocial care.
- Early career applicants are encouraged to seek the support of mentors in preparing their application.
- An individual can only be listed on one grant as a lead chief investigator (CI) at any one time. Achievement of deliverables on previous Cancer Council Tasmania grants will be considered when assessing requests.
- Closing date and time of the scheme, formatting length and supporting documentation requirements must be strictly adhered to. Applicants not meeting these requirements will not be eligible for funding.
- The scheme seeks to fund new and innovative projects, not to co-fund projects already receiving funds from other granting bodies.
- Preference will be given to applicants without current research grants or scholarship support from Cancer Council Tasmania.
- Persons who are applicants for or in receipt of tobacco industry funding are not eligible to apply for or receive funding from Cancer Council Tasmania. Staff of institutions receiving funding from the tobacco industry will also not be eligible to apply for or receive funding from Cancer Council Tasmania.

Assessment Criteria

- Quality of the research proposal, including feasibility and budget (50%)
- Research capacity, including track record and research team (25%)
 - Applications with an early career researcher as the lead investigator will receive an additional 20% weighting in this category. Please indicate on the form if you are an early career researcher. This includes those who obtained their PhD or highest degree ≤ 5 FTE years ago or who have had no grants as a lead investigator ($> \$10,000$). If you are unsure whether you meet this criterion, please get in touch with Cancer Council Tasmania.
- Research significance and innovation, including alignment with the strategic direction of CCT and broader contribution to the field of research (25%).

Assessment Process

- Full electronic applications must be submitted to admin@cancertas.org.au.
- Applications will be distributed to a review panel comprised of members of the Scientific and Research Committee (SARC), who will individually assess, score and rank applications.
- The panel will meet to moderate and then consolidate scores and rankings and, where necessary, provide brief comments against the selection criteria.
- The full SARC will discuss ranked applications, and funding recommendation(s) will be put to the CCT Board.
- Successful applicants will be informed in early December 2024, and unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback from SARC (if requested).

Conditions of Grant

1. The funding term is 12 months, and the project is to be completed within this timeframe.
2. Funding cannot be used to support institutional infrastructure costs.
3. As the application outlines, research funding must be spent by the project's close date. Unspent funds will be reclaimed.
4. Progress reports and a final Report on the approved template, must be submitted.
5. No part of the funding will be used for external conference attendance.
6. If a sole CI leaves their current employment, the grant must be relinquished.
7. Funding cannot be used for CI salaries or to fund a Research Higher Degree candidate's stipend or fees.
8. Funding is subject to investigators submitting ethics by March 2025 and obtaining relevant ethics committee approval (if required).
9. Grant recipients must advise Cancer Council Tasmania of publications related to the grant research project, and any publications should acknowledge the support of Cancer Council Tasmania.
10. A presentation must be given to the Scientific and Research Committee and/or Cancer Council Tasmania.

Project Scientific Title			
Project Lay Title			
Chief Investigator Details			
Lead CI			
Highest qualification			
School/Faculty/Institute where project is to be conducted			
Early career researcher	YES ☐ NO ☐		
Phone			
Email			
Investigator Details			
Name			
Highest qualification			
School/Faculty/Institute			
Early career researcher	YES ☐ NO ☐		
Phone			
Email			
Investigator Details			
Name			
Highest qualification			
School/Faculty/Institute			
Early career researcher	YES ☐ NO ☐		
Phone			
Email			
Ethics approval			
Required for project	YES ☐ NO ☐		
Received	YES ☐ NO ☐		
KEY DATES			
Event	Date		
Application Submission due to admin@cancertas.org.au	25 th October 2024		
Assessment by external assessors	by 11 th November 2024		
CCT SARC meeting	20 th November 2024		
CCT Board meeting	28 th November 2024		
Funding Announcement	December 2024		
Funding Available	From January 2025		
Final Report Due	31 March 2025		
KEY CONTACTS			
Cancer Council Tasmania	Administration	Ph: 6169 1900	E: admin@cancertas.org.au
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Project Details (four pages maximum in 12pt font, plus one page for references in 10pt font)

Research Proposal (50%)

- Include: Project Title; aims and hypotheses; research plan, including background and methods; timeline, including likely outputs within the 12-month grant term
- Research Budget – refer to the template below

Research significance and innovation (25%)

- Include:
 1. How does your project align with the CCT Research principles of:
 - a. Fostering Tasmanian researchers of the future
 - b. Creating a better linkage between research and health outcomes
 - c. Involving a multi-disciplinary, institutional and sectoral collaboration
 - d. Encouraging innovation in research
 - e. Supporting research directly relevant to the work of the Cancer Council Tasmania

Research Capacity (25%)

In a separate attachment, include the following for each investigator:

- A list of publications and grants (include the title of the project, investigators, funding body, total amount, and years funded) within the last 6 years (including this current year).
- A track record statement for the CI's team
 - Description of key research outputs, including most significant publications and those that demonstrate collaboration between team members
 - Contribution to discipline or area, which includes, but is not limited to, invitations to speak at meetings, conferences or contributions to the development of policy or clinical guidelines
 - Other research-related achievements. These could include influence on policy or practice or community engagement
- Career interruptions can be detailed in a separate attachment if appropriate.

Funding and Budget Information				
Applicants must include all requested funding, in-kind support and cash contributions for the project. Delete or add rows as required.				
Item description	In-kind	Non-CCT cash	CCT request	Priority*
Personnel (including salary on-costs)				
Equipment (if >25% of total requested, please provide further details and a quotation)				
Consumables				
Research Governance/Ethics Fees				
Other				
Totals	\$	\$	\$	
Total funding requirements for the project from all sources (excluding GST)	\$			
Funds requested in this application (excluding GST)	\$			

***Priority Codes:**

A = items absolutely essential – without this funding the project cannot proceed

B = important items – without this funding, the project could commence/continue but would be restricted

C = valuable items – these items will improve the efficiency of the project

Other current and pending financial support for this project		
If this project is under consideration for or has funding from any other funding body, applicants must provide details including the funding body, award type, name, category, date when outcome will become known and reference/application number is known.		
Funding Source Details	Support received (\$)	Support requested (\$)

Attachments to Research Proposal	
1.	Budget Template
2.	List of publications and grants in the previous 6 years
3.	Track record statement(s)
4.	Career disruptions
5.	Plain language summary
6.	Evidence of ethics approval (if required for the project i.e. ethics number or letter of approval)

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Faculty Assessment:		
Criterion:	Score (1 to 7):	7 = outstanding by international standards
Proposal (50%)		6 = excellent
Capacity (25%)		5 = very good
Significance (25%)		4 = good
Overall		3 = marginal
		2 = unsatisfactory
		1 = poor
		For significance, for a project to score a 6 or 7 it must clearly align with the CCT Research Principles

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