



The Stroke Trial CRE is delighted to announce a new funding scheme to support new innovative stroke trial research across Australia (maximum funding request \$50,000) to be awarded to researchers based in Australia. The grant funding term is 18 months.

To be eligible, CIA must be:

1. A CRE affiliate (details below to become an affiliate if you are not already).
2. Proposing an **innovative** new clinical trial (including pilot trials) for stroke, or research activity that directly informs the design or methodology of an innovative new stroke trial.
3. Using the support to further development of a research question with a view to obtaining subsequent substantive Category I funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council or Medical Research Future Fund (or similar).
4. Based at an NHMRC administering institution that can act as the trial sponsor for your proposal.

Where relevant, priority will be given to projects that:

- Demonstrate consumer co-design.
- Demonstrate diversity (e.g. multidisciplinary teams with career stage and gender) and inclusion (e.g. ensuring those with aphasia are included in the projects).
- Help close the gap in currently underserved communities (e.g. rural/remote communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes).
- Are led by early (<5 years post-PhD) and mid-career (5-10 years post-PhD) researchers with established mentorship from more senior researchers.

How to apply (required information shown below):

Applications will open early in November 2024 and close midnight AEST 28th February 2025. We will provide details of our RedCap application procedure early in November with details to be follow.

1. **CRE affiliate** status or application for CIA only (see attached proforma).
2. **2-page CV** for each named investigator inclusive of your overall track record in the last 5 years and top 5 publications in the last 5 years related to the proposal and reasons for their choice.
3. **Project application:** can be a copy of a previous application submitted to a granting body or new application.
 - a. *If previous application submitted*, document in 1 page modifications to adhere to the funding budget (max \$50,000) and timeline (max 18 months) for this grant opportunity. Please **only** submit the project proposal component of your previous grant e.g., 8 pages for MRFF.
 - b. *If new application*, document in a maximum of 4 pages inclusive of timeline and indicative budget.
4. **Study innovation statement:** in 1 page detail how your proposal directly:
 - Proposes a new innovative new clinical trial for stroke, or research activity that directly informs the design, or methodology of a new stroke trial.
 - Produces innovative data that will be used to support applications for subsequent substantive Category I funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council or Medical Research Future Fund (or similar).
5. For CI applicants who have experienced career disruption(s) during the last 5 years (consistent with NHMRC definitions of what constitutes a career disruption) that may be relevant to your career history you can outline these on an additional page. You should:
 - a. Provide the details of your career disruption(s) (dates, NHMRC classification; note, personal or confidential details are not required), and
 - b. Provide a brief explanation on the impact the career disruption(s) has had on your research and research achievements and associated productivity relative to stage of career.

Outcome: Applications will be ranked by independent CRE advisors with a **decision expected by June 2025.**