

## **CONQUER CYSTIC FIBROSIS GENE THERAPY INNOVATION GRANT 2024**

Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) is pleased to announce the Conquer Cystic Fibrosis (CCF) Gene Therapy Innovation Grant for 2024. This grant is looking for ‘big thinkers’ with great innovative ideas who will make a difference through research to the cystic fibrosis (CF) community. It is open to post-doctoral researchers, scientists, clinicians, medical practitioners, nurses and allied health professionals currently working in the area of CF research or proposing to work in CF research in the field of gene therapy, defined broadly to include any genetic work on CF. The researcher will have completed a research higher degree in CF or a related area within the last ten years. Applicants, where at least one team member is from Western Australia, are encouraged.

The CCF Gene Therapy Innovation Grant will allow a CF researcher to explore novel concepts at the initial feasibility stage. Innovative applications relating to any genetic aspect of CF are encouraged, even those lacking pilot data. The grant aims to allow the researcher to generate sufficient data within the one-year grant period to be in a position to apply for additional support from an appropriate funding body to continue the research. However, where sound reasons are provided by a successful applicant for an extension of the research for up to another year before seeking funding from a third party, the applicant, after consultation with the CCF and the Australian Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust (ACFRT), may apply for an extension grant.

The recipient of the CCF Gene Therapy Innovation Grant is required to provide progress reports on their research to the ACFRT. In addition, and where appropriate, the recipient will be asked to make a presentation at a CFA conference (held every two years) in Australia.

The maximum amount awarded under the CCF Gene Therapy Innovation Grant is \$80,000. The actual amount provided will be subject to approval of the applicant’s budget. Conditions apply. This grant is awarded to the successful applicant for one year.

Applications can be made through the CFA website and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (AEST) on **Friday, 11th October 2024**.

### *About Conquer Cystic Fibrosis*

*CCF is a volunteer-run charity founded and driven by West Australian parents of children with the disease. Its primary aim is to fund CF research which will decrease suffering and increase the life span of people with CF.*

The CCF Gene Therapy Innovation Grant is administered through the ACFRT.

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