



Stillbirth Foundation Australia

Research Grant Application – 2012

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia is the first organisation in Australia dedicated to the sole understanding of stillbirth. The Stillbirth Foundation Australia operates **to reduce the incidence of stillbirth** in Australia, by

- Funding and encouraging research into stillbirth, and
- Increasing public awareness about stillbirth.

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia supports organisations or individuals undertaking research into the cause, prevention and management of stillbirth. The Stillbirth Foundation Australia will consider applications that address any aspect of stillbirth however priority will be given to rigorously designed clinical studies that address unexplained stillbirth, are designed to provide a greater understanding to prevent stillbirth of a known cause or to enable best practice amongst staff caring for families who experience stillbirth.

Applications will be considered for project support or people support. Applications that seek part funding where support can be obtained from other sources will be viewed favourably. All applications will be reviewed by a Scientific Advisory Committee that consists of researchers, consumers and clinical staff.

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia will be providing grants up to a total of \$200,000 for projects to commence in 2012. The number of grants provided will depend on the quality of applicants and the amount requested. We anticipate providing three or four grants-in-aid, whole or in part, up to \$75,000 each. The Stillbirth Foundation Australia provides its grants for use within the subsequent twelve month period, however is willing to consider applications that request recurrent funding over a longer period.

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia will not fund applications for conference travel, equipment or building funds. Grant applications will be accepted from Australian bodies only. Applications are assessed annually. The current closing date for applications is **Friday 26th November 2011**. **Late applications will not be considered.**

little feet taking big steps...to reduce stillbirth

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Your application should include:

- Completed Stillbirth Foundation Grant Application Form as the covering page
- A one page Curriculum Vitae for each Chief Investigator
- Up to one page of relevant publications in the past five years for all Chief Investigators
- For each Chief Investigator: Details of current and requested funding from any funding body, including any previous Stillbirth Foundation Australia funding (Chief Investigator, project title, funding body, years of funding and funding amount)
- Documentation of tax exemption status
- “Lay” description (no more than ½ page) – this should be in a format such that it explains to bereaved parents how the research will make a difference to stillbirth.
- A Project Outline (see below)

The Project Outline should be **no more than six A4 pages**, single spaced and should include:

- Aims
- Hypothesis
- Synopsis (½ page)
- Introduction (½ page)
- Scientific Approach including aims, background, research plan and expected outcomes
- Feasibility
- Scientific Track Record
- References
- Budget including total amount of funding required and the amount requested from the Stillbirth Foundation Australia



SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The closing date for applications is **Friday 26th November 2011**. **Late applications will not be considered**. As part of your application please complete and submit the enclosed "Stillbirth Foundation Australia Grant Application Form".

Applicants are requested to submit the original and **eight** complete copies to:

Stillbirth Foundation Australia
Scientific Advisory Council
PO Box 9
Willoughby NSW 2068

For any further information, please contact:

Melinda Hickin
Phone: 02 9967 3229 or 0413 246 820
Email: melinda@stillbirthfoundation.org.au

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of the grant application assessment in writing by email and postal mail. Investigators should anticipate that the grant assessment process may take up to two months before notification of the outcome is available.

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

1. Following notification of a successful grant application, a colour photograph of the Investigators or research group will be requested, to be used in publicity and reports of the Stillbirth Foundation Australia and for inclusion on our website.
2. Support from the Stillbirth Foundation Australia must be acknowledged in any relevant correspondence, reports or materials, peer review journals and conference presentations or posters produced by the Researchers in relation to the Project.
3. The Stillbirth Foundation Australia will be mentioned in all press releases associated with the project. Any media release of information regarding research findings must be forwarded to the Stillbirth Foundation Australia at least 72 hours prior to general release for approval.
4. In consultation with researchers, the Stillbirth Foundation Australia may choose to share research information with the general public in order to raise awareness of stillbirth within Australia. Project details, including the names of Chief Investigators, may be used by the Stillbirth Foundation Australia at events, in communications and for fundraising. However, the Stillbirth Foundation Australia will not release any information that would prejudice the ability of the Researchers to publish any reports in peer review publications.
5. Funding will be distributed to the successful applications in quarterly instalments, in advance.
6. **Within 30 days** of the completion of the grant period, a report must be submitted to the Stillbirth Foundation Australia. In some cases, this reporting procedure may need to include progress reports in addition to a final report at the conclusion of the project.
7. **Progress and final reports**, including the **Acquittal Statement** (example attached) should be sent to the Stillbirth Foundation Australia by 1st May and 1st November. The report should show the utilisation of funds, under or over budget, received from the Stillbirth Foundation Australia and certified by the person responsible for the project. Where appropriate, other sources of funding to support the project should be outlined.
8. If the Stillbirth Foundation Australia is wholly funding the project, and during the course it becomes apparent that more funds are required for completion, we reserve the first right to make this additional funding and, if deemed not appropriate, the Stillbirth Foundation Australia has the right to approve the organisation from which additional funding is sought.

Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the Stillbirth Foundation Australia:

- i. Requesting the allocated research funds be returned to the Stillbirth Foundation Australia
- ii. Ruling ineligible all future applications from the Chief Investigators



ACQUITTAL STATEMENT

(example only)

Date

Applicant

XYZ University

Submission Title

Stillbirth Project

Amount Granted

\$50,000

Purpose

Expenditure

| | | |
|--|--------|-----------------------|
| Received from Stillbirth Foundation Australia | | 50,000 |
| Less Balance brought forward (costs to 30/04/10) | | <u>23,162</u> |
| | | 26,838 |
| Less costs 1/5/10 to 31/10/10 | | |
| Employment of researcher | 15,400 | |
| Mobile phone | 237 | |
| Photocopying | 53 | |
| Purchase of computer | 1,998 | |
| Graphic Design for presentation | 100 | <u>17,788</u> |
| Balance of funds remaining | | <u>\$9,050</u> |

Trustee Responsible

Stillbirth Foundation Australia Trust

I,, certify that the amount of \$50,000 received from the Stillbirth Foundation Australia has been expended as above.

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Signature

.....
Date



STILLBIRTH FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA GRANT
APPLICATION FORM

Please complete all of the following details and attach to your Research Grant Application.

Date of Application: _____

Chief Investigator: _____

Other Investigators: _____

Institute: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Project Title: _____

Total Funds Required for Project Completion: _____

Amount Requested of the Stillbirth Foundation Australia: _____

I have read and hereby agree to be bound by the Terms & Conditions of this research application if this application is successful.

Signature of Chief Investigator: _____ Date: _____