25th March 2025

Applications are now open for new Postgraduate Top-Up Scholarships and Fellowships related to Cystic Fibrosis research.

WA Cystic Fibrosis Research Collaborative Program 2025

Cystic Fibrosis WA (CFWA) is excited to announce a new WA Cystic Fibrosis Research Collaborative Program (the Program) for 2025. This initiative, made possible through the Future Health and Research Innovation (FHRI) Fund Co-funding Partnerships Program, is in collaboration with Conquer Cystic Fibrosis (CCF). The FHRI Fund investment matches that of the charities, both representing the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) community, to provide a total funding pool of $2 million to be awarded in 2025.

The Program will support WA-based research projects dedicated to exploring alternative treatment options to improve the lives of people with CF, a condition affecting over 430 individuals in the state. Whilst treatments have advanced, they are not yet available and suitable for all individuals with CF, and there is yet to be a cure, thus the scope for research is broad. Given that CF causes a range of clinical conditions and co-morbidities beyond the respiratory system, the program aims to maintain current research; and broaden research activities into areas such as CF-related diabetes, liver disease, bone diseases, and mental health; amongst others.

The program will be divided into 4 (four) streams and tailored for postgraduate students, scientists, researchers, clinicians and allied health professionals currently working in CF research or proposing to work in CF research.

Closing dates:

Stream 1 Postgraduate Top-Up Scholarship: Wednesday, 19th March 2025 by 5.00pm AWST - CLOSED

Stream 3 Fellowship: Monday, 31st March 2025 by 5.00pm AWST.

Further grant rounds will be held soon for Stream 2 (Research Innovation Grant) and Stream 4 (Collaborative Grant).

The application and administering of the grants will be managed by The Australian CF Research Trust (ACFRT).

The recipients are required to follow all terms and conditions of the different funding streams and provide progress and/or financial reports on their research to ACFRT as required.

About FHRI Fund
The FHRI Fund provides a secure source of funding to drive health and medical research, innovation and commercialisation and through these activities, improve the health and prosperity of all Western Australians. It also provides an opportunity to diversify the economy, create jobs, improve the sustainability of the health system and position WA as a leader in research and innovation.

About CFWA
CFWA is the pre-eminent non-for-profit organisation in WA that provides comprehensive services to people with CF, families and carer. As the program lead and formal contract partner with the FHRI Fund, CFWA's focus is to support research projects that tackle the burden of CF diseases and ultimately a cure for CF. It has invested over $2.5 million in research since 2010.

About CCF
CCF is a volunteer-run charity founded and driven by Western Australian parents of children with the disease. Its primary aim is to fund CF research which will assist to decrease suffering and increase the life span of people with CF. CCF has raised over $5.6 million of research funding to date.

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