

Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre Infrastructure Access Fund

Overview of the Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre

The Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre (SWTCRC) was established in 2011 with grant funding from the Cancer Institute NSW, and brings together over 500 experts in cancer care and research in western Sydney to accelerate the fight against cancer. The SWTCRC devotes effort to removing barriers, and fostering the skills and achievements of our workforce so they can provide ever greater benefits to our local community.

The aims of the SWTCRC are to:

1. Provide activities and support that promote connections between talented people so that they can unite in a common purpose.
2. Identify important new areas of research which have the potential to improve patient outcomes.
3. Develop new funding partnerships which increase resources for our people and make our projects sustainable into the future.
4. Work closely with other like organisations around NSW to share ideas, and collaborate for mutual gain.

This combination of activities brings together our many clinical and research experts, and our trainees, uniting them around common goals, and providing them with resources to do what they do best. By getting the best we can from our human and technical resources, we aim to maximise our impact on reducing the burden cancer in our community.

SWTCRC Infrastructure Access Fund

Purpose

To support cancer research in western Sydney, the SWTCRC has funding available to contribute to the cost of accessing or utilizing a wide range of specialized infrastructure necessary to deliver high quality research. This initiative aims to enable access to infrastructure thereby supporting both the research project and the infrastructure facilities or services. The fund is not designed to fund personnel or other direct research costs so should only be applied for if the project has funding to complete the other necessary aspects of the proposed project.

To help researchers identify facilities they may be interested in using the accompanying document may be of assistance. Applications need not be limited to the listed infrastructure. Rather, the list is intended as a guide only, and applications to use other relevant types of infrastructure are welcome.

What the SWTCRC has to offer

In 2020, up to \$100,000 is available for this scheme. Applications should be for projects which have already secured funding for the necessary personnel and research costs as well as having any required ethics and governance approvals in place before applying for infrastructure access support. A budget, including quotes from relevant services, must be included with the application. Funds will be administered directly by the SWTCRC and no funds will be paid directly to the applicant. Applicants will not be limited to a single award over the life of this scheme so are encouraged to only apply for funds as required. Small (< \$5,000) and large (up to \$20,000) awards are equally welcome depending on project requirements.

Application Terms & Conditions

- Applications for funding can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed as they are received.
- Funding will not be provided directly to the applicant but will be paid to the infrastructure provider on receipt of a valid invoice once the approved infrastructure is accessed. Pre-payments/payments in advance for services will not be made. Payments will be made only at the time the infrastructure or service is utilized.
- Successful applicants will be given 9 months after notification, or until 30th June 2021 (whichever date comes first) in which to use approved funding after which time any unspent funds will be withdrawn.
- Applicants must have been a member of the SWTCRC for six months prior to submitting an application for funding.
- Successful recipients will be required to submit a brief written report to the SWTCRC highlighting how the SWTCRC Infrastructure Access Fund contributed to their research.
- The Cancer Institute NSW and the SWTCRC must be acknowledged in scientific publications and presentations resulting from work carried out with SWTCRC financial support.

How to apply

Applications should be completed using the Infrastructure Access Fund Application Form and submitted by email to

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with **Infrastructure Access Fund Application** in the subject line.

Enquiries

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