Cancer Institute NSW (CINSW) has announced the **2024** **Research Equipment Grant** round for members of Sydney Cancer Partners (SCP), NSW Regional Cancer Research Network, and Maridulu Budyari Gumal – SPHERE Cancer CAG. Research Equipment Grants ensure that the state has world class infrastructure to accelerate cancer research and realise clinical benefits.

This scheme will support research infrastructure where there is a clearly demonstrated need and where the equipment will substantially improve research productivity. **Further details are available on the CINSW** [**website**](https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/research-and-data/grants/grant-opportunities/research-equipment-grant) **and** [**grant guideline**](https://sydneycancerpartners.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/GUIDELINES-2024-Research-Equipment-Grant-Guidelines-v1.3-2024.pdf)**.**

In 2024, CINSW will accept **one (1) application** from SCP for funding consideration. This application must be endorsed by SCP Director Professor Anna DeFazio.

To facilitate selection of this single application for submission to Cancer Institute NSW we are now seeking **Expressions of Interest** from SCP members.

**Key Points**

**Purpose**

* This scheme will support research infrastructure where there is a clearly demonstrated need and where the equipment will substantially improve research productivity.
* Funding is available for research platforms, core equipment and capacities to enhance the cancer research effort in NSW.

**Funding Available**

* Requests for the purchase of equipment up to $700,000 (excluding GST) are sought.
* Equipment must be purchased within 12 months of the commencement of the grant.
* A co-contribution may be provided by the Administering Institution and/or other funders in cases where the proposed equipment exceeds $700,000.

**Use of Funds**

* Acceptable types of physical infrastructure to be funded includes equipment and machinery (for example, computer-based equipment and databases, imaging, and other analytical laboratory equipment).
* Upgrading of existing equipment is also acceptable under this scheme.
* The requested equipment should not be currently available or accessible to the Investigators.
* Funding must only be used for the specific equipment as stated in the grant application.

**Eligibility**

* The Chief Investigator must be a member of Sydney Cancer Partners whose **primary** place of employment is at a Sydney Health Partners member institution for the duration of the grant.
* Applicants must have an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) identifier.
* The Chief Investigator, Administering Institution and equipment once purchased, must be located at the SHP partner institution.

**Endorsement by Chief Investigator of a current Translational Cancer Research Capacity Building Grant**

* A SCP application must be endorsed by the SCP Director.
* The SCP Director may endorse **one (1)** application.

**Key Dates**

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| EOI opens | Monday 25 March, 2024 |
| EOI closes | 5 pm Thursday 4 April, 2024 |
| EOI outcomes notified | Wednesday 10 April, 2024 |
| Full application due | 1 pm Wednesday 1 May, 2024 |

**How to Submit an EOI**

Completed EOI application forms must be submitted by 5 pm Thursday 4 April by email to

[sydneycancerpartners.admin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydneycancerpartners.admin@sydney.edu.au)

Please name your document “2024 Research Equipment Grant (REG) EOI\_LASTNAME FIRSTNAME” with “Research Equipment Grant (REG) EOI” in the subject line.

**Enquiries**

All enquiries can be directed to SCP Operations team

[sydneycancerpartners.admin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydneycancerpartners.admin@sydney.edu.au)

To allow us to convene an appropriate review panel, please advise us at whether you intend to submit an EOI at your earliest convenience at [sydneycancerpartners.admin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydneycancerpartners.admin@sydney.edu.au).

**RESEARCH EQUIPMENT GRANT (REG)**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

Closing Date: **5pm, Thursday 4 April 2024**

1. **Administrative summary**

**Application title**

Provide a short descriptive title (50 words maximum).

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1. **RESEARCH PLAN OUTLINE**

Provide details of how the equipment will support advances in cancer research in NSW.

Your response should address the points listed below, which will need to be expanded on in a Full Application. You may choose to provide this in dot point form. (500 words maximum)

1. A description of the research that will be undertaken and how the equipment will enhance this.
2. The need and relevance of the equipment and confirmation that this is not readily accessible.
3. A justification of how the research aligns within the strategic context of the NSW Cancer Plan and this grant scheme.
4. A sustainability plan for the continuous usage and the maintenance of the equipment.
5. A management plan for the use of the equipment, including the plans for other researchers to access the equipment.

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**Location of equipment**

If the research will take place at more than one location, list these below.

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| **Institution** |  |

**Funding amount requested from Cancer Institute NSW**

The amount requested from CINSW may be up to $700,000 (excluding GST). Include a statement outlining any co-funding available from other sources where the proposed equipment is over $700,000.

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| **Total** |  |

**Chief Investigator details**

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| **Title** |  | | |
| **Full name** |  | | |
| **Contact number** |  | | |
| **Email address** |  | | |
| **Address** |  | | |
| **Suburb** |  | | |
| **State** |  | **Postcode** |  |
| **Institution** |  | | |
| **NSW Research Translation Centre** |  | | |
| **ORCID** |  | | |
| **Are you an Australian citizen/permanent resident?** | | |  |

1. **Other investigators**

List the other investigators (up to nine) who will be part of the application. All Investigators must be members of a NSW Research Translation Centre.

| **Name** | **Institution** | **Email Address** | **NSW Research Translation Centre** |
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**5. Supporting documentation (not required for EOI)**

Should your EOI be selected to go forward to Full Application you will be required to submit the following documentation. (Please refer to the [CINSW spreadsheet template,](https://sydneycancerpartners.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-Research-Equipment-Grant-Funding-Requested-and-Researcher-Access-Spreadsheet.xlsx) [Guidelines](https://sydneycancerpartners.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/GUIDELINES-2024-Research-Equipment-Grant-Guidelines-v1.3-2024.pdf) and [Full Application Form](https://sydneycancerpartners.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-Research-Equipment-Grant-Application.docx) for further information).

**NB. This documentation IS NOT required at the EOI stage.**

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| **Document** | **Description** |
| REG Funding Requested and Access Spreadsheet (Tab 1) | Provides details of the funds requested from the Cancer Institute NSW and cash contributions from other sources (if applicable). |
| REG Funding Requested and Access Spreadsheet (Tab 2) | Provides details of the research groups that are expected to access this equipment. |
| Procurement Plan/Quote for Equipment | A procurement plan, including a quote for the cost of the equipment and the method and timeline of procuring the equipment. |
| Investigator CVs | A CV must be provided for the Chief Investigator and all other investigators (maximum 4 pages). |
| Endorsement letter by a Chief Investigator of a current Cancer Institute NSW Translational Cancer Research Capacity Building Grant | Endorsement letter must confirm points listed in section 3.2 of the Guidelines. |
| Administering Institution Endorsement Letter *(template provided)* | Endorsement letter must confirm points listed in section 3.3 of the Guidelines. |