

Tactical Research Fund frequently asked questions

Q1: How do I contact the CRC research team?

A: The contact details of all research team members are listed on the CRC website [here](#).

Q2: When do applications close?

A: Applications close on 31 October, or earlier if all allocated funding for the year is contracted to successful applicants.

Q3: The Tactical Research Fund is closed, and my project is at stage one or stage two of the application process. Can my project still secure funding this round?

A: Unfortunately not this round. The CRC has the right to close the Tactical Research Fund upon commitment of all available Tactical Research Funds for the year. In this situation, the CRC research team can advise on the appropriate course of action for your project, including reapplying to future Tactical Research Fund rounds, or be directed to other CRC or external funding streams.

Q4: How much funding is available?

A: Applicants can request a maximum of \$100,000 (ex-GST) per project from the CRC, and applications for funding at the maximum level are expected to have additional cash and in-kind contributions from other parties, which can be added to the total project funds. The total funds available in 2019 is \$250,000 (ex-GST).

Q5: How long can my project go for?

A: Projects are expected to be completed within 12 months of full execution of the contract.

Q6: What is an end-user partner of the CRC?

A: End-user partners of the CRC contribute financially to the CRC and are signatories to the CRC's Participant Agreement. All members/partners of the CRC are listed on the CRC website [here](#). This does not include CRC collaborations: collaborations are end-users that are not cash funding partners but have collaborated with CRC research project teams in other ways, for example providing advice, being participants in surveys and focus groups, shared data, etc.

Q7: My organisation is not a cash funded partner of the CRC; can I apply?

A: No, you cannot apply, but you can work together with CRC end-user partners to develop a proposal. Please review the CRC end-user partners list to check your eligibility <http://www.bnhcrc.com.au/about/organisations-partners>

Q8: My organisation is listed as a collaboration on the CRC website; can I apply?

A: No, you cannot apply, but you can work together with CRC end-user partners to develop a proposal. The majority of end-user partners are signatories to the CRC's Participant

Agreement and have contributed financially to the CRC. See the Frequently Asked Question six for further information.

Q9: How does my organisation become a partner of the CRC?

A: Please contact Sarah Mizzi, Partnership Development Director sarah.mizzi@bnhrc.com.au for details.

Q10: I am not sure if my project proposal is eligible; how do I find out?

A: Ensure that your project proposal meets the *Assessment criteria* and can demonstrate all items in section C (the *Assessment criteria* can be found [here](#)). Upon reviewing the *Assessment criteria* and all relevant guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions, contact the CRC for further information and advice. See Frequently Asked Question one for contact details.

Q11: I'm a PhD student and would like to apply for funding through the Tactical Research Fund; can I do so?

A: Tactical Research Funding is suitable for end-user partners of the CRC and is not a funding source to secure PhD scholarships or project funding. For information on PhD scholarships through the CRC please get in contact with Dr John Bates, Research Director john.bates@bnhrc.com.au.

Q12: I have four CRC end-users that endorse my project; how do I best demonstrate this?

A: Have the four end-user partners each write a formal letter of support on a document with their organisation's letterhead. The letter of support should be signed by the end-user representative and attached to the Tactical Research Fund application

upon submission. More information on this can be found in the *Assessment criteria* section C.

Q13: How does the CRC manage project payment?

A: Funding is released to a project team upon successful completion of project milestones. Each milestone needs to be approved through the CRC review process before the milestone can be considered complete. The CRC approves milestone payment by referring to the milestone payment plan situated within the project plan.

Q14: What is a milestone?

A: Milestones are a series of significant stages detailed in the project plan, which researchers are required to report against. Milestones include key events and actions, or deliverables which are referenced against key dates. The CRC pays against the successful completion of milestones within a given quarter.

Q15: Can I get assistance to complete my application?

A: Absolutely. Refer to the Tactical Research Fund guidelines on the [CRC website](#) in the first instance and if you have additional queries contact a member of the CRC research team for advice (see Frequently Asked Question one for details).

Q16: I have submitted an application and have realised there are some errors. Can I edit the application?

A: You can edit an application up until the CRC closes the Tactical Research Fund for the year. Information on when the Tactical Research Fund is closed will be communicated via the website. It is important to let a member of the CRC Research Team know that the

application will be resubmitted at a later date. See Frequently Asked Question one for contact details.

Q17: My application was not successful. Can I get feedback?

A: Yes. The CRC will provide unsuccessful applications with feedback. Applicants can amend unsuccessful applications and re-enter them any time prior to the close of the Tactical Research Fund for the year. Alternatively, the proposal can be amended and re-entered in future Tactical Research Fund rounds. Feedback may also include other CRC funding options or options external to the CRC.

Q18: How many applications can I submit?

A: You can submit as many applications as you like. However, with the limited pool of funds available, it is unlikely that multiple projects will be approved from the same organisation or end-user group in the same year. The CRC encourages the submission of well-developed applications, with cash or in-kind support from its project partners.