



TOUR DE CURE - GRANTS COMMITTEE

Guidelines for Submission and Evaluation of Grant Applications

Annual Grant Round

Effective from 10th July 2025

Table of Contents

What's new in this version of the Tour de Cure Guidelines?	3
PART ONE – Objectives of Tour de Cure	4
PART TWO – Tour de Cure Grants Committee.....	4
PART THREE – Overview of Funding.....	5
PART FOUR – Research Grant Considerations.....	7
PART FIVE - Guidelines for Specific Grant Categories	10
PART SIX - Guidelines for Named Awards.....	15
PART SEVEN – Application Process.....	16
<i>Appendix A: Co-Sponsored Events</i>	18
<i>Appendix B: Other Tour de Cure Funding Initiatives and Grants (outside of the TDC Annual Grant Round).....</i>	19
<i>Appendix C: Translational Research Phases.....</i>	21
<i>Appendix D: Common Scientific Outline Framework.....</i>	21

What's new in this version of the Tour de Cure Guidelines?

PART THREE – Overview of Funding

- (a) Changes to rules regarding the ability of institutions to withhold a portion of funding proceeds for contribution to institution's indirect costs (Indirect Costs). Previous cap of 15% of grant proceeds is now zero.
- (b) Institutions are limited to submitting to no more than two applications in any one grant category, with the exception of PhD Scholarship applications, which are not limited in number.
- (c) The opportunity for a given researcher to be named as Chief Investigator is limited to one Expression of Interest per Annual Grant Round.

PART FIVE - Guidelines for Specific Grant Categories

- (a) Pioneering Grant **Category removed.**
- (b) Timeframes **for definition of Mid-Career Researcher extended – now between** 5 years and up to 14 years from PhD award or equivalent research doctorate.
- (c) New grant category: Early Identification Grant Category.
- (d) Support Grant funding now capped at maximum \$50,000 per application.

PART SIX - Guidelines for Named Awards

- (a) **New Award: Prof Richard Scolyer Award for Brain Cancer Research.**

Guidelines for Evaluation of Grant Applications

PART ONE – Objectives of Tour de Cure ¹

Tour de Cure is a charitable organisation founded in 2007 to promote the prevention and control of cancer in human beings through the following activities:

- (a) Promoting and increasing the awareness and understanding of Australians in relation to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of serious health conditions (cancer).**
- (b) Assisting Eligible Charities to promote and increase the awareness and understanding of Australians in relation to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or cure of serious health conditions (cancer).**
- (c) Promoting and increasing awareness and understanding among members of the public of Tour de Cure, its activities, needs, objectives and purposes.**
- (d) Soliciting and receiving from the public donations, gifts, bequests, and other forms of financial assistance for the furtherance of its Objectives and purposes, and in particular to solicit such financial assistance by reference to cycling and other events conducted or sponsored by the Tour de Cure.**
- (e) Providing money, property, or other benefits to or for Eligible Charities, or for the establishment of Eligible Charities (Grant Payments).**
- (f) Payment of accommodation or associated expenses to third parties for short-term accommodation for cancer patients and their families while cancer patients undergo treatment, or donation of funds directly to cancer patients and their families and donating to Item 2 charities as well as Item 1 charities.**

Since its inception Tour de Cure has raised over \$155 million, funded over 1,200 projects directed at cancer research, support and prevention initiatives and contributed to more than 199 cancer research breakthroughs. ² Tour de Cure's impact extends beyond research programs to include supporting world-class research facilities, provision of PhD scholarship grants and supporting a wide array of prevention, support and survivorship initiatives.

