Frailty-ADD CRE Seed Grant Scheme: Submission Instructions

Application requirements

The application form will ask you to provide the following:

1. Applicant details
2. Supervisor details
3. Eligibility information
4. A career summary outlining clinical and research experience relative to opportunity (max 1000 characters)
5. Application title
6. Budget justification: Applicants must complete the budget justification template explaining how they propose to use the seed funding (see "Application documents")
7. Letter of support: Applicants should nominate a supervisor who will support them during the duration of the study (this does need to be their current supervisor). Supervisors must provide a letter of support outlining:

    - Their support for the project;
    - Their support for the applicant; and
    - A commitment to supervise the successful applicant for the duration of the proposed study (up to 24 months).

8. Study proposal: Applicants must submit an outline of their proposed study using the section headings listed below. A downloadable template can be accessed via "Application documents". Submissions should be no longer than 3 pages including references. Submissions must adhere to formatting requirements (below).
9. Applicant's short CV, 2 pages max
10. Confirmation of submission including acknowledgment of the Conditions of Award

Proposal section headings

- Title
- Background
- Aim and research questions
- Hypotheses (if appropriate)
- Methodology
- Expected outcomes
- Project significance
- Key study enablers (e.g., supervision/mentorship, access to study sites, skills)
- Proposed study timeline
- References

We encourage applicants to explain how their proposed project will inform a future funding submission.

Proposal formatting requirements
- Maximum 3 pages, including references
- Top, bottom, left and right page margins 2cm
- Times New Roman font
- 12pt
- Single spaced
- Any numbered referencing style

Assessment criteria

Submissions will be assessed by a panel of clinical academics representing diversity in gender and geographical location.

Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. *Significant and impact of the research:* Applicants should explain the importance of their research, i.e., how their study will contribute to improved outcomes for frail patients in the hospital setting.

2. *Methodological rigour:* Applicants should provide details of their proposed methods that demonstrates high-quality research in terms of recruitment, data-collection, analysis, and interpretation. Proposed research should adhere to national ethical guidelines.*

3. *Feasibility of the research:* Applicants should demonstrate feasibility of their proposed research in terms of requested budget; access to recruitment sites, participants, and/or data; scale of the research; timeline; access to equipment or software; and relevant skills. Applicants should also outline the supervision and mentorship they will receive throughout the proposed study.

- Involvement of consumers (patients, caregivers, community members etc.) throughout the research cycle is encouraged, where appropriate.
- The seed funds are intended to help early career researchers/academics and health/allied health practitioners to build programs of research. Priority will be given to proposed studies that are foundational to future funding applications.

* https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research-2007-updated-2018