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UTAS

Please note that you will need to select whether you are applying under the THS or UTAS stream. This helps us streamline the approval process and ensure we collect the correct information from you.

# Start Here

The Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation (the Foundation) is inviting applications for its 2026 Research Grant Program. This competitive funding supports high-quality, health-focused research projects that improve outcomes for the Tasmanian community.

For 2026, we are simplifying our research funding program to better support impactful, sustainable outcomes. Our previous grant categories will be replaced by a flexible funding model, offering up to $100,000 per grant for projects running up to 18 months.

In addition, we are proud to introduce the Luke Cunningham Research Grant — a dedicated $25,000 grant established in Luke’s memory. This special in memoriam grant will support research into brain cancer and honour Luke’s enduring legacy.

Grant Overview

* General grant funding available up to $100,000 for each project
* Luke Cunningham Research Grant available up to $25,000 to support research into brain cancer
* Projects must be completed within 18 months, starting 1 January 2026.
* Applications open on Monday 11 August 2025
* Applications close on Friday 19 September 2025

⚠ Before you begin

Please read the [2026 Grant Guidelines](https://rhhresearchfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2026-Research-Grant-Guidelines.pdf) before completing this form. This application must be submitted via our online grants portal by Friday 12 September 2025.

⚠Important Information for THS Applicants

We also strongly encourage applicants to engage with the Research Navigation Office (RNO) early in the application process. While this does not constitute formal endorsement, the RNO can provide valuable support in areas such as grant planning, resourcing, ethics and governance, risk and data management.

resources.

Project Title (max 20 words)

# Eligibility

You must fulfil the following eligibility requirements in order to be able to proceed with your application. Are you applying for the Luke Cunningham Grant?

 Yes

 No

This $25,000 in memoriam grant has been established to support research focused on brain cancer. Created in honour of Luke Cunningham, the grant aims to advance scientific understanding and contribute to improved diagnostic or therapeutic outcomes in this field.

The research will address a health need in the Tasmanian community  Yes

 No

Deliver clear and measurable outcomes to patients in Tasmania  Yes

 No

Strengthen clinical research capacity at the Royal Hobart Hospital and foster collaboration across disciplines  Yes

 No

Research team includes staff from the Royal Hobart Hospital  Yes

 No

At least 80% of the research will occur in Tasmania (or a valid justification is provided)  Yes

 No

Click the Check eligibility button at bottom right to confirm your eligibility. You cannot continue your application until you have met the eligibility requirements.

# Project Overview

Please provide details below of the project that you require funding for

A plain-English summary for use in media and donor communications (keep it very simple).

Keywords

3-5 separated by commas. eg. cancer, new treatments, equipment

This research project addresses a health need in the Tasmanian community, with a focus on (check all that apply):  A healthy start to life (i.e. maternal and mental health)

 Aged Care

 Brain disorders and mental health conditions  Chronic diseases and cancer

 Improvements to health service delivery and outcomes  Rare diseases

 Social determinants of health

Is this a new or existing project?  New

 Existing

Project Completion Date

Your project should aim to be completed no later than 30 June 2027

Outline the project background 800 words

Include the project hypothesis and aims

Outline the research methods 800 words

Outline the timeline 250 words

Include key milestones and expected completion date

What is the research significance? 800 words

Include how this will improve patient outcomes, how many people you expect this project to impact, improved treatment outcomes, alleviation on resources, economic benefits, and improved shared knowledge

Such as published in peer-reviewed publications, improvements in clinical care or health service delivery, follow-on funding from other larger funding schemes, new partnerships or patent applications

How will the success of this project be measured? 250 words

What are the risks associated with this project and mitigation strategies 250 words

List a minimum of one risk

List the references

Have you received ethics approval already?  Yes

 No

Have you received DOH governance approval already?  Yes

 No

Attach any additional information for your project here (optional)

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# Chief Investigator A (CIA) Details

Please provide your details below. Title

Dr

Associate Professor Professor

Mr Mrs Ms

Other

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Surname

Email

Phone number

State your highest qualification achieved (institution and year)