PART TWO – Tour de Cure Grants Committee

The Tour de Cure Grants Committee reports to the Tour de Cure Board (Board) and has responsibility for:

- (a) Maintaining an ethical, independent, and transparent selection process that aligns with best practice to evaluate funding requests from researchers from Australian Medical Research Institutions (AMRIs), other Australian cancer**

¹ Tour de Cure Constitution and Deed of Trust

² As at 20 June 2025

research and support organisations holding Item 1 charity status (collectively, Eligible Organisations) and any other organisation as is permitted under the Tour de Cure Trust.³

- (b) Establishing and maintaining relationships with independent panels, where applicable, for review of research applications.
- (c) Making recommendations to the Board on the allocation of funding across the categories of research projects, support initiatives and prevention research or other projects and initiatives.
- (d) Reviewing research, support and prevention applications and co-ordinating evaluations made by independent panels, where applicable.
- (e) Making recommendations to the Board with respect to proposed grant recipients.
- (f) Where possible, providing feedback to successful and unsuccessful applicants for funding.
- (g) Reviewing, working with and leveraging current and potential strategic funding partnerships.
- (h) Reviewing progress of funded projects over time to assess success of projects against stated aims.
- (i) Identifying and communicating progress against aims within funded projects and reporting such to the Board, the broader Tour de Cure community, the Australian public and the research community.

PART THREE – Overview of Funding

Tour de Cure is committed to funding innovation and excellence in cancer research and supporting compelling initiatives in the prevention of cancer and in the support of individuals and families on the cancer journey.

We acknowledge that every dollar Tour de Cure receives from our individual supporters and corporate partners is provided to us in trust to use in connection with Tour de Cure's Objectives. The Grants Committee on behalf of Tour de Cure has an obligation to ensure each dollar is applied as fully as possible in support of our shared aims.

General Considerations:

- (a) **We are cancer agnostic – we believe every form of cancer deserves to be beaten - and accordingly Tour de Cure will consider applications for research investigating any form of cancer and its health consequences.**

³ Tour de Cure may also fund Item 2 charities and any other company or individual (e.g. Sony Foundation 'You Can Stay' accommodation projects) but in practice, given funding is limited, almost all of Tour de Cure's funding is directed to Item 1 charities.

- (b) **We will consider applications for cancer research impacting any part of the community.**
- (c) **We will consider applications for research at all points of investigation from prevention to basic research, diagnosis, treatment through to translational studies, and supporting clinical trials through to cancer survivorship.**
- (d) **Wherever possible we desire to see our finite funding resources leveraged as much as possible, such that Eligible Organisations receiving Tour de Cure funding are better placed to access additional research funding and support from other sources.**
- (e) We support the best projects and researchers we can find. As a result, we may support multiple projects from the same Eligible Organisation.
- (f) We have aligned our grant categories to support researchers at various points in their career including postgraduate research students, early career, and mid-career scientists as well as more senior researchers, all with significant potential or a proven track record.
- (g) We will fund salaries of researchers and research assistants, and other associated costs directly related to the project approved for funding.
- (h) We believe our ability to continue to raise funds from our generous supporters (corporate partners, foundations and individuals) is predicated on demonstrating disciplined diligence in the selection of the best projects possible and ensuring proper ongoing project governance.
- (i) We require grant recipients to share the results of their work with Tour de Cure at defined intervals so we may track progress and inform our supporters.
- (j) Eligibility is limited in all circumstances to Eligible Organisations.
- (k) At the time of application, the Chief Investigator of the applicant must be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or must have applied to become an Australian permanent resident. Confirmation that Australian permanent residency has been granted will be required before a grant payment is made.
- (l) Tour de Cure reserves the right to offer a grant in a sum that differs from the amount proposed by the applicant.
- (m) Receipt of funds from Tour de Cure is subject to the Eligible Organisation entering into a Funding Agreement setting out the terms and conditions of the grant.
- (n) Decisions made by Tour de Cure with respect to applications are final and are not reviewable.
- (o) Tour de Cure does not automatically award a grant in every category and reserves the right to only award grants to projects in categories where the applications are of sufficient merit as determined by Tour de Cure in its absolute discretion.

