**Expression of Interest – Cancer Institute NSW Research Equipment Grant**

Cancer Institute NSW announced the **2024 Research Equipment Grant** round specifically for members of Maridulu Budyari Gumal (SPHERE), Sydney Cancer Partners and NSW Regional Health Partners.

Research Equipment Grants ensure that the state has world class infrastructure to accelerate cancer research and realise clinical benefits.

This scheme will support research infrastructure where there is a clearly demonstrated need and where the equipment will substantially improve research productivity.

In 2024, the Cancer Institute NSW will accept **one (1) application per centre** to be considered for funding which must be endorsed by a Chief Investigator who currently holds a Cancer Institute NSW Translational Research Capacity Building Grant. For SPHERE, this endorsement is from Professor Geoff Delaney.

To facilitate selection of this application, we are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI). From the EOI’s, **one application** will be selected to proceed to full application with endorsement of SPHERE Cancer CAG Lead, Professor Geoff Delaney. EOI’s will be reviewed by an internal Executive Committee from within SPHERE.

**Purpose of Funding:** This scheme will support research infrastructure where there is a clearly demonstrated need and where the equipment will substantially improve research productivity. Funding is available for research platforms, core equipment and capacities to enhance the cancer research effort in NSW.

**Funding Available**: Up to $700,000 (ex GST) per application. Equipment must be purchased within 12 months of the commencement of the grant. Co-contributions may be provided by the Administering Institution and/or other funders where the proposed equipment exceeds $700,000.

**Chief Investigator:** Must be employed at one of [SPHERE’s](https://www.thesphere.com.au/our-partners/) affiliated organisations for the duration of the grant. An applicant can only be named as a Chief Investigator on one REG application. Applicants must have an ORCID identifier. The Chief Investigator, Administering Institution and equipment once purchased, must be located in NSW.

**Use of Funds**: Acceptable types of physical infrastructure to be funded includes equipment and machinery (for example, computer-based equipment and databases, imaging, and other analytical laboratory equipment). Upgrading of existing equipment is also acceptable under this scheme. The requested equipment should not be currently available or accessible to the Investigators. Funding must only be used for the specific equipment as stated in the grant application.

**Equipment Location, Procurement and Access:** The funded equipment must be located in NSW and a Procurement Plan must be provided, including a quote for the cost of the equipment and the method and timeline of procuring the equipment in the full application (not required for the EOI). The equipment must be made accessible to other researchers in NSW when it is not being used for its primary purpose.

**Grant activation**

To activate the grant, the competitive Grants Agreement between the Administering Institution and Cancer Institute NSW must be fully executed by 14th June 2024.

**How to Apply**

**Key Dates**

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| EOI Opens | Monday 25th March 2024 |
| EOI Closes | 9am, Monday 8th April 2024 |
| EOI Outcomes Notified | By COB Wednesday 10th April 2024 |
| Full Application Due | 1pm, Wednesday 1 May 2024 |

**How to submit EOI**

Completed EOIs should be submitted to SPHERECancerCAG@unsw.edu.au by **9am on Monday 8th April.**

Please name your document “2024 Research Equipment Grant (REG) EOI\_LASTNAME FIRSTNAME”

And put “2024 Research Equipment Grant (REG) EOI” in the subject line.

Please submit any enquiries to SPHERECancerCAG@unsw.edu.au.

To allow the team to convene an appropriate review panel, please advise SPHERECancerCAG@unsw.edu.au whether you intend to submit an EOI at your earliest convenience.

## **Expression of Interest Form**

# Research Equipment Grant (REG)

**EOI Closing Date: 9am, Monday 8th April 2024**

### SUMMARY

#### Application Title

Provide a short descriptive title (50 words maximum).

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## Research Plan

Provide details of how the equipment will support advances in cancer research in NSW (500 words maximum).

This should include:

1. A description of the research that will be undertaken and how the equipment will enhance this.
2. The need and relevance of the equipment and confirmation that this is not readily accessible.
3. A justification of how the research aligns within the strategic context of the NSW Cancer Plan and this grant scheme
4. A brief management plan for the use of the equipment, including the plans for other researchers to access the equipment, sustainability and the continuous usage and the maintenance of the equipment.

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### Location of equipment

If the research will take place at more than one location, list these below.

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| **Institution**  |  |

### Funding amount requested from Cancer Institute NSW

Each grant can request funding for the purchase of equipment up to $700,000 (excluding GST). Further details should be provided in the REG Funding Requested and Access Spreadsheet.

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| **Total**  |  |

### CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

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| **Full Name** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Contact Number** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Organisation Address** |  |
| **ORCID** |  |
| **NSW Research Translation Centre** |  |
| **Are you an Australian citizen/ permanent resident?** |  |

#### OTHER INVESTIGATORS

List the other investigators (up to nine) who will be part of the application. All Investigators must be a member of a NSW Research Translation Centre.

| **Name** | **Institution**  | **Email Address** | **NSW Research Translation Centre** |
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#### Supporting documentation **(NOT REQUIRED FOR THE EOI)**

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| **Document**  | **Description**  |
| REG Funding Requested and Access Spreadsheet (Tab 1) | Provides details of the funds requested from the Cancer Institute NSW and cash contributions from other sources (if applicable). |
| REG Funding Requested and Access Spreadsheet (Tab 2) | Provides details of the research groups that are expected to access this equipment.  |
| Procurement Plan/Quote for Equipment  | A procurement plan, including a quote for the cost of the equipment and the method and timeline of procuring the equipment. |
| Investigator CVs | A CV must be provided for the Chief Investigator and all other investigators (maximum 4 pages). |
| Endorsement letter by a Chief Investigator of a current Cancer Institute NSW Translational Cancer Research Capacity Building Grant | Endorsement letter must confirm points listed in section 3.2 of the Guidelines.  |
| Administering Institution Endorsement Letter *(template provided)* | Endorsement letter must confirm points listed in section 3.3 of the Guidelines. |