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CYSTIC FIBROSIS GEELONG

GENETIC THERAPIES INNOVATION GRANT 2023

Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) is pleased to announce the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Geelong Genetic Therapies Innovation Grant for 2023. This grant is looking for 'big thinkers' with great innovative ideas who will make a difference through research to the CF community. It is open to post-doctoral researchers, scientists, clinicians, medical practitioners, nurses and allied health professionals currently working in the area of CF research or proposing to work in CF research in the field of **genetic therapies**. The researcher will have completed a research higher degree in CF or a related area within the last ten years.

The CF Geelong Genetic Therapies Innovation Grant will allow a CF researcher to explore novel concepts at the initial feasibility stage. Innovative applications relating to any genetic therapy aspect of CF are encouraged, even those lacking pilot data. The grant aims to allow the researcher to generate sufficient data within the one-year grant period to be in a position to apply for additional support from an appropriate funding body to continue the research.

The recipient of the CF Geelong Genetic Therapies Innovation Grant is required to provide progress reports on their research to the Australian Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust (ACFRT). In addition, and where appropriate, the recipient will be asked to make a presentation at a CFA conference (held every two years) in Australia.

The maximum amount awarded under the CF Geelong Genetic Therapies Innovation Grant is \$80,000. The actual amount provided will be subject to approval of the applicant's budget. Conditions apply. This grant is awarded to the successful applicant for one year.

Applications can be made through the CFA website and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (AEST) on **Friday, 29th September 2023**.

About CF Geelong

CF Geelong Inc. fundraises to assist those in Geelong with treatment costs, to raise awareness and support research for a cure. CF Geelong is a group of volunteers, mums, dads and friends of those with CF united by a common cause – to improve the lives of people living with CF.

The CF Geelong Genetic Therapies Innovation Grant is administered through the Australian Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust (ACFRT).

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