

Research Acceleration Awards 2026 – FAQs

When will award recipients be announced?

- Award announcements will be made at the annual Women and Infant Research Foundation (WIRF) Scientific Dialogue event on Friday 28 August 2026.

What is the funding period?

- - Up to \$50,000 for a one-year project. Preference will be given to one-year projects; however, two-year projects may be considered with appropriate justification.
- The funding agreement will commence after it has been signed by both parties, WIRF has received a tax invoice from the successful applicant's administering institution and WIRF has made the payment.

Are smaller funding grants available (such as \$15,000 or \$30,000), as previously indicated on the website?

- WIRF is only calling for projects with a budget of \$50k this year.

Who do I need letters of support from?

- Chief Investigator's institution.
- All collaborators on the project.
- If additional institutions' facilities are being used as part of your project, , those institutions also need to provide a letter of support, confirming that they will support the project. .

Do all collaborators need to provide a letter of support?

- Yes, all collaborators listed on your application need to provide a letter of support along with their CV. All letters of support are to be submitted at the same time as the full application.

Can I be a part of more than one project?

- No, you can only be a part of one project. This includes collaborators and Chief Investigators.

Can I be the chief investigator on one project and a collaborator on another?

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I currently live in another state but plan on moving to WA. Can I still apply?

- The RAA's are designed to support people physically living in WA. Even if you work remote from a different state, but are working on WA projects, you are still not eligible unless you spend a minimum 80% of your time in WA.

I am planning on moving to WA but am not currently living there. Can I still apply as I intend for my research project to be conducted in WA?

- To be eligible to apply for the WIRF RAA's you need to meet the following residency criteria:
 - o The Chief Investigator must spend no less than 80% of the award duration (including any extension) in Western Australia and remain employed by the administering institution.
 - o For clarity, 'employment' is defined as follows:
 - a) employee of the administering institution
 - (b) honorary position at the administering institution
 - (c) adjunct status at the administering institution that has an affiliation agreement with the employing entity.
 - Should (c) apply, the administering institution is required to clearly identify the employing entity;

Can grant funds be used to facilitate essential travel to both urban and rural areas for data collection purposes?

- As per the RAA Information for Applicants 2026, funding may not be used for travel, meals, entertainment, or gifts.

Can grant funds be used for accommodation in rural areas to support our fieldwork efforts?

- As per the RAA Information for Applicants 2026, funding may not be used for travel, meals, entertainment, or gifts.

Can grant funds be used for provide light refreshments for people attending our research classes?

- As per the 2026 RAA Rules, funding may not be used for travel, meals, entertainment, or gifts.

Do I have to involve consumers in the research project?

Yes. WIRF places high importance on consumer and community engagement in research projects.

PhD Student Travel GRANTS 2026 – FAQs

Do I need to be registered for a conference before applying for a travel grant, or can I apply while awaiting abstract acceptance and before registration opens?

No, registration at the time of application is not required. However, utilisation of the award is contingent on eligibility criteria being met.