- (p) All grants are made subject to confirmation being received from the Eligible Organisation that all required ethics and other related approvals have been received or will be obtained before funding is provided.
- (q) All grants are subject to funds being available, and Tour de Cure is not bound to make any grants in any financial year.
- (r) Funding is provided on a one-off basis and may be paid by one or more instalments. Previously successful applicants may apply for follow-up funding in subsequent years. Follow-up applications will be evaluated on their merits relative to other new project applications.
- (s) Payment of Grant – No GST: Payment of any awarded grant from Tour de Cure is made without GST. Once applicants have been notified of the success of their application we request an invoice for payment without GST - payment cannot be made until we obtain the invoice. (Grant payments made by Tour de Cure represent a donation as no financial gain, product or service is provided to Tour de Cure. There is no taxable supply to Tour de Cure in return for the grant funds, hence no need for inclusion of a GST component in the invoice). A receipt is required on payment.
- (t) Indirect Costs of Grant Funding: It is the intention of TDC that all grants are used in fulfilment of the objectives set out in the specific application only:
 - (i) **with respect to all Grant Payments the funding awarded with respect to the successful applicant is conditional on none of the proceeds being directed to Indirect Costs of the Eligible Organisation.** ⁴
 - (ii) **In addition, and for the sake of clarity, any applicant which is not directly engaged in performing the work the subject matter of the application and is successful in securing funding for a nominated research project is not able to withhold any of the funding for their own cost recovery. One hundred percent of grant proceeds must flow through to the project the subject of the Grant Funding.**
- (u) **We recognise that fundraising for research is a critical activity for research institutions. To ensure that appropriate rigour can be brought to each Expression of Interest and, if successful, the resulting application, it a prerequisite of funding that each Eligible Organisation submits no more than two Expressions of Interest in each grant category.⁵ This limitation does not apply to PhD Scholarship applications.**
- (v) **Further, the opportunity for a given researcher to be named as Chief Investigator is limited to one Expression of Interest per Annual Grant Round.** ⁶

PART FOUR – Research Grant Considerations

⁴ New in 2025 Guidelines

⁵ New in 2025 Guidelines.

⁶ Ibid.

Research Projects and Awards are supported that improve cancer outcomes and help find cures for cancer. We are cancer agnostic and fund all types of cancer research projects and are proud to support some of Australia's leading medical research institutes and researchers. We offer funding to the most talented and promising cancer researchers. We also fund emerging, talented postgraduate research students to support them in their studies. We proactively identify promising research and critical knowledge gaps that may not fit into traditional funding schemes. We fund acquisition of equipment or resources to help identify new ways to detect and treat cancer. We fund research that, among other things:

- (a) Prevents cancer and the related health consequences.
- (b) Improves cancer detection and diagnosis.
- (c) Improves understanding of different cancers.
- (d) Develops new treatments or medicines.
- (e) Improves quality of life.
- (f) Supports clinical trials.

Common Criteria – the following guidelines (Common Criteria) apply to all applications, unless otherwise noted. Other considerations (outlined below) may be applied to specific grant and award categories:

- (a) **Project and Scientific Quality:** Includes assessment of the quality of the application (Application Quality) (presentation of scientific background, objectives and content (research proposal/hypothesis) and relevance of the proposed methods to answer the hypotheses and scientific questions, including the breadth of the methodological approach and level of effort (Methodological Approach).
- (b) **Project Significance and Innovation:** Includes assessment of whether the research originality of the project contributes to significant theoretical and/or methodological advances and/or development of new scientific knowledge and practices in the field? (Originality), the potential for developing new insights, capabilities and/or treatments (Insight Generation), impact including translatability (Impact) and commitment to communication and sharing of results (Dissemination).
- (c) **Likelihood of Success:** Includes assessment of qualifications of lead investigator and project teams, and other collaborating research organisations (Quality of Team). This includes assessment of the lead investigator's expertise and experience within the field of research. These criteria will also review quality of the Eligible Organisation (the degree to which the research team is part of a research environment that has the competence and required resources needed to ensure the success of the project), the Chief Investigator's relevant track record and other evidence of experience relative to opportunity (Experience), and demonstration of interdisciplinary cooperation and national and/or international collaboration, when relevant (Collaboration). While

relevant publication records of the investigator(s) will be considered, this is only one of the criteria reviewed in assessing 'Likelihood of success'.⁷

- (d) **Value and Feasibility:** Includes assessment of proposed project budget in terms of reasonableness, thoroughness and overall project management versus expected deliverables. Project feasibility (including the budget being realistic, sensible, and fully justified) will be considered along with assessment of risk factors.
- (e) **Eligibility:** Open to applicants from any Eligible Organisation subject to the Chief Investigator being an Australian citizen or permanent resident at the date of application. If they are neither of these but have applied for Australian permanent residency, they must provide evidence that this has been granted before an award can commence. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of the awarded grant.

