



Suicide Prevention
Australia

**Application Form
Innovation Research Grant**

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Key steps

1. Review the application guidelines
2. Review the application checklist
3. Complete application form in your preferred format
4. Cross reference the application guidelines and checklist to ensure you have addressed all criteria
5. Submit the application and supporting documentation to sprf@suicidepreventionaust.org by **11:59pm (AEST) on 23 June 2026**

Guidelines

To assist with completing the application please refer to the guidelines on the Suicide Prevention Australia [website](#).

Key dates

Application period	Open 28 April 2026	Close 23 June 2026
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Formatting requirements

Applicants must:

1. Address all questions below using this template
2. Take note of word limits for each section – word limits are exclusive of spaces and supporting materials. Supporting materials such as diagrams, graphs, tables and figures may be attached as an appendix
3. Complete forms in Calibri 11pt
4. Use the file naming conventions below:

Document type	File naming convention
a) Application	Application - First name Surname - Administering Institution
b) CV	CV - First name Surname
c) References	Reference - First name Surname
d) Letter of Support	Letter of Support - Administering Institution
e) Letter of Involvement (if applicable)	Letter of Involvement - Partner Organisation

5. Supply supporting documents as separate files in Word or PDF format

Enquiries

If you have enquiries regarding the Innovation Research Grant please contact Suicide Prevention Australia on +61 (2) 9262 1130 or email sprf@suicidepreventionaust.org

1. Executive summary *(max 500 word limit)*

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2. The Project Team**Lead Investigator/Applicant**

Position:
Title:
First name:
Last name:
Primary contact number:
Email address:

Note: A CV and one written reference must be provided at time of application

Citizenship

Are you an Australian Citizen?

- Yes
 No

If no, evidence that you have a legal right to work and reside in Australia will be required prior to being awarded the grant.

Co-Investigator(s) *(duplicate as required)*

Position:
Title:
First name:
Last name:
Primary contact number:
Email address:

Note: A CV for each co-investigator must be provided at time of application

Applications must include early- and/or mid-career researchers

This research has:

- Early Career Researcher (ECR) within five years of their PhD conferral.
 Mid-Career Researcher (MCR) between five and ten years post-PhD conferral.

Early Career and/or Mid-Career Researcher details (circle if Early or Mid Career) (Duplicate fields as required)

Position:
Title:
First name:
Last name:
Primary contact number:
Email address:
PhD conferral date:
Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> ECR <input type="checkbox"/> MCR
ECR/MCR career disruption (outside standard timeframe) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (if yes please provide details below) <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Provide a brief description of the nature and duration of the career disruption. This may include, but is not limited to, parental leave, caring responsibilities, illness, disability, natural disasters, or other significant personal or professional interruptions. Where relevant, indicate the time period and any impact on research productivity, outputs, or career progression. This information will be considered in the assessment of eligibility and career stage. (maximum 750 words).</i>

3. The Administering Institution

Administering Institution details

Institution name:
Institution address:

Note: A Letter of Support from the Administering Institution must be provided at time of application

Research Administration Officer (RAO) details

Position:
Title:
First name:
Last name:
Primary contact number:
Email address:

Is the application being submitted by the RAO on behalf of the Applicant?

- Yes
 No

4. The Partner Organisation *(if applicable)*

Partner Organisation details

Organisation name:
Organisation address:

Note: A Letter of Involvement must be provided at time of application if the applicant will be partnering with an organisation for the duration of the research period

Partner Organisation contact details

Position:
Title:
First name:
Last name:
Primary contact number:
Email address:

5. Project detail

Primary Area of Research

Please indicate the primary area of research focus by making one selection from each of the below.

The categories have been developed in reference to the World Health Organisation report - [Preventing suicide: A global imperative, 2014](#)¹ and Public Health Models.

World Health Organisation <i>(select one)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Means Access Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> Media and Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Resilience and Wellbeing
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/> Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention	<input type="checkbox"/> Postvention for Communities
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Aftercare	<input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Lived Experience and Peer Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Information and Referral Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Data surveillance, screening and reporting	<input type="checkbox"/> Oversight and Coordination

Public Health Models <i>(select one)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Universal Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Selective Population
<input type="checkbox"/> Indicated Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Recovery Population
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Services	

Length of funding requested

The duration of funding will be up to 3 years

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years

¹ https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/131056/9789241564779_eng.pdf

Ethics Approval

Is ethics approval required?

- Yes
 No

If yes, do you have ethics approval at this time?

- Yes
 No

6. Responses to Selection Criteria

Project title (*maximum 50 words*)

Full project synopsis (*maximum 500 words*)

Criteria 1

Describe how the research aligns with the priorities in the [National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025-2035](#) and/or the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025–2035](#) or a population identified within the strategy? (*maximum 1000 words*)

Objectives (*maximum 750 words*)

Criteria 2

Rationale (*maximum 750 words*)

Methodology (maximum 1000 words)**Key deliverables** (maximum 500 words)**Describe how this project demonstrates innovation** (maximum 500 words)**Describe how the early/mid-career researcher will play a leadership role in the research** (maximum 750 words)**Criteria 3****Describe the evaluation, knowledge translation and dissemination strategy** (maximum 750 words)**Criteria 4****Incorporating Lived Experience**

Please indicate how lived experience will be incorporated into the research project. You may select all that apply.

- Co-Ideation: The project is collaboratively ideated with lived experience
- Co-Design: The project is collaboratively designed with lived experience
- Co-Implementation: The project is collaboratively implemented with lived experience
- Co-Evaluation: The project is collaboratively evaluated with lived experience
- Co-Creation: The project collaborates with lived experience through all 4 stages above

Please provide detail as to why each of the above selections have or have not been made (maximum 500 words)

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Note - Different projects have different needs and as such assessment for this section is overall and not for the most number selected.

Criteria 5

Track record of research team

(maximum 500 words)

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7. Project logistics

Project sustainability requirements (maximum 750 words)

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Potential risks & risk mitigation strategies (maximum 500 words)

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Timeline of research activity (maximum 500 words)

Activity	Key Deliverable/milestone	Due date

Budget summary and justification *(maximum 500 words)*

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8. Referee

Please add 2 referees below

Referee 1:	
Name:	
Title/Organisation	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Referee 2:	
Name:	
Title/Organisation	
Mobile:	
Email:	

Chief Investigator Signature

The Chief Investigator must ensure the application is accurate and meets all the eligibility requirements, as set out in the grant guidelines. Applications that do not meet these eligibility requirements may be ineligible and may be excluded from further consideration.

Signature	
Name:	Date: