

## **Fight Parkinson's Seed Funding Grants 2026**

Seed funding grant applications for projects commencing in 2026 are now open.

### **Overview**

- Fight Parkinson's is calling for applications for seed funding grants to support innovative, early-stage Parkinson's research conducted in Victoria:
  - Clinical Research – \$30,000
  - Basic Science Research – \$30,000
- Funded grant projects must be deliverable within a 12-month timeframe.
- Fight Parkinson's invests in research to improve the lives of people living with Parkinson's, PSP, CBS, or MSA and advance understanding and care.
- This is a seed funding program designed to stimulate new ideas, build research capacity, and support both emerging and established researchers.
- Innovative, team-based approaches are encouraged, including early-career researchers with appropriate mentorship.
- Applications are assessed on scientific or clinical merit, innovation, feasibility, community impact, capacity building, and track record relative to opportunity.
- Grants are evaluated by an independent Review Panel with recommendations ratified by the Fight Parkinson's Board.

### **Objectives of Fight Parkinson's Seed Funding Grants in Parkinson's Disease, PSP, CBS, and MSA**

- Provide financial support for research conducted in part or fully in Victoria.
- Improve evidence-based knowledge.
- Stimulate new and innovative research activities.
- Increase research team capacity, including early- and mid-career researchers.
- Facilitate communication between researchers, clinicians and the Fight Parkinson's community.
- Support innovative team-based approaches that may lead to larger funding schemes.

### **Eligibility and Conditions**

- Applicants must hold a PhD or be a qualified clinician.
- Institutional ethics approval is required prior to commencement.
- Successful applicants must present findings to the Fight Parkinson's community.
- Publications must acknowledge Fight Parkinson's.
- Electronic copies of publications must be provided to Fight Parkinson's.
- Lead Chief Investigators successful in the 2025 round are not eligible to apply as lead CI in 2026 (may participate as co-investigators).

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- Maximum \$3,000 permitted for infrastructure and oncosts.
- Research must be undertaken in Victoria.
- Project must proceed without reliance on unsecured funds.

### Selection Criteria

- Alignment with program objectives.
- Scientific or clinical merit.
- Innovation and novelty.
- Feasibility and deliverability.
- Research team quality and capacity building.
- Community impact and engagement.
- Track record assessed relative to opportunity.

### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF to [info@fightparkinsons.org.au](mailto:info@fightparkinsons.org.au) by 5:00pm (AEDT) on Monday 9 March 2026.

The application shall consist of:

- 1) **Front cover**, to include:
  - a) Project name
  - b) Applicants name and contact details
  - c) Research team names, email address and contact information
  - d) Name of the institution through which the project will be performed
  - e) Statement that the team will comply with the conditions of the award.
- 2) **A one page description of the project in lay language.** This page should include the potential impact of the award to the Parkinsons community and to the research team.
- 3) **Up to two pages of project description**, that includes background, hypothesis and aims.
- 4) **A two page CV of each of the research team.** This should include:
  - a) Total number of publications
  - b) Number of publications in the last five years
  - c) Total number of citations
  - d) Number of citations in the last five years
  - e) Web link (e.g. NCBI, Orcid, Researcher ID) to a full list of publications
  - f) H factor must be used
  - g) Five best publications and how they impacted the field
  - h) Current funded grants
  - i) Confirmed other sources of funding for this grant.

- 5) **A full copy of the ethical approval of the project** (if available).
- 6) **Disclosure of conflicts of interest.**
- 7) **Full research budget.**

### **Applications close at 5:00pm on Monday 9 March 2026**

Applications must be received as a single PDF by email to [info@fightparkinsons.org.au](mailto:info@fightparkinsons.org.au), attention to Fight Parkinson's Grants Review Committee.

Successful grant recipients will be notified and announced early-April 2026.