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# Melbourne Disability Institute

## Application Form: COVID-19 Funding

Before completing this form, please read the **“MDI COVID-19 Funding Guidelines”.**

MDI COVID-19 Fund Application is open to all **University of Melbourne Researchers** who have **interdisciplinary research projects** that addresses an **identified need, gap or deficiency in responses to COVID-19 which affects people with disability, their families and carers.** Additionally, to respond to the urgent and evolving nature of the pandemic, the project will need to demonstrate **Immediate Impact**.

Funding will be awarded to a **maximum value of $20,000**. In exceptional instances, and where appropriate, MDI will consider applications for a higher amount.

**Applications open Friday 3 April 2020 at 9am.**

**Applications close Wednesday 15 April 2020 at 5pm** and will need to be submitted by emailing a completed Application Form to Tessa de Vries at [tessa.devries@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:tessa.devries@unimelb.edu.au).

## Application form

1. **Project title**
2. **Lead researcher** (name/title/affiliations/contact details)
3. **Other team members** (name/title/affiliation)
4. **Aims (max 100 words)**

*Please describe the aims of your project, and how they address current pressing issues.*

1. **Description of methods/approach (max 300 words)**

*Please describe your methods and explain their scientific appropriateness and robustness, as well as how you will ensure co-production of the research design and outcomes. Include limitations of methods.*

1. **Please describe the outcomes of your project and the Immediate Impact this project will have (max 300 words)**

*Immediate Impact is defined as having Outcomes that are practice or policy relevant in the Acute and/or Adjustment Phases of the pandemic.*

*Outcomes is defined is anything that you can do, make or produce because of your research.*

*Impact Phases: Acute: <2 months; Adjustment 2-6 months; Recovery >6months*

1. **Feasibility**

*Demonstrate how outcomes and immediate impacts will be achieved through:*

* 1. ***Budget***

*Please provide a high-level summary of your requested budget and any in-kind or other contributions. Funding can be requested for Researchers, Research Translation costs, External Collaborators (particularly community organisations who are partners on the research project), equipment, access to data, consumables, communications and any travel costs. Note that current travel restrictions must be adhered