Other Considerations

- (a) **Career disruption:** Tour de Cure has several grant categories that refer to the years of experience of the applicant. We recognise that career disruptions may mean an applicant does not strictly fit within the time boundaries set out in these Guidelines. As such, applicants are permitted to apply outside those time boundaries when there has a prolonged interruption to the ability to work due to pregnancy, covid, illness/injury and/or carer responsibilities. Career disruptions are also considered in assessing the track record and determining an applicant's eligibility (in terms of years since they received their PhD).
- (b) **Phases of Translational Cancer Research - Applicants are requested to describe how the proposed research addresses one of the following phases of (translational) investigation:⁸ (Appendix C)**
 - (i) **T0 Research** includes basic biomedical research, including preclinical and animal studies. This type of research does not include interventions with human subjects.
 - (ii) **T1 Research** expedites the movement between basic research and patient-oriented research that leads to new or improved scientific understanding or standards of care. In essence, this addresses bench to bedside research.
 - (iii) **T2 Research** addresses the movement between patient-oriented research and population-based research that leads to better patient outcomes, the implementation of best practices, and improved health status in communities. In essence, this research addresses 'bedside to practice' research.

⁷ Note that Tour de Cure is a signatory to the Declaration on Research Assessment. Signatories to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) are committed to assessing the quality and impact of scientific research through means other than relying solely on journal impact factors. See <https://sfdora.org> for more information.

⁸ See Appendix C for more details on translational stages [More details on TDC Phases of Translational Cancer research](#)

- (iv) **T3 Research: interaction between laboratory-based research and population-based research to stimulate a robust scientific understanding of human health and disease. In essence, this research addresses dissemination and implementation of findings.**
- (v) **T4 Research: population-level outcomes, including translation to communities, including impacting policy and public health outcomes.**
- (c) **Common Scientific Outline: In addition to the translational designation, Tour de Cure requires project applications be designated using the common language adopted by the International Cancer Research Partnership. The Common Scientific Outline (CSO) is a classification system organised into six broad areas of scientific interest in cancer research. The CSO is complemented by a standard cancer type coding scheme. Together, these tools lay a framework to improve coordination among research organisations, making it possible to compare and contrast the research portfolios of public, non-profit, and governmental research agencies. The current version (v2) of the CSO was adopted by the International Cancer Research Partnership in April 2015, and all awards in the Tour de Cure database are coded to this version. [1]**

[1] See Appendix D for more details on the Common Scientific Outline

PART FIVE - Guidelines for Specific Grant Categories

Projects eligible for funding through the Annual Grant Round include the following areas:

- (a) **Senior Research Grants**
 - (i) **Funding Available: Up to \$200,000.**
 - (ii) **Focus: Any research project that supports the Objectives of Tour de Cure.**
 - (iii) **Eligibility: Open to applicants within any Eligible Organisation with over 14 years of PhD award or equivalent research doctorate as at the closing date of the TDC Annual Grant Round process in any given year. The Eligible Organisation is limited to submitting no more than two applications in this grant category.**
 - (iv) **Criteria:**
 1. Common Criteria.
 2. Demonstration of a nationally or internationally competitive research program. Applicants must show evidence of a sustained scientific output in cancer research over at least five years. This may include publications, previous funding, recognition, invited presentations, contribution to discipline, patents, and translation into policy/practice.

(b) Mid-Career Research Grants

- (i) Funding Available: Up to \$100,000.**
- (ii) Focus: Any research project that supports the objectives of Tour de Cure while providing the platform for a mid-career researcher to successfully apply for competitive research funding.**
- (iii) Eligibility: Open to applicants within any Eligible Organisation with at least 5 years and up to 14 years of PhD award or equivalent research doctorate as at the closing date of the TDC Annual Grant Round process in any given year. The PhD award date is defined as the pass date. If a candidate received their PhD or equivalent research doctorate over 15 years ago, they may still be eligible by providing details of any significant career disruption that may be taken into consideration by the Grant Committee.⁹ The Eligible Organisation is limited to submitting no more than two applications in this grant category**
- (iv) Criteria:**
 - 1. Common Criteria.
 - 2. Letter of support from the Eligible Organisation.
 - 3. Applicant's career development objectives.

