

2026 NSW CVRN – VCCRI Research Innovation Grants Application Form

Please refer to the 2026 NSW CVRN – VCCRI Research Innovation Grants Guidelines when completing this application form, available at innovationcentre.org.au/research-innovation-grant

Please use this document as a template application, removing the guidance text in **green**. Please send the completed application, together with supporting documents, as a single PDF file to info@innovationcentre.org.au.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm AEDT, Tuesday 31st March 2026 to be considered.

Section 1 – Applicant details

Name:	
Position:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Organisation:	
Research Group:	
Address:	
PhD conferral date:	
Career disruptions details:	<i>if applicable</i>

I am of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin:

☐ Yes

☐ No

NSW CVRN Membership status. You need to be a member of the NSW CVRN to apply.

☐ I am a member of the NSW CVRN

☐ I am not a member of the NSW CVRN

For more information or to become a member, please [click here](#) or email the NSW CVRN at cvrn@heartfoundation.org.au.

Please list details of the broader research team involved in the proposed project. Add additional rows as required.

Name	Position and Organisation	Role in project

Section 2 – Facility details

Note: Projects accessing multiple [Innovation Centre](#) facilities are eligible. Please check the box to indicate the facility or facilities for which the voucher would be used:

Stem Cell Production Facility ☐

Cell Function & Screening Facility ☐

Micro Imaging Facility ☐

Preclinical Imaging Facility ☐

Clinical Imaging Facility ☐

Metabolomics Facility ☐

Cryo-EM Facility ☐

Biomedical Data Science Facility ☐

(Bioinformatics / Software engineering)

Section 3 – Project description

☐ Project has not yet commenced

☐ Project is underway – please provide further information (max 100 words)

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Start Date:		Completion Date:	
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(please provide estimated dates)

Project title

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Research Innovation Project description (1 page maximum)

Recognising that NSW CVRN – VCCRI Research Innovation Grants projects may be a small part of a larger project, please **briefly** describe the **overarching project**:

- The cardiovascular research question the project is addressing;
- The scientific basis for the project; and
- Knowledge gap the project will address.

Against this background, please describe how a NSW CVRN – VCCRI Research Innovation Grant would support your short-term project or contribute to the larger project, in terms of access to equipment, expertise and/or advice.

Summarise your project's methodology in terms of the study design addressing outcomes and success measures (discuss potential impact below). We advise applicants to employ the SMART Goals principle: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely.

Applications must propose an indicative timeline for the **project as applied for**. All vouchers must be used by 30 November 2026. **Note:** this timeframe applies to the supported activities only, and not the entire overarching project.

Potential/expected impact (½ page maximum)

Applicants should briefly outline how the supported activity will contribute to their broader research project, and career.

Budget, including co-investment and other support (attach Innovation Centre Estimate)

Applicants must liaise with VCCRI Innovation Centre staff to determine the services required for the project and the associated costs. Please attach an itemised **Innovation Centre Estimate** to your application. This must be equal to or greater than \$10,000, with the grant amount set at a maximum of \$10,000 ex GST and any additional costs to be covered by the applicant. Eligible costs include Innovation Centre staff time and equipment access fees. Consumables can be covered up to 10% of the total award (the remaining costs will need to be covered by other sources)

In the table below, please itemise the cost to access the VCCRI Innovation Centre (as per the Innovation Centre Estimate), and any co-investment received to support the project.

Budget component	Amount
Quoted cost of facility access	<i>Quoted cost must align with Innovation Centre Estimate</i>
Co-investment to meet remaining cost (including consumables over 10% of the award)	
*Travel and Accommodation costs (only for Regional NSW CVRN members), include breakdown by trip	

If there is additional funding available for this project, please provide details:

Funding Source & Scheme	Grant ID (if applicable)	Funding Amount (\$)	Lead Investigator (Name & Institution)	Other Key Investigators (Name & Institution)

Track record (maximum 1 page)

Applicants should include a summary of their track record. Please include:

- Career Summary
- Research Funding
- Contributions to the field of research
- Awards, prizes and fellowships
- Professional involvement, supervision/mentoring and community engagement

Please also attach a separate list of Applicant's publications for the last 5 years, highlighting the top 5 most relevant to the proposed project.

Time commitment (maximum 100 words)

Applicants should describe their time commitment to this project, in the context of their other research commitments.

Feasibility (maximum 300 words + Gantt chart)

Applicants should confirm that at the time of submission, the project is at the sufficient maturity state and the biological samples are available to commence immediate usage of the Innovation Centre facilities. The applicants should propose a detailed timeline for the execution of the project, including an expected Gantt chart that outlines critical tasks and decision-making milestones. The Gantt chart should begin with an estimation of when the Statement of Work (SOW) will be signed and when work will commence. The SOW has to be signed within the first two months of the award. This section must include a table or list of items and tasks that need to be delivered by the recipient before work can commence at the Innovation Centre. Examples of items and tasks include reagents, cell lines/biological samples, and preliminary experiments. Applicants should clearly outline risks and mitigation strategies in case of delays.

Section 4 – Supporting documentation

Please attach the following supporting documentation to this application in a single PDF file:

- Itemised Innovation Centre cost estimate. List of Applicant's publications for the last 5 years, highlighting the 5 most relevant to the proposed project.

Section 5 – Institution Authority

Research Organisation's Person with Authority to Sign.

Full name	
Role, Organisation	
Contact number	
Email	

By signing below, you are confirming that:

- the applicant is employed at your institution;
- the proposed project is supported by your institution;
- you can meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding; and
- the organisation will sign the VCCRI Master Services Agreement* to allow access to the Innovation Centre, if this is not already in place.

Signature of Nominated Authority

Signature

Date

*The VCCRI Master Services Agreement has been signed by the following research organisations:

- The University of Sydney
- The University of Newcastle
- University of New South Wales
- University of Technology Sydney
- The Heart Research Institute Ltd
- Centenary Institute
- Garvan Institute of Medical Research
- University of Wollongong
- Macquarie University
- Western Sydney University

Section 6 – Acknowledgement declaration

☐ By ticking this box the Applicant agrees to:

- Acknowledge NSW Cardiovascular Research Network, the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Innovation Centre and the NSW Office of Health and Medical Research in all publications and presentations associated with this work;
- Send publication details to the NSW CVRN and VCCRI; and
- Adhere to the principles in the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) and give authorship credit to VCCRI Innovation Centre staff in all publications and presentations associated with this work on the basis that they have made a significant intellectual or scholarly contribution to the research and its output or have otherwise contributed to the research.

Signature of Chief Investigator

Signature

Date