

Pink Sky Grant Scheme- FAQ v1.2 updated 17.07.2025

Eligibility	
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How can I check that my administering 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 administering 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 administering 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 EoI applications be minimal to avoid time wastage for unsuccessful applicants?	Yes, the EoI 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 EoI application is to shortlist the applications for inviting to the Full Application stage. A sample EoI 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.
Is there any restrictions on the number of EOIs that can be submitted per Administering Institution?	There is no limit on number of EOIs that an Administering institution can submit however only one application per PI.

Is there any restrictions for the PI or any Co-I or AIs that may already receive funds from NBCF via previously successful NBCF grant applications?	There is no funding CAP that you need to take into consideration from previous NBCF funding for this grant round.
Is there any limit on how many times a c PI or Co-Is or AIs can be named on multiple Pink Sky Grant project applications?	Only one PI can apply per grant round, however there are no limits on Co-Is/AI's named on multiple applications.
Is there any restrictions to investigators that have recently applied for other NBCF grant schemes?	There are no restrictions on investigators who have recently applied for other NBCF grant schemes. We encourage everyone to apply.
Are researchers who hold an adjunct (unpaid) appointment with an Australian Administering Institution eligible to be the Principal Investigator?	Applicants are open to researchers of any discipline or any career stage, provided they are employed by an approved Administrative Institution.
Are all Co-investigators required to be based in Australia for the duration of the grant?	Yes, at the time of application, the PI and Co-Is must: Reside in Australian (or intend to reside in Australia) throughout the funding period and be an Australian citizen, have resident status or have an appropriate visa to work in Australia for the entire duration of the funding period.
Are there any minimum requirements for the Project Plan Milestones part of the Assessment Criteria (e.g. minimum number of milestones, types of milestones)?	There are no specific minimum or maximum requirements for the Project Plan Milestones section of the Assessment Criteria (e.g. number or types of milestones). However, it is important to outline a clear and logical plan using milestones that are easy to track and deliver. These milestones should reflect key stages of the project and help monitor progress effectively.
Some of my research personnel do not have an ORCID.	We have designed the form so that if you are a consumer, you do not need to enter an ORCID. If you have any other personnel who do not have an ORCID- please just enter dummy data into this field.

Assessment	
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Who will be on the review panel and will it be the same members for reviewing the EoI and Full Applications?	The review of the EoI 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.
At EOI stage is the budget just monetary figures, rather than explanations?	In the EOI application we have designed the form to capture a high-level summary of the budget- project costs and salaries costs. If your application moves through to full application stage, then you will need to provide more details and justification for the 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.