(c) Early Career Research Grants

- (i) Funding Available: Up to \$100,000.**
- (ii) Focus: Any research project that supports the objectives of Tour de Cure while providing the platform for an early career researcher to successfully apply for competitive research funding.**
- (iii) Eligibility: Open to applicants within any Eligible Organisation who are within 5 years of receiving their PhD or equivalent research doctorate as at the closing date of the TDC annual Grant Round process in any given year. The PhD award date is defined as the pass date. If a candidate received their PhD or equivalent research doctorate over five years ago, they may still be eligible by providing details of any significant career disruption that may be taken into consideration by the Committee.¹⁰ The Eligible Organisation is limited to submitting no more than two applications in this grant category.**
- (iv) Named Grant: The top score in the Early Career category will be known as the 'Scott Canner Award'.**
- (v) Criteria:**
 - 1. Common Criteria.
 - 2. Letter of support from the Eligible Organisation.

⁹ Timeframes for Mid-Career and Early Career Researchers are new in 2025 Guidelines.

¹⁰ Ibid.

3. Applicant's career development objectives.

(d) PhD Support Scholarships

(i) Funding Available: up to \$10,000.

(ii) Eligibility:

(A) Open to applicants within any Eligible Organisation who are currently enrolled in a full-time program of research consistent with the objectives of Tour de Cure, leading to the awarding of a PhD or equivalent research doctorate; and

(B) Applicants must be current holders of a PhD scholarship (a university research training program, NHMRC scholarship or equivalent).

(iii) Focus: Any research project that supports the Objectives of Tour de Cure. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding must be used by a recipient for direct research costs, conference attendances, the purchase of equipment or analytic resources.

(iv) Limit: Prospective applicants may apply at any point in their program of study, but are eligible to receive a PhD Support Scholarship only once during their program of study.

(v) Criteria:

1. Project quality.
2. Letter of support from nominated supervisor.
3. Applicant's career development objectives.

(e) Prevention Projects (Research or Prevention Programs)

(i) Funding Available: Up to \$50,000.

(ii) Eligibility: Open to any Eligible Organisation. The Eligible Organisation is limited to submitting no more than two applications in this grant category.

(iii) Focus: Programs that are directed at understanding, initiating and/or supporting efforts that will minimise the incidence of cancer, and focused on identifying those factors that will minimise the incidence of cancer. This may take the form of traditional research or may be programs directed at preventing the incidence of cancer. This may include research into the application and success of other prevention strategies. Focus may include but is not limited to increasing education and awareness of the steps that can be taken within the community to prevent cancer. 11

¹¹ Tour de Cure also actively raises awareness about cancer risks and promote healthy living to school-aged children through our 'Be Fit, Be Healthy, Be Happy' Program directed at schools across Australia.

- (iv) **Criteria:**
 - 1. Common Criteria.
 - 2. Letter of support from the Eligible Organisation.
- (f) **Early Identification Research Grant - (new in 2025/2026)**
 - (i) **Funding Available: Up to \$100,000.**
 - (ii) **Focus: Any research project that supports the objectives of Tour de Cure and is primarily focused on early identification of cancer including screening and diagnostics, novel approaches to early detection of cancer or indications of cancer relapse or metastasis.**
 - (iii) **Eligibility: Open to applicants within any Eligible Organisation. The Eligible Organisation is limited to submitting no more than two applications in this grant category.**
 - (iv) **Criteria:**
 - 1. Common Criteria.
 - 2. Demonstration of a nationally or internationally competitive research program. Applicants must show evidence of a sustained scientific output in cancer research over at least five years. This may include publications, previous funding, recognition, invited presentations, contribution to discipline, patents, and translation into policy/practice.
- (g) **Matching Grants – Research and Infrastructure Enabling Projects**
 - (i) **Funding Available: Up to \$100,000 (when matched, funding will total up to \$200,000).**
 - (ii) **Eligibility: Open to any Eligible Organisation subject to contribution of a matching amount (up to \$100,000) from the Eligible Organisation's own fundraising to Tour de Cure. The Eligible Organisation is limited to submitting no more than two applications in this grant category.**
 - (iii) **Focus: Any application for:**
 - (A) **Any research project that supports the objectives of Tour de Cure.**
 - (B) **Any related enabling infrastructure (equipment, technology, data, biobanks, analytic or other resources (excluding people resources)) that supports multiple cancer research projects.**
 - (iv) **Criteria:**
 - 1. Common Criteria.
 - 2. Letter of support including commitment of matching funding from the Eligible Organisation.

