

## Grant Guidelines

These Grant Guidelines have been developed to assist brain cancer researchers to understand the research themes and grant process of the Charlie Teo Foundation. If you have any questions, please email [research@charlieteofoundation.org.au](mailto:research@charlieteofoundation.org.au) or call the office on +61 2 8880 8328.

### 1. OUR PURPOSE

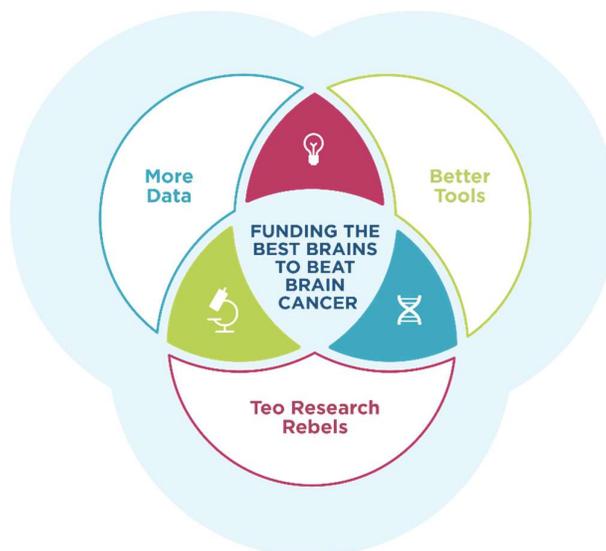
Charlie Teo Foundation (the Foundation) is a registered Australian charity. Our purpose is to fund the best brains to beat brain cancer. Our focus is on research.

### 2. RESEARCH STRATEGY

The Foundation's Research Strategy uses a thesis-driven approach to guide how and what we fund (referred to as themes throughout this Guideline). Each theme is developed in conjunction with our Scientific Advisory Committee and approved by the Board. This strategic framework provides a structured way for the Foundation to prioritise focus areas and engage in experimentation whilst managing risk.

### 3. RESEARCH THEMES

The Foundation is currently pursuing two (2) major themes being More Data and Better Tools and one (1) minor theme being the Teo Research Rebels: Empowering "Out of the Box Thinkers", as described below. The objective is that by taking this disciplined approach, it will pay dividends in the long run resulting in real advancements in treatments for brain cancer and achieve the Foundation's purpose, to beat brain cancer.



## More Data

To generate or facilitate the availability of high-quality, well-annotated, biological and clinical data that has the potential to drive further innovation and scientific breakthroughs.

## Better Tools

To create better analytical, methodological and clinical tools to fast-track brain cancer research, being:

- **Analytical Tools:** New software tools for analysing large and complex datasets associated with brain cancer that are biologically relevant, high-throughput, and user-friendly.
- **Methodological Tools:** New techniques to improve the quality and rigour of brain cancer research in order to make the outputs of biologic assays closer to studying the real disease.
- **Clinical Tools:** New ideas to solve clinical problems in surgery and neuro-oncology. This involves identifying promising ideas and incubating them from concept through to prototyping, until they are mature enough to transition to the venture capital space.

## Teo Research Rebels

To empower *out of the box* thinkers to pursue creative and unusual ideas for a period of time, funding researchers who challenge the orthodox way of thinking.

### 4. GRANTS

Grants available are listed on the Foundation's website.

### 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

The Foundation's application process is broadly summarised below:

- The Foundation does not open for grant rounds. The Foundation proactively seeks out researchers and projects that may fit within our research strategy and encourages researchers to approach us to discuss your ideas.
- Expression of Interest: The Foundation may ask a researcher to provide a brief account (EOI) including high level details of the proposed research project clearly identifying originality and importance of the contemporary state of knowledge.
- Following this, researchers may be invited to submit a formal Grant Application using the form provided by the Foundation. This will build on the information provided in the EOI and include a detailed research plan and budget.

## Teo Research Rebels

- EOIs are encouraged from:
  - Researchers at any career stage: early-career, mid-career and senior researchers; and/or
  - People with relevant skills and experience in biotech, data science, bioinformatics, engineering, complementary medicines, disease control etc.
- Rebel applicants will also be asked to submit a 5-minute video of yourself addressing the following 5 questions:

1. What's the challenge?
2. What's the opportunity to address the challenge?
3. How are you going to make a difference?
4. Why are you an "Out of the Box Thinker"?
5. How have your life's challenges shaped your idea?

## 6. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Grant Applications will be assessed by the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee in accordance with the Application Requirements and Selection Criteria, with a recommendation provided to the Foundation's Board.

### Application Requirements

Grant Applications must adhere to the following requirements below. The Foundation may within its sole discretion refuse to accept a Grant Application if it does not meet the Application Requirements or for any other reason.

1. Applications are by invitation only.
2. Must be made on behalf of the Principal Researcher of the project.
3. Must be complete including the duly signed acknowledgment by the Applicant, in the required form, within the specified word limits and include requested attachments.
4. The Applicant may be from anywhere in the world but must be affiliated with an existing laboratory, institution or organisation, have any required working rights/visa and be ready, willing and able to undertake the project described in the Grant Application.
5. International Grants are awarded in \$AUD, with any currency conversion (exchange rate) calculated as at the date of submission of the Grant Application, or such other time as may be determined at the sole discretion of the Foundation.
6. Must not to be made for infrastructure funding.
7. If a member of the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC member) is a Principal Researcher or part of the project team:
  - i. The SAC member must comply with the conflict of interest policy applicable to SAC members to the Foundation's satisfaction including to disclose their interest and recuse themselves from any consideration or assessment of the Grant Application;
  - ii. The Grant Application must not include any salary component or portion thereof for the SAC member; and
  - iii. A SAC member is only permitted to be the Principal Researcher on one project being funded by the Foundation at any given time.

Exceptions may be considered and approved by the Foundation's Board on a case-by-case basis. For an exception to be considered, written reasons justifying why an exception should be approved must be made in writing and included as part of the Grant Application.

### Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria applicable to a specific Grant will be provided upon invitation to submit a formal Grant Application.

## 7. AWARD CONDITIONS

Following a decision by the Foundation's Board, Applicants will be advised by the Foundation whether the Grant Application was successful or unsuccessful.

Please note that the decision to award a Grant is at the sole discretion of the Foundation and reasons, scoring or feedback will not be provided. Further, there is no right of review or appeal in relation to a decision to award or not award a Grant.

Grants awarded are subject to the terms and conditions of a grant agreement between the Foundation and the relevant institution or organisation.

## 8. CONTACT US

If you have any questions or are interested in expressing your interest in applying for a Grant, please contact us:

Head of Research

P: +61 2 8880 8328

E: [research@charlieteofoundation.org.au](mailto:research@charlieteofoundation.org.au)