

Lions Trust Fund October 2026 Research Grant Application Form

Sponsored by Lions Club Elderly Peoples Home Inc. and Monash Health
Closing – Friday 30th October 2026, 5.00 pm

Project grant objectives

Grants of up to \$25,000* are provided by the Lions John Cockayne Memorial Fellowship Trust Fund, to support clinician-driven research to improve the health, care and treatment of elderly persons. The grants are one-off, for the purpose of meeting or contributing to the research project costs.

**Grants will be allocated as an initial sum of up to \$20,000 (subject to approvals and conditions outlined in this document) with scope for an additional \$5,000 of funding, subject to satisfactory progress. Applicants can request the full \$25K of funding in their budget if all items are appropriately justified. Applicants are encouraged to submit a realistic budget to ensure that the project can be completed on time.*

Applicants are advised to consult the Trust's website for full details of eligibility criteria and a list of past grant recipients.
<https://monashhealth.org/services/monarc/ljcmftf/>

A preview of the complete application form is available here:

Forms required for submission are available here: LJCMFTF Research Grant Proposal, Budget and Approvals Form_Final 261001.doc

Process

Applications are invited by the Fund Committee for submission by **Friday 30th October 2026, 5.00 pm**.

The Fund Committee will review applications and decide on funding allocation by early December 2026.

Please email any questions to:

rosa.gualano@monashhealth.org
michelle.kaminski@monashhealth.org

For nursing-specific queries, contact:

The Centre for Quality and Patient Safety Research - Monash Health Partnership via
nursingmidwifery_research@monashhealth.org

Eligibility & selection criteria

Grants will be only awarded if they are of sufficient quality and they meet all the selection criteria.

If there is a need to choose between applications of equal calibre, researchers who have not previously received support from this fund will be preferred.

Applications can focus on **any** topic that will improve the care of older people and skill development of Aged & Rehabilitation staff. Eligibility is restricted to the current **Monash Health Aged and Rehabilitation Division**, inclusive of Inpatient Services, Community Rehabilitation, Residential Care and Specialist Clinics, as well as Monash Health Aged Persons' Mental Health.

Applications for research grants will be evaluated with these selection criteria:

1. Appropriateness of the proposed research, for the individual applicant, his/her Department and Aged Care generally;
2. Relevance of the project to make a difference to the health, care or treatment of older persons;
3. Clarity of the hypothesis or research objectives;
4. Appropriateness of the research methods, including training and collaboration (if required);
5. Project feasibility, including capacity of the applicant to undertake the proposed research and satisfactorily complete it within 12-18 months (or a mutually agreed timeframe), and within budget;
6. Support of the application by Department Head and relevant referees;
7. Compliance with guidelines for this scheme, including completing all sections, compliance with instructions on length and layout, on-time submission; and
8. Reviewers' overall impression of the proposal, including quality of the literature review, relevance of the topic and potential impact of research findings.

1. I meet the eligibility and selection criteria *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Project grant conditions

- Grants are not transferable outside of Monash Health
- Research grant funding will not be released until ethical approval has been granted by the Monash Health Human Research Ethics Committee, if applicable
- Research grant funding will not be released until any contracts between the researcher, Monash Health and third parties have been approved by Monash Health Research Support Services, if applicable
- Grants can be awarded for research carried out as part of post-graduate studies. The applicant needs to clearly outline details of scholarships or other funding already received for their post-graduate project
- Research grant funding will not be released until confirmation of approval by Monash Health Pharmacy to dispense trial medication, injections, placebo, devices or other therapies, if applicable
- A progress report is to be submitted to the Fund Committee quarterly, starting from 6 months after award of the grant. Committee meetings are usually held in late February, May, August and November.
- Confirmation that the research study has been registered with the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry, or equivalent, if applicable
- A short presentation is to be made at a MONARC seminar, reporting on findings from the research and reflections on the project.
- A recipient of a research grant must acknowledge support of the Lions John Cockayne Memorial Fellowship Trust Fund on all publications, posters, and presentations (i.e., *This work was supported by the Lions John Cockayne Memorial Trust Fund. The Lions John Cockayne Memorial Trust is jointly funded by the Oakleigh Lions Club Elderly Peoples Home Inc. and Monash Health*)

2. I agree to the project grant conditions *

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Do not agree

Personal details

3. Title and name *

4. Qualifications (no abbreviations) *

5. Role at Monash Health *

6. Department *

7. Internal mail address **or** external postal address *

8. Phone *

9. Email address *

10. Work status *

☐ Full time

☐ Part time

11. I am an employee of the **Monash Health Aged and Rehabilitation Division**, inclusive of Inpatient Services, Community Rehabilitation, Residential Care, Specialist Clinics or Monash Health Aged Persons' Mental Health. *

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. Date commenced employment at Monash Health

*If your employment has been intermittent, please explain briefly **

13. Are you currently enrolled in a research higher degree (e.g., Masters or PhD)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

14. If you currently enrolled in a research higher degree, please give brief details.

15. Have you previously received a grant from the Lions Trust Fund?

*Those who have previously received funding from the Lions Trust Fund are eligible to apply, however priority is given to those with no previous funding **

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Please provide details of your successful LJCMTF grant, including project/conference title and year of award

17. Will other Monash Health staff be co-investigators in this project?

☐ Yes

☐ No

18. Please name each of the Monash Health staff who will be co-investigators in this project and briefly describe their role (e.g., providing administrative support or technical advice)

19. Are you currently receiving funding from other sources for this project, such as a postgraduate scholarship? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

20. Please provide brief details of any funding from other sources you are receiving for this project

Proposed project details

21. Please upload your research project protocol

Your research project protocol should be a maximum of 2,500 words in at least 11-point font with margins set at a minimum of 2 cm all round. If you cite references in your text, please include a bibliography at the end of this section. The bibliography is not counted in the 4-page limit. Full details of questions and format of the protocol are included in the Budget and Approvals form which is linked [here](#) and with the next question.

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Budget, approvals and referee form

22. Please upload the completed and signed *Research Grant Budget and Approvals Form* to complete the application process

Please note: There is one form which summarises proposal requirements and has space for applicants to include their budget, referees and approvals.

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