3. Compelling need vs resources already available in the cancer research community (specific comment from applicant on avoidance of duplication where appropriate).
4. Demonstrated plan to share enabling infrastructure across multiple projects and across multiple Eligible Organisations.
5. Clear plan for ongoing support of operational costs or service contracts by the Eligible Organisation.

(h) Support Grants

Support Projects are directed at Eligible Organisations supporting those patients and their families who are on the journey of cancer treatment. Cancer takes a significant emotional, physical, and financial toll on those it affects. No one should have to face cancer alone. We fund cancer support projects that can make all the difference to patients, families, caregivers, and communities – from diagnosis through treatment and beyond. We fund support projects that, amongst other things:

- (i) **Connect people living with cancer, helping them to share experiences and build supportive relationships.**
- (ii) **Support people through the impact of diagnosis, providing them strategies to cope.**
- (iii) **Offer practical help through treatment and beyond.**
- (iv) **Provide financial support and assistance to those experiencing hardship.**
- (v) **Bring respite to families and caregivers.**
- (vi) **Create hope in the face of this terrible disease.**
- (vii) **Help us to understand the emotional and physical support that people need when they are living with cancer.**

(i) Support Grant Guidelines:

- (i) **Funding Available: Up to \$50,000.**
- (ii) **Eligibility: Open to any Eligible Organisation. The Eligible Organisation is limited to submitting no more than two applications in this grant category.**
- (iii) **Focus: Support Projects for those patients and their families who are on the journey of cancer treatment. Note: *research* projects are not funded under this category and should be submitted under one of the Research Projects categories.**
- (iv) **Criteria:**
 1. Effectiveness in meeting a defined need in the community.
 2. Ubiquity of offering – how available is the output of the project to defined beneficiaries?
 3. Uniqueness of need relative to other options for providing similar support to beneficiaries.

PART SIX - Guidelines for Named Awards

In addition to the various Grant Categories set out in Part Five, Tour de Cure also makes provision for specific named awards as part of the Tour de Cure Annual Grant Round.

Prof Richard Scolyer Award for Brain Cancer Research (*new in 2025*)

Specific Guidelines:

There continues to be a need to investigate the causes, diagnostic approaches and treatment of brain cancer across the entire population. The very nature of brain cancer, the often-late diagnosis of the disease and the inherent challenges in treatment of brain cancer requires fresh, innovative thinking. This award is made in recognition of the pioneering work undertaken by Prof Richard Scolyer and his colleagues to challenge the prevailing thinking, identify new areas of investigation and expand the understanding of the diagnoses and treatment of brain cancer. This is an ongoing award and will be made available for the first time during the 2025/2025 Annual Grant Round.

- (a) Funding Available: Up to \$200,000.**
- (b) Award Availability: awarded annually to that brain cancer research applicant (research application submitted via other grant categories) that best meet these Award Guidelines. There is no need to apply explicitly for this Award.**
- (c) Focus: Any research project that supports the Objectives of Tour de Cure and is focused on the area of the understanding, identification, diagnosis or treatment of brain cancer. Although this observation also applies to other categories of research that will be considered for funding by Tour de Cure, the need for novel and innovative thinking is paramount in the diagnosis and treatment of brain cancer. Applicants are encouraged to consider how their research proposal addresses the inherent challenges with this type of cancer and accelerates the adoption of new protocols into clinical practice.**
- (d) Eligibility: Open to applicants within any Eligible Organisation that meet at least the standard of a Mid-Career applicant as set out in the Tour de Cure Grant Guidelines.**
- (e) Criteria:**
 - 1. Common Criteria.**
 - 2. Demonstration of a nationally or internationally competitive research program around brain cancer or otherwise directly relevant area. Applicants must show evidence of a sustained scientific output in cancer research over at least five years. This may include publications, previous funding, recognition, invited presentations, contribution to discipline, patents, and translation into policy/practice.**
 - 3. Proposed research can fall anywhere from early-stage assessment of causes of brain cancer through to treatment.**

Other Named Awards will be determined from time to time.

