RES-ON Research Funding Program

Application form

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|  | **Closing Date: 14 August 2025**  **Recipients announced: 11 September 2025** |

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROGRAM**

The RES-ON research funding program provides seed funding for research and evaluation projects that either develop evidence for healthcare interventions, or implement research findings into health care with the aim of improving services in South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD). The program also provides the opportunity for clinician researchers to gain exposure, support and mentoring from SESLHD and its research and academic partners.

Applications must demonstrate the potential of the project for delivering value in healthcare. This includes the piloting and development of methods, treatments, policies, devices, technology and systems to optimise the design, conduct and outcomes of healthcare and health and medical research.

Two RES-ON grant funding streams will be offered in 2025:

1. **Translational research scheme** that involves the implementation and uptake of interventions into health care services that have already been demonstrated to be efficacious; including Replicability and adaptability; Effectiveness, Scalability and Monitoring studies in the [Sax Institute Translational Research Framework](https://www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/app/uploads/2019/02/Translational-Research-Grants-Scheme-translation-research-framework.pdf)
2. **Evidence-generating research** **scheme** that involves research projects that develop the evidence for new interventions, including Idea Generation, Feasibility and Efficacy studies in the [Sax Institute Translational Research Framework](https://www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/app/uploads/2019/02/Translational-Research-Grants-Scheme-translation-research-framework.pdf)

The call for submissions for the Translational Research Scheme will be in July 2025, and the call for the Evidence-generating scheme will be in September 2025.

Applicants must submit a complete application form, including Head of Department endorsement, for review by a panel from the SESLHD Collaborative Research Committee. The recipients(s) of the RES-ON research funding program will be awarded up to $40,000 per project from the SESLHD Collaborative Research Committee to enable progression of the research.

**ELIGIBILITY**

* The applicant must be the principal or lead investigator for the conduct of the project within SESLHD and they must demonstrate current employment at SESLHD.
* The research project team can consist of up to 6 members, with at least 50% representation from SESLHD employees (including the project lead).
* Head of Department endorsement of the application form. This confirms that resources are available to support the project through ethics and governance review, backfill arrangements and/or dedicated time to support project delivery, project mentoring, any in-kind support and support for implementation and translation.
* Heads of Department cannot endorse any project for which they are an investigator or for which they will be involved in data analysis, interpretation and report or manuscript writing as this represents a conflict of interest. Where the Head of Department has such involvement the signed endorsement for the project must come from the line manager of the Head of Department.
* None of the researchers listed in the application can be aligned with, or work within a research group or unit in SESLHD that is a non-contributing (opted out) RFA to the CRC RFA fund. Clarify with your Head of Department and Finance Department if uncertain.
* Agreed to these terms and conditions and forwarded the completed, signed application to [SESLHD-CollaborativeResearchCommittee@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SESLHD-CollaborativeResearchCommittee@health.nsw.gov.au) by **14 August 2025**.

**GENERAL** **INFORMATION**

* Successful grant funds will be transferred into the nominated departmental cost centre of the project lead within SESLHD and cannot be deposited into an account external to SESLHD.
* Where researchers have previously been successful in obtaining RES-ON funding for a project, those researchers are eligible to apply for funding in subsequent RES-ON rounds but not for the same project unless there is substantive change to that project (ie. a later phase or iteration of the project).
* Where researchers have previously been **unsuccessful** in obtaining RES-ON funding for a project, those researchers are eligible to apply for funding in subsequent RES-ON rounds for the same project with an improved application.
* Coaching and support will be provided as required from the recipient’s department and academic partners, as per the endorsement of the application. Additional support may be offered to applicants by the SESLHD Research Support Office.
* Applicants will be provided with feedback for unsuccessful applications from the CRC panel review process, which may be used to modify their application for subsequent RES-ON rounds.
* The assessment of applications and decisions of SESLHD CRC in awarding funds in the RES-ON funding program will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
* SESLHD reserves its rights with respect to ownership of intellectual property resulting from commercialisation or other uses of the project in proportion to its direct and indirect contributions, in line with the *NSW Health Policy Intellectual Property arising from Health Research PD2023\_007* or equivalent policy document.

**TENURE**

* The RES-ON research funding shall be tenable for up to 24 months from the commencement date of the research project.
* Where researchers are unable to complete their project within 24 months, they must apply to the CRC for an extension and submit a progress report.
* The applicant must have commenced or will commence their research within 12 months of the funding being awarded. A request to defer payment of the award will only be considered subject to approval from the Chair, SESLHD Collaborative Research Committee.

**FUNDING**

* The RES-ON research funding program provides up to $40,000 per project.
* Funds will not be provided directly to the applicant but will be allocated to an appropriate departmental SESLHD cost centre.
* Recipients will receive 50% of the awarded amount within 30 days of grant announcement, allocated to their department’s cost centre. The remaining 50% will be paid upon submission of the final report, or as per agreed milestones and deliverables as stated in the Letter of Award.
* Unused funds will be returned to the SESLHD Collaborative Research Committee.
* If the project requires funding greater than the awarded amount, it is the responsibility of the applicant to secure additional funding from other sources.
* SESLHD CRC retains the right within its absolute discretion to terminate all or part funding and/or approval of any supported projects at any time. Inability to deliver on progress or final project reports may result in the remaining 50% of funds being withheld.

