**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: 
  + Must align with the CRE [vision and aims](https://www.gera.org.au/our-research/).
  + 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 to AI teams as determined appropriate by the lead CI.
* Funding in each round is not guaranteed and will depend on the quality and suitability of applications, as assessed by reviewers and the GERA CI Executive Committee.
* Collaborations between CRE investigators and involvement of ECRs are strongly encouraged.
* The GERA CI Executive Committee may recommend changes to applications to strengthen collaboration or scope.

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| **Letter of intent close:** | **8 October 2025**  Please email [**gera-info@unimelb.edu.au**](mailto:gera-info@unimelb.edu.au) by the due date with the following:   * Project title, * Brief project description (~100 words) * Investigator team members   This will enable the GERA Executive Committee to confirm alignment with CRE and organise the review of applications for a timely outcome. |
| **Full applications close:** | **27 October 2025, 10 AM**  Please email this completed application to  [gera-info@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:gera-info@unimelb.edu.au) by the due date. |

**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** |  |
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**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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