Position title and role at the Royal Hobart Hospital

Are you employed by, or have an appointment to, any other institution?  Yes

 No

Define the fraction of your employment currently devoted to research, clinical and/or other activities. Express as a percentage, but do not include the % symbol, eg. research 40, teaching 20, clinical 30, admin 10. This must add up to 100 (100%)

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| --- | --- |
| 1 | Research |
| 2 | Clinical |
| 3 | Teaching |
| 4 | Admin |
| 5 | Other |

What is the intended amount of your time that you will be committing to this research project?

Express this as a fraction of FTE. For reference:

0.05 FTE = 1 day per month

* 1. FTE = 2 days per month
  2. FTE = 4 days per month and so on

I confirm I will reside in Tasmania for the grant period

# Research Team

The research team must include a staff member formally appointed at the Royal Hobart Hospital, actively engaged in clinical or health service delivery.

Priority will be given to high quality projects primarily composed of staff from the RHH.

No team members can have overdue reports or unresolved matters with the Foundation.

Please list all other team members (in addition to the CIA) and designate a role title to each - CIB, CIC and so on. There is no limit to the number of team members permitted. Please list their relevant track record for the past five years.

## Research Team - Summary

Team Capability Statement 800 words

Summarize why your team is well-placed to deliver this project

Research Team Summary

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | CI Role | Full Name | THS  Employment ( role and FTE) | Other employment ( organisation, role and FTE) | Time commitment to the project ( days per month) | Highest qualification ( institution and year) |
| 1 | CIA |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | CIB |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | CIC |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | CID |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | CIE |  |  |  |  |  |

Who is the Site PI?

If the research is taking place at a THS facility and the CIA is not a THS employee, then another team member (who is a THS employee) must be designated as the Site PI for the purposes of research governance approval.

 CIA Acknowledgement I confirm that all listed team members are aware of and agree to participate in this project.

## Research Team - Additional Information

Please provide additional information below regarding each team members relevant experience

CIA CIB CIC CID CIE CIF CIG CIH

Other

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Each investigator must be given a role title (CIA, CIB, CIC etc)

Full Name

Email

Relevant research experience 300 words

Relevant publications & presentations 500 words

List publications and presentations within the last five years *relevant to this application*. Citations should include (at least) the first three authors, title, journal, year, vol. and pp.

Research Supervision (if applicable) (optional) 200 words

Honours & Awards (optional) 200 words

# Budget

Please provide a full itemised budget for your project. This includes, but is not limited to, personnel, existing funding sources, in-kind support.

Funds cannot be used for institute overheads and infrastructure levies, attendance at conferences or workships or

an existing larger project.

Budget Items

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Category | Item Description | Foundation  Request | Other Cash | In-Kind | Priority (A/B/C) |
| 1 | Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Consumables |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Travel |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Other |  |  |  |  |  |

Priority Codes

A = Essential - project cannot proceed without this item

B = Important - project could commence/continue but would be restricted

C = valuable - these items will improve the project but are not essential

If more than 25% of your budget is for equipment purchases, please provide additional information (optional) 100 words

What is the total amount of funding requested from the Foundation?

# Previous Foundation Support

Provide details of funding any team member/s have previously received from the Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation in the past 10 years.

Have any investigators received Foundation funding in the past 10 years?  Yes

 No

Has this project received other financial support or is under consideration by another funder?  Yes

 No

# Contacts

After you submit your application, it will be reviewed by the Pre-Awards team to ensure it meets all requirements. They will provide feedback on any necessary adjustments before it is forwarded to the Foundation for consideration.

Please provide the details of your Pre-Awards Funding Officer

Please verify the email address listed below  [PreAward.Health@utas.edu.au](mailto:PreAward.Health@utas.edu.au)

# Declaration

I confirm that all information provided is true and accurate

If successful, I agree to comply with the ethics, governance, reporting and communication obligations outlined in the grant agreement