**DELIVERABLES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The recipient(s) of the RES-ON research funding will:

* Deliver the research activities described in their application within the specified timeframe.
* Provide a final report to the SESLHD Collaborative Research Committee, reporting on the progress, milestones, finances, dissemination activities (including presentation at forums such as the St George and Sutherland Hospitals Annual Medical Research Symposium, Research at Randwick month,

academic meetings and peer review publications), barriers and outcomes of their project. This includes providing details of expenditure of funds provided.

* Participate in the development of media releases and reports in collaboration with the CRC Secretariat.
* Acknowledge funding support from SESLHD CRC in dissemination activities (e.g. journal papers, reports, conference presentations).

**TERMINATION**

The recipient(s) of the award will be terminated:

* On resignation or withdrawal of their application.
* On completion of the project or 30 months from project commencement, whichever is earlier.
* Before this time if, after due enquiry, the Chair, SESLHD Collaborative Research Committee concludes that the applicant has not carried out the development of their research with competence and diligence or in accordance with Federal and NSW Health Policy or fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or has committed serious misconduct.

**Selection Criteria for Translation Funding Round**

Applications will be assessed against the following selection criteria

Selection criteria Weighting

Need for the research in SESLHD and NSW (Section 3) 20%

Quality of the research proposal (Section 4) 40%

Project team (Section 5) 20%

Feasibility of project (Sections 6,7) 20%

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this application form for the RES-ON research funding program. A panel will review this application, preferring clear and concise details. Applications must comply with specified word limits and forwarded to [SESLHD-CollaborativeResearchCommittee@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SESLHD-CollaborativeResearchCommittee@health.nsw.gov.au) by **14 August 2025**.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact SESLHD CRC secretariat by email at [SESLHD-CollaborativeResearchCommittee@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SESLHD-CollaborativeResearchCommittee@health.nsw.gov.au).

**Section 1: Applicant information (please attach a 2 page CV of Chief Investigator)**

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| **Full name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Department/Service** |  |
| **Academic Discipline** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Other organisational affiliations** |  |
| **Head of Department** |  |

**Section 2: Project Overview**

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| **Project Title** |  |
| **Intended commencement date** |  |
| **Expected completion date** |  |
| **Total amount requested** | $ |
| **Research area/discipline** |  |
| **Keywords (3-5)** |  |
| **Is ethics approval required? If not – explain why.** |  |

**Section 3: Project Rationale and Objectives**

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| **Background & Rationale**  **(max 500 words)**  Identify if any priority population(s) are target of research.  Priority populations:  *Aboriginal*  *CALD*  *Homelessness*  *Disability*  *LGBTQ+*  *Older people (65+)*  *Mental Health conditions*  *Children and families at risk*  *Prisoners and ex-offenders*  *Chronic and complex conditions*  *Low SES Groups*  Projects engaging priority populations will be considered favourably. |  |
| **Objectives and Research Questions / Hypothesis (Max 200 words)** |  |

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| **Section 4 Design, Methods and Impact** | |
| **Methodology,** including study design, participants (recruitment, eligibility, power), interventions, primary and secondary outcome measures, (qualitative and/or statistical) analysis plan  **(max 800 words)** |  |
| **Expected outcomes**  Identify (a) project outcomes and (b) how the project will develop or strengthen SESLHD research capacity (e.g. enhance staff skills, new collaborations or partnerships)  **(max 300 words)** |  |
| **Impact and translation**  Identify likely impact of the project, including any potential health benefits to particular populations, impact on services or interventions; and/or future research opportunities  **(max 300 words)** |  |

**Section 5: Project Team**

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| **Identify Project Team Members (maximum 6),** including   * Name and title * Primary and affiliated organisations * Stage of research career [Early career = pre-postgraduate research degree or within 5 years of completing PhD; Mid-career (5-10 years of completing PhD); Senior career researcher (>10 years post PhD) * Role on the project.   Applications are encouraged to have team members across the different research career stages. |  |
| **Consumer engagement** Describe how consumers(e.g. consumer organisations or workers, people with lived experience) are involved in the development, implementation and dissemination of the research **(max 200 words)** |  |
| **Collaborations** with other SESLHD Departments, other health services, academic institutions or other organisations.Identify nature of collaboration and any in-kind resource support. |  |

**Section 6: Project Budget**

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| **Budget items under headings**   * **Personnel** * **Consumables** * **Other** |  |
| **Justification for budget items (up to 100 words for each budget item)** |  |
| **In-kind support from research partners**  (including SESLHD Department and other partners identified in Section 5). |  |

**Section 7: Project Feasibility**

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| **Project timeline/milestones**  **(table)** |  |
| **Skills available in research team (up to 300 words)** |  |

**Section 8: Acknowledgement and Declaration**

The applicant hereby agrees to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the RES-ON research funding program.

The SESLHD Head of Department (or their line manager) accepts departmental governance responsibility for the project, and confirms departmental resources are available to:

1. Progress ethics and governance review to completion
2. Provide backfill and/or dedicated time to support project delivery
3. Provide project mentoring to ensure effective project progress
4. Provide financial and non-financial resources required for implementation and translation

Where the SESLHD Head of Department is an investigator or part of the project team, the signature below is from the line manager of the Head of Department

**Project**

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| Project Name |  |

**Applicant**

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| Full Name |  |
| Position |  |
| Department/Facility |  |
| 2 Page CV attached | Yes No |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

**Head of Department**

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| Full Name |  |
| Position |  |
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| Signature |  |
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