

Pink Sky Grant Scheme- FAQ

Eligibility	
Question	Answer
How can I check that my administrating institution is eligible before applying?	Your administering institution to be eligible must be located within Australia, have an active ABN and be registered for GST. To check ABN/GST please search the ABN details here- ABN Lookup
How can I register my administrating institution on the system?	If your administering institution does not appear in the drop down list within the application form, please email research@nbcf.org.au with the details so we can add it.
What does any research discipline mean?	Novel ideas can come from anywhere as such there are no restrictions as to who qualifies to be Principal Investigator for a Pink Sky grant. As long as the Principal Investigator has appropriate working arrangements with an Australian administrating institution.
How many applications can each researcher submit?	Only one application is eligible from each researcher as Principal Investigator will be accepted for this Pink Sky grant round

Application	
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Will Eol applications be minimal to avoid time wastage for unsuccessful applicants?	Yes, the Eol application is designed to be shorter covering a high overview of key components for shortlisting applications.
What are the requirements for the application at EOI stage? Are there any attachments to be provided, for example, letter of support from the Administering Organisation?	The Eol application is to shortlist the applications for inviting to the Full Application stage. A sample Eol application can be found here .
Where can I find instructions to use the NBCF grants management system?	Please visit https://nbcf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/NBCF-Grants-Portal-Application-Submission-Guide.pdf
What is the most common issue with application submission?	For the submit button to show at the end of the application, please check that the details entered on the Declaration tab of the application must be exactly the same as those for the account and on the Principal Investigator tab of the application, otherwise you will not be able to submit the application.

Assessment	
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Who will be on the review panel and will it be the same members for reviewing the Eol and Full Applications?	The review of the Eol and Full application stages will be conducted by the same panel of experts comprising of scientists, clinician

	researchers, industry experts, and consumers/people with lived experience.
Would a strong application be one that covers multiple NBCF research objectives?	NBCF expects the application to align with at least one of its research objectives: detect, prevent, stop, treat.
Will EoI be assessed differently to Full Application?	Yes, while for both stages the review panel will use the same assessable criteria, there will be differences in how it is applied to reflect the purpose of the two stages. The EoI is for shortlisting applications based on relative competitiveness as such the EoI applications will be scored referencing the assessable criteria to provide a merit order of applications. The Full Applications will be scored against each of the assessable criteria and the strengths and weaknesses of each application discussed by the panel. The overall score will determine the final ranking of applications for making funding decision.

Budget	
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What budget items are acceptable?	Please follow the NBCF Grant Expenditure Guidelines, it can be accessed at https://nbcf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/NBCF-Grant-Expenditure-Guidelines.pdf and ensure that the budget amount is justified and reasonable for the proposed project.

Post-award	
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Will feedback be provided?	A summary of reviewers comments will be provided for EoIs moving to Full Applications.
What proportion of applications would be awarded a Pink Sky grant?	It is anticipated up to 10 Pink Sky grants will be awarded in this round.
Where can I find the Funding Agreement?	Please visit here .
When will funding commence?	Awards notification is anticipated from March 2026 onwards and funding will commence within 30 days of the full execution of the Funding Agreement.