PART SEVEN – Application Process

Tour de Cure selects and funds cancer projects during a funding round that opens on 1 August every year, with decisions finalised by mid-December and payment made during the following June (TDC Annual Grant Round).

Other arrangements are available to support Co-Sponsored Events (*see Appendix A*), and other Tour de Cure Funding Initiatives and Grants – Grants that are outside of the TDC Annual Grant Round (*see Appendix B*).

Multiple Applications: We are mindful of the pressure on Eligible Organisations to fund research and we are endeavouring through our various programs to continue to raise these much-needed funds. At the same time, we feel the need to ensure we can provide the right level of review to every valid application for funding. As such, we ask the following:

- (a) That Eligible Organisations restrict the number of applications for each category (other than PhD applications) to two applications.**
- (b) There is scope for each Eligible Organisation to rank the applications in each category. While this ranking is not compulsory, it does assist us when evaluating the many applications received as against the limited funding we have.**
- (c) That Eligible Organisations do not submit the same project for funding across more than one grant category. If you have any question as to which category is the most appropriate for your application, please do not hesitate to contact our Tour de Cure Grants Coordinator at Joscelyn.Kevan@tourdecure.com.au**
- (d) Applications must be made using the online form at: [Home Page - Tour de Cure \(smartygrants.com.au\)](http://smartygrants.com.au)**

For more information regarding Tour de Cure, please visit our website www.tourdecure.com.au.

For more specific information about the Tour de Cure Grants Program, please visit our Research Hub at: [Apply for a grant | Drive your research forward with funds from Tour de Cure – Tour De Cure](#)

Thank you for joining us in being part of our mission: 'Curing Cancer and Changing Lives'.

Appendix A: Co-Sponsored Events

To encourage fundraising for Tour de Cure across Australia by individuals, local groups and companies outside of designated Tour de Cure events, Tour de Cure will provide various levels of support to facilitate co-sponsored fundraising initiatives of others. Funds raised must flow through Tour de Cure before payment is made to the eventual beneficiary.

- 1 Focus: Funding a specific organisation or support group in relation to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, support, research, or serious health conditions related to cancer in line with Tour de Cure's Objectives.**
- 2 Funding Target:** Open to individuals, local groups and companies seeking to raise at least \$25,000 per initiative.
- 3 Co-sponsoring:** Acknowledgement and co-branding of Tour de Cure throughout fundraising period.
- 4 Support provided by Tour de Cure:**
 - (a) Stripe payment gateway fees and Tour de Cure fees included in the fee for management of the grant of 5%.**
 - (b) Funding collected and managed through 'Raisely' payment gateway. A Raisely Landing Page to be created with Tour de Cure advice, assistance and requirements.**
 - (c) Funds raised are tax deductible to donors by virtue of Tour de Cure's Item 1 charity status.**
 - (d) Proposed projects tracked for compliance and communication purposes.**
 - (e) Marketing and communication support for the initiative on a case-by-case basis.**
- 5 Grant Application and Ongoing Management:**
 - (a) Fundraiser to complete a Community Grants Application through Tour de Cure's grant portal SmartyGrants. The link will be supplied by Tour de Cure's Grants Coordinator. All nominated beneficiaries must be approved by the Grants Committee of Tour de Cure.**
 - (b) The Grants process to be followed regarding allocation of funding.**
 - (c) Payment of Funds made at completion of fundraising date or in accordance with Tour de Cure's payment schedule.**
 - (d) Reporting of grant process to Grant Coordinator.**
 - (e) Acquittal Report of Grant is required at completion through Tour de Cure's grant management online system (SmartyGrants).**
- 6 Further Considerations:**
 - (a) Cost of fundraising needs to be considered relative to the overall funds raised by Tour de Cure.**

- (b) If a specified need for the Community Project is met, consider additional funding to go towards the Tour de Cure Annual Grant Round?
- (c) Reporting and updates to be conveyed to Tour de Cure's Grant Coordinator.

