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

**Round 1 2025**

# Seed project funding details:

* $40,000 per project, which needs to be completed within 12 months of award
* Availability: 2\*   
  *\*Pending the determination of the Executive Committee based on the quality and number of applications received each round.*
* 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
* Assessment criteria:
  + Alignment with CRE aims
  + Project quality
  + Significance
  + Feasibility and capability of the research team
* Scoring is modelled from NHMRC ideas grant score descriptors

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| **Applications open:** | 11th August 2025 |
| **Applications close:** | 29th August 2025 |
| **Submitting your application** | Please email your completed PDF application to:  [**gera-info@unimelb.edu.au**](mailto:gera-info@unimelb.edu.au) |

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

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# 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 *(max 500 words)*

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**4. Significance**

Explain the significance and innovation of the project. What is the likelihood it will lead to changes in policy or practice? *(max 300 words)*

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**5. Training and Career Development**

Detail how this project will provide training and career development, if any *(max 200 words)*

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# Project team

**6. Project lead.** Must be a CRE Chief Investigator

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**7. Other project personnel**

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|  | **Full name** | **Appointment** | **Department & Institution** |
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**8. Describe the research team's capability and project feasibility** (max 300 words)

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# Budget

**9. Budget needed from CRE**

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

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**10. Leverage of Funds**

Will the outcomes of this project support an application for further funding (for example, NHMRC, MRFF or ARC grant)? Yes No *(If yes, please specify)*

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If appliable, 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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