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Dust Diseases Board (DDB) Research Stream Grants Program Expression of Interest Form (EOI) FY26

Disclaimer

The information in this form and its attachments is used to advise the DDB on funding allocation, perform due diligence, and support post-award reporting. This information will be shared with third parties for assessment and may be shared with other NSW Government Departments or Agencies.

The submission of your application does not guarantee funding. The costs for producing the application are borne by the applicant. Applicants should read the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* to be fully informed of requirements.

Freedom of Information

Information provided in this application and related documents is treated confidentially. However, Dust Diseases Care (DDC) is subject to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.* As a result, the details contained in this application and other pertinent information may be disclosed if requested under the Act.

Application Instructions

Before completing the application, please read the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* and ensure that your application relates to an eligible dust disease as specified in the *Workers' Compensation* (*Dust Diseases*) *Act 1942 – Schedule 1 of Dust Diseases*. **Answer each question** in this form, typing your responses below each question, where relevant.

Part A – Administrative Overview

A1. Application Title

Please provide a clear and concise title for your project (maximum 10 words).

Important: When completing this EOI, please consult **Appendix 1** EOI Submission Protocol in the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26.* This **Appendix** provides detailed instructions on how to complete, format, and submit your EOI.

Additionally, **complete and attach all required documentation and prescribed templates** as specified in this form. Please note that word limits are strictly enforced; any information exceeding the word limit will not be considered. You are required to **adhere to all formatting and submission requirements**.

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DDB Research Stream Grants Program Selection

Which of the following DDB Research Stream Grants Program are you applying for?

(Please check the appropriate box)

Discovery & Innovation Grants

Research Translation Grants

Dust Diseases Prevention Grants

A2. Lead Chief Investigator Summary

Title	First Name		
Middle Na	ame	Family Name	
Institution	al Affiliation		
Position 1	Title		
Email Add	dress		

A3. Name of the Eligible Administering Organisation/Institution

The university, research organisation, or institute that will sign the Funding Agreement and assume responsibility for managing the grant funds.

Organisation/Institution Name Email Address

A4. Name of the Eligible Research Institution

The institution where the research or project will be conducted. The Administering Organisation/Institution and Research Institution **may be the same entity**.

Institution Name

Email Address

A5. Partnerships

Will you partner with other organisations to undertake the project?

Yes
 No

If yes, please provide full details.

Ensure your statement **adheres** to **Appendix 1** EOI Submission Protocol in the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* (maximum 300 words).

Part B – Project and Specified Personnel Details

B1. Detailed Project Overview

In a **separate PDF document**, please **attach** a brief project overview outlining the research objectives, innovation, practical application (if applicable), risk identification and prevention (if applicable), methodology, expected impact, stakeholder engagement (if applicable), and alignment with strategic goals.

Ensure your overview **adheres** to **Appendix 1** EOI Submission Protocol in the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26.* (maximum two A4 pages, including references).

B2. Research Team Capability Statement

Please provide a statement that outlines the leadership of the lead CI, the capability of the research team to execute the project, and the collaborative strength and team composition. Describe how the lead CI's leadership, the team's expertise, and any relevant collaborations align with the project design and support the successful delivery of the proposed outcomes.

Ensure your statement **adheres** to **Appendix 1** EOI Submission Protocol in the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* (maximum 300 words).

B3. Allocation of Research Time

For the lead Chief Investigator: Please specify your allocation of research time for this project in terms of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE). An FTE of 1.0 indicates a full-time engagement, equivalent to 5 days per week.

Will you allocate at least 0.2 FTE to this project?

Yes
No

B4. Ongoing DDB-Funded Projects and Eligibility Assessment*

Do any of the Chief Investigators (CIs) have ongoing DDB-funded projects?

Yes
No

If yes, in a **separate single PDF** document, please **complete and attach**, the template with details of any ongoing DDB-funded projects for **each** relevant CI. Include projects that have not yet submitted or received approval for their Final Project Report and Final Financial Acquittal, and have not been officially closed by the DDC.

*Please ensure you refer to the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* for information on ongoing project limits **per** CI, as this may affect their **eligibility** to apply in this round. If **any** CI **exceeds** the specified limits, the application will be deemed **ineligible**.

Please refer to **Appendix 1** EOI Submission Protocol in the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* for detailed **instructions** and the formatting **template**.

B5. Statement of Research Integrity

Please provide a Statement of Research Integrity outlining the lead Chief Investigator and team's responsibilities and commitment to research conduct during the proposed project. Confirm within this statement that no members of the team have a history of research misconduct.

Ensure your statement **adheres** to **Appendix 1** EOI Submission Protocol in the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* (maximum 250 words).

Part C – Compliance and Declaration

C1. Declaration by Applicants

I/We hereby confirm that:

- I have read and complied with the DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26.
- The details in this Expression of Interest application are true and complete.
- I meet the eligibility requirements as specified in the DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26.
- I am responsible for the creation and intellectual content of this Expression of Interest application, ensuring all references and contributions are properly acknowledged.
- I have complied with the *DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26* and Submission Protocols. If successful, I will adhere to the DDC Grant Funding Agreement.
- All legal requirements will be satisfied before starting the research.
- I have disclosed any significant personal and financial interests or conflicts of interest to the relevant Administering Organisation/Institution and will update them of any changes post-application submission.
- I will inform the Administering Organisation/Institution of any changes in my circumstances that may impact my eligibility or ability to undertake the project after submitting this application.
- I have no previous or current issues of research misconduct. If such an issue arises, I will notify the DDC immediately.
- The information in this form and attachments is collected for funding recommendations and post-award reporting. This information may be shared with external assessors and disclosed to other NSW Government Departments or Agencies as allowed by law.

I/We agree

C2. Submission Details

Please provide the contact information for the primary Administrative Organisation/Institution contact.

I certify that I have read, understood, and complied with the DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26.

Confirm that you have reviewed all entries for compliance and accuracy before submission and that you understand the method and requirements for submission.

Title	Full Name			
Position Title				
Email Ad	ldress			

All details reviewed and confirmed

C3. Declaration by the authorised delegate in the Administering Organisation/Institution

I affirm that:

- I have read and complied with the DDB Research Stream Grants Program Guidelines FY26.
- Necessary checks confirm all applicants and associated organisations meet the eligibility criteria.
- I will notify the DDC of any updates to applicants or organisations post-submission.
- The details in this Expression of Interest application and all associated documents are true and complete, to the best of my knowledge.
- All required documentation and templates have been attached as instructed.
- Applicants are responsible for the creation and intellectual content of this Expression of Interest application, with proper citations and acknowledgments.
- To the best of my knowledge, no applicant has a history of research misconduct. If any issues arise, the Administering Organisation/Institution will notify the DDC immediately.
- Necessary consents have been obtained for third-party reviews for assessment purposes.
- Permissions have been secured for the DDC to manage the details provided in this Expression of Interest application.
- Relevant parties have been informed that information from this Expression of Interest application may be shared with other NSW Government Departments or Agencies for advisory purposes.
- To the best of my knowledge, all personal and financial interests and conflicts of interest have been disclosed to the Administering Organisation/Institution. If awarded, conflicts will be managed according to the *icare Conflict of Interest Policy*, and related guidelines.

Title	Full Name					
Position	Position Title					
Signature		Date				

EOI Checklist for Required Documents and Templates

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B4. Ongoing DDB-Funded Projects:

Complete and **attach** the **template** with the details of any ongoing project funded by DDB that has not yet submitted and received approval for its Final Project Report and Final Financial Acquittal, and has not been officially closed by the DDC for **each** relevant CI in a **separate PDF document**.