Appendix B: Other Tour de Cure Funding Initiatives and Grants (outside of the TDC Annual Grant Round)

1 Local Grants

Cancer can be an isolating experience, particularly for people living in regional communities, where access to care and support can be incredibly limited. During events we hold (rides and walks and other such events), we contribute funds to local cancer support projects and hold community dinners, so our riders, walkers and support crew can meet local people and hear first-hand why their support is so important. Together we are helping to foster a culture of kindness for everyone touched by cancer.

- (1) **Funding Available:** up to \$10,000.
- (2) **Eligibility:** Open to any Eligible Organisation operating within a community associated with a Tour de Cure event. These grants are determined on an event-by-event basis.
- (3) **Focus:** Projects or programs supporting cancer patients and their families in that community where a Tour de cure event is taking place.
- (4) **Criteria:**
 - (a) Effectiveness in meeting a defined need in the community.
 - (b) Ubiquity of offering (how available is the output of the project to defined beneficiaries);
 - (c) Uniqueness of need relative to other options for providing similar support to beneficiaries.

2 TDC Gala Grants

Tour de Cure Gala Grants are linked to our Gala events. Applications are by invitation only.

Tour De Cure Gala Events bring together enthusiastic guests from popular celebrity supporters, Sydney's philanthropic community and leading corporate organisations who have been touched by cancer and are looking for cancer breakthroughs. Our events raise funds through donations to fund specific research and related programs looking at ground-breaking projects that we believe will have the biggest impact on cancer.

- (1) **Grant Focus:** Any support project that supports the objectives of Tour de Cure.

- (2) **Grant Application:** Application for consideration and approval through Tour de Cure and/or the Tour de Cure Grants Committee. The Grants process to be followed regarding allocation of funding.
- (3) **Funding Available:** Varies per event (related to funding raised at the Gala Event and or based on the pledges made on the night/day).

3 Partnership Grants

Partnership grants are between Tour de Cure and an AMRI (Partner). Applications are by invitation only.

The agreement will be confirmed by Tour de Cure with a matching component of funding with Tour de Cure and the Partner. An agreement (Partnership Agreement) will be entered into once confirmed to establish a three-year partnership program (or as agreed).

Terms of the funding arrangements will be agreed upon on a case-by-case basis.

Tour de Cure will invoice the Partner for the agreed nominated amount per annum. Tour de Cure will then make a payment for the agreed amount plus Tour de Cure's contribution each year to the Partner. Invoice and payment times will vary depending on the terms of the Partnership Agreement.

4 Donor Specific Supported, Perpetual Giving and Testamentary Grants

Donor supported and perpetual giving grants are as between individuals, families, foundations, estates and Tour de Cure to provide a means for targeted donations to Tour de Cure. The donation is allocated to a specific grant, cancer type or allocated to a set Tour de Cure project if applicable, or as otherwise agreed.

These grants are coordinated with and consideration for approval is reviewed by the Tour de Cure Grants Committee.

An example of such a grant is the Tour de Cure – '*Foundation for Surgery*' *Scholarship*: Tour de Cure supports a research scholarship in conjunction with the *Foundation for Surgery* around surgical intervention in the treatment of cancer. Applications for this Scholarship are open to Fellows of the College, and Trainees or International Medical Graduates on a pathway to Fellowship. Interested parties are directed to the Foundation of Surgery website at [HOME | RACS \(surgeons.org\)](http://HOME | RACS (surgeons.org)) for more details on this fellowship.

^[1] Note: The window for application is set by Tour de Cure on a time-to-time basis or invite only while determining those communities likely to be hosting Tour de Cure rides or other events in the upcoming year. These grants are not determined during or form part of the Annual Grant Round.

Appendix C: Translational Research Phases

[The Phases of Translational Cancer Research.](#)

Appendix D: Common Scientific Outline Framework

[Common Scientific Framework](#)