

## MONASH PARTNERS DATA SEED RESEARCH GRANT

### EOI FOR APPLICANTS

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 5pm**

## Background

### *About Monash Partners*

Monash Partners is a partnership of researchers, health professionals, consumers and the community that innovates for better health outcomes. This purpose is driven by the collective expertise and commitment of our partners: **Alfred Health, Monash Health, Monash University, Peninsula Health, Eastern Health, Cabrini Health, Burnet Institute, Hudson Institute** and the **Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute**, and our associate partners: **La Trobe University, Latrobe Regional Hospital and Outcome Health**. Through our strategic priorities, **CONNECT | SUPPORT | IMPACT** we are striving to deliver improved population health outcomes, higher value care, improved health equity, and improved experiences for patients, families and members of the healthcare workforce.

**Monash Partners is committed to advancing data-driven innovation to improve health outcomes across our community.** Our data grants help support researchers to improve data sharing, data access, data integration and utilisation of health data—for the purpose of enabling high-impact research, improved health outcomes and quality improvement, and contributing to system-level change. This reflects our strategic focus on strengthening data infrastructure, enhancing workforce capability, and fostering collaboration across academic, clinical, and industry partners.

## Data seed grant aims

To support Monash Partners researchers undertake impactful health research using data to enhance quality of care and patient outcomes.

## Data seed grant funding available

Two seed grants of up to \$10,000 each for research activities to be expended in a 12-month period.

Funds may be used for:

- Pilots or proof of concept data projects that can be scaled for system-wide impact
- Enhancement or extension of an existing data project
- Support to scope, co-design, map, or deliver workshops to build capability in using data for research purposes
- Building consumer involvement and confidence in the use of health data.

Projects must address at least one of the following focus areas:

- Data access and sharing – including patient engagement, consent, and privacy
- Data collection and processing – including ethics applications and governance
- Data analysis and translation – improving capacity to interpret and apply insights
- Data infrastructure and interoperability – covering hosting, integration, and system linkages
- Data security and risk management – including cybersecurity and risk mitigation

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Have an academic and/or clinical appointment within at least one of our Partner organisations.
- Demonstrate how the proposed data improvement adds value to their organisation/health outcomes
- Propose a research program feasible to be completed within 12 months.
- Have an agreement from your employer Head of Department to undertake the research project within the specified timeframe with appropriate infrastructure access and support.
- Only one grant will be awarded per research project.

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed by the following criteria:

- Addressing Health Systems Need (40%)
- Collaboration, Strength and Record of Achievement (30%)
- Proposed Project (30%)

## Applicants Commitments

If successful applicants agree to:

- Submit a Final Report to Monash Partners at 12 months.
- Advocate and communicate for Monash Partners in their organisation.
- Acknowledge Monash Partners on all emails, presentations and papers related to this research.

## Application Process

- Applications due by **5pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
- Please submit your application using the attached template, along with a copy of your CV.
- Monash Partners team will coordinate a peer review.
- Final endorsement by Monash Partners Executive Director managing conflict of interests.
- Successful applicants advised by early April, 2026.
- Projects to commence no later than 1 May 2026, and be completed by May 2027.

If your application is successful, your name and project title will be included on the [Monash Partners website](#).

## Enquiries

Please any queries about the grant please see our FAQs or contact: Lingzhi Ruan, Program Manager, Monash Partners – [lingzhi.ruan@monash.edu](mailto:lingzhi.ruan@monash.edu)

## Submission of Application

Application to be completed using the attached template (Word or PDF format), with your name included in the file name, and submitted via email with a copy of your CV to Lingzhi Ruan ([Lingzhi.ruan@monash.edu](mailto:Lingzhi.ruan@monash.edu)) by **5pm, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

You will receive an email confirmation within 2 business days; please contact Lingzhi Ruan if you do not receive a confirmation email.

**APPLICANT/CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DETAILS**

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| <b>Eligibility</b>                                                             | <b>The project lead must be employed by a Monash Partners partner organisation.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Surname</b>                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>First Name</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Current Position</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Phone No / Email</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Monash Partner organisation employer</b>                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Alfred Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Monash Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Baker Heart & Diabetes Institute<br><input type="checkbox"/> Burnet Institute<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cabrini<br><input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Hudson Institute<br><input type="checkbox"/> Monash University<br><input type="checkbox"/> Peninsula Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Latrobe Regional Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> La Trobe University<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome Health |
| <b>FTE employed by Monash Partner organisation</b>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Please indicate Monash Partner organisations involved in your research.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Alfred Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Monash Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Baker Heart & Diabetes Institute<br><input type="checkbox"/> Burnet Institute<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cabrini<br><input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Hudson Institute<br><input type="checkbox"/> Monash University<br><input type="checkbox"/> Peninsula Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Latrobe Regional Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> La Trobe University<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outcome Health |
| <b>Please confirm you are not on any other Monash Partner applications.</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>Project Title</b> |
| Maximum 10 words     |
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| <b>Short Lay Project Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Maximum 250 words – concise and plain English language<br>Information should include: The topic you wish to study, why it is important to health services and their communities, what you are going to do. Please be concise and use plain, rather than scientific language. |
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| <b>Addressing Health System Needs (40%)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Maximum of 500 words<br>Please outline evidence of how the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reflects health service prioritisation</li> <li>• aligns with the health system's need</li> <li>• improves health care for the community</li> <li>• provides the opportunity for translation and scalability into health outcomes in the knowledge-base and practice of clinical medicine and public health.</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Collaboration, Strength and Record of Achievement (30%)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Maximum of 500 words<br>Team quality and capability relevant to this proposal. Relative to opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The expertise and track record of team members relevant to the proposal</li> <li>• How the team will work together to achieve the project aims</li> <li>• How junior members are contributing to the proposed research and the overall team quality and capability</li> <li>• Please include a consumer member on your team</li> </ul> |
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### Proposed project (30%)

Maximum of 500 words

Information should include: Objectives, Aims, Methods, Statistical considerations, feasibility for completion in 2 years, summary of likely outcomes.

| Budget                          |                               |                       |
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| Provide details of budget items |                               |                       |
| Items                           | Description/Basis of Estimate | Estimated Expenditure |
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| Chief Investigator |       |
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| Position:          | Name: |
| Signature:         | Date: |

| Head of Department |       |
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| Is Signature:      | Date: |