



The NHMRC CRE in Stroke Trials has a new funding scheme to support the **establishment of more Stroke Trial Ready Centres across Australia**. This scheme is open to hospital and health services, in partnership with academic institutions, who are looking to engage in a program of stroke clinical trials across acute, recovery and prevention; build their local trials workforce capacity; and receive mentoring in clinical trial program start-up. The CRE will provide \$50,000 in funding to be matched by a \$50,000 local contribution.

**To be eligible, a proposed Stroke Trial Ready Centre must:**

1. Lack a current Stroke Research Coordinator
2. Nominate an acute and recovery clinical trial 'champion' who are an affiliate of the CRE (can apply concurrently with EOI submission).
3. Have capacity to be a site for a portfolio of clinical trials across at least two out of three streams that span the continuum of care to:
  - Stream 1: Acute
  - Stream 2: Rehabilitation/recovery
  - Stream 3: Prevention (primary or secondary).
4. Have in principle executive support to provide \$50,000 in matched funding.
5. Have an established Human Research Ethics Committee/Research Governance Office at their site.

**Priority will be given to EOIs** from centres who are currently underrepresented across stroke clinical trials, and centres with champions and teams that demonstrate diversity, equity and inclusion, including, career stage, professional group and gender.

**How to apply:**

Applications are to be submitted via an online application within REDCap that has capacity to upload any documentation. Uploads:

1. **CRE affiliate** status or application for each champions only (see attached proforma).
2. **2-page CV** for each champion investigator inclusive of overall track record in the last 5 years, including prior research or clinical trials experience.

**Open:** November 2024

**Deadline:** EOIs by Midnight AEDT Friday 20 December 2024.

**Outcome:** Successful EOI applicants will be invited to proceed to full application with mentorship from experienced trialists. Notification of progression to full application will occur prior to 28 February 2025. Full applications will be due 31 May 2025. Final outcomes will be announced by 30 June 2025.