

Research Seed Grants Program Application Guidelines 2026-27

Overview of the program

The Anglicare Southern Queensland (Anglicare) Research Seed Grants Program aims to bring the original research ideas of Anglicare staff to life by linking staff with academics who are keen to work together as co-researchers. A key requirement of the program is that the research topic is generated by one of our staff and has direct applicability to an area of Anglicare's work.

The Program aims to nurture innovative applied research projects that will benefit our clients, residents and/or staff. Projects will have direct applicability to Anglicare's strategic and research priorities and/or commitments, as outlined in our [Research, Evaluation & Advocacy Roadmap](#) and/or Anglicare's [Strategic Plan](#).

Successful projects should have the potential to be scaled up or transferable to other areas of our organisation, or benefit the sector more broadly.

Funded research should result in at least two of the following outputs: a research publication, conference presentation, or an application for external funding.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a final report at the end of the project, and a progress report every 6 months.

Funding details

Level of funding

Funding of up to \$20,000 in cash (excl. GST) may be awarded to a successful project. The Funding Agreement will be between Anglicare and the partner university.

In-kind contributions (eg use of facilities, staff time, etc) from both Anglicare and academic partners should be identified in the application form budget table.

Duration of funding

The research project should be completed within 18 months of receiving funding, with a final report due three months after completion.

Eligibility requirements

Investigators may only submit one application per funding round. Anglicare will consider applications that:

- meet eligibility requirements set out in this document
- support Anglicare's strategic priorities and commitments, and the priority cohorts and issues in our Research Roadmap
- are deemed by the review panel to be innovative projects with high relevance to Anglicare.

All seed grant applications must be initiated by an Anglicare staff member, and include an Anglicare Lead Investigator to work in collaboration with a university-based Academic Lead.

Anglicare staff or teams from any part of the organisation are eligible to apply for funding. Staff who wish to apply but do not have existing academic connections relevant to their proposal are welcome to contact the Research, Evaluation & Advocacy team at research@anglicaresq.org.au to discuss options. Lack of an existing academic partner should not be considered a barrier to applying.

Not eligible as Academic Lead

- University researcher/s in honorary roles, on casual or sessional appointments, or on fixed term contracts of one year or less (though they can be members of the research team)
- University researcher/s who are based overseas for the duration of the project.

Not eligible as Anglicare Lead

- Anglicare staff on casual or fixed term contracts of six months or less unless contract extension is being considered and the immediate supervisor/manager can confirm this (though they can be members of the research team).

Ethics

Applicants do not need to have ethics approval for their project before lodging an application. However, required ethics approvals must be obtained before any fieldwork (eg interviews, workshops) commences.

Anglicare recognises approvals from NHMRC-accredited Human Research Ethics Committees and does not require an additional ethics approval process.

Anticipated outcomes

All research teams will be required to present at an Anglicare research webinar and to submit a final report to Anglicare. In addition, research teams are expected to submit at least two of the following:

- an article for a peer-reviewed publication OR
- an abstract for a conference presentation OR
- an application for external research or program funding that builds on the research project.

Budget

It is expected that the funding provided is expended in line with the approved budget. If there is more than 10% variation, approval of the funder is required.

Items eligible for funding	Items not eligible for funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel costs (research assistance, salary on-costs, editorial support, etc.)• Fieldwork-related costs (travel, accommodation)• Consumables and small items of equipment necessary to carry out the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stipends for postgraduate scholarships• Any expenses associated with academic attendance at conferences (including conference registration, conference travel, per diems).

Assessment process and criteria

Applications will be assessed by Anglicare panel members against the following criteria:

- Value and impact (i.e., benefit; significance and scientific merit; innovation value) (50%)
- Quality of the proposal (i.e., research design/methodological rigour; research team) (25%)
- Alignment with Anglicare and Anglicare's Research, Evaluation & Advocacy Roadmap strategic priorities (15%)
- Appropriateness of budget sought and its justification (10%).

Shortlisted applications will be invited to present to the panel and an audience of Anglicare staff and interested academic colleagues, prior to the final selection of successful applicants.

Key dates for 2025

- Applications Open: 25 August 2025
- Applications Close: 24 October 2025
- Short listed applications present in the week commencing 10 November 2025
- Announcement: All applicants will be informed of the Program outcomes via email, by the week commencing 24 November 2025. Successful applicants will be announced on the Anglicare website at www.anglicaresq.org.au/research, on social media channels, and in internal communications.

Submitting an application

Please contact research@anglicaresq.org.au for discussion of your proposal before submitting an application.

Applications are to be submitted online at
<https://anglicaresq.questionpro.com.au/researchapplication>

Applications submitted with incomplete and/or inaccurate documentation may not be considered.

Except in exceptional circumstances, any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Feedback

Feedback will be provided to unsuccessful applicants regarding the panel's comments.

The Anglicare Research, Evaluation & Advocacy team welcome suggestions as to how we can improve our Seed Grant Program application processes.

Contact us

Further information on applying for Anglicare's Research Seed Grants Program is available at www.anglicaresq.org.au/research

To discuss your project prior to submitting an application and for questions about the program, please email: research@anglicaresq.org.au