**Genetic Epidemiology Research Alliance (GERA) Funding Applications: Larger Projects**

**Round 1 2025**

Larger project funding details:

* Up to $100,000 per project
* Availability: 3\* throughout the 5 years of the CRE.
*\*Pending the determination of the Executive Committee.*
* Eligibility: The project lead must be a GERA CRE CI.
* Eligible expenditure: Direct research costs that satisfy the principles and requirements outlined in the NHMRC Direct Research Costs Guidelines, excluding the salary for the CRE CIs. Funds can be allocated AIs as determined appropriate by the lead CI.
* Must score high on the following assessment criteria:
	+ Alignment with CRE vision and aims
	+ Project quality
	+ Significance of outcomes
	+ Feasibility and capability of the research team
	+ Preference will be given to projects with co-funding and/or a strong further funding application plan
* Collaborations between CRE investigators and involvement of ECR’s are encouraged
* Scoring is modelled from NHMRC ideas grant score descriptors

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| **Applications open:**  | TBC |
| **Applications close:**  | TBC |
| **Submitting your application** | Please email your completed PDF application to: **gera-info@unimelb.edu.au** |

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

**(expand text boxes and include attachments as required)**

# Project Description

**1. Project Title**

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**2. Aims and Objectives** (1-3 sentences)

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**3. Project Proposal**

Provide a detailed description of the proposal (maximum 2 pages)

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**4. Significance**

Explain the significance and innovation of the project. What is the likelihood that it will lead to changes in policy or practice, if any?

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**5. Timeline and milestones**

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| **Start date** |  | **End date** |  |
| **Please attach a detailed timeline including key milestones**  |
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**6. Outcomes and deliverables**

Provide expected outcomes of the project and how these will be measured

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**7. Benefits to CRE**

Please describe how the expected outcomes will help the CRE achieve their vision and aims. Can include short, medium, and long-term benefits. E.g. data generation, method development, and future funding opportunities.

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**8. Training and Career Development**

Detail how this project will provide training and career development, if any

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# Project Team

**9. Project lead researcher**

Must be CRE CI.

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| **Name and title** |  |
| **Appointment** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Institution** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |

**10. Other key researchers and project personnel**

Add rows if needed

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|  | **Full name**  | **Appointment** | **Department & Institution** | **Project role** |
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**11. Team track record and experience in the related field** (maximum 300 words)

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# Budget

**12. Budget needed from CRE**

Describe the funding requirements requested from this funding scheme, including justifications (i.e. salary and FTE)

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**13. Leverage of Funds**

Describe and provide evidence for co-funding arrangements that will be used to boost the funding provided by the CRE *(Preference will be given to projects with co-funding)*

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Is there a plan for further funding (for example, NHMRC, MRFF or ARC grant) application based on this project? *(If yes, please specify; preference will be given to projects with a further funding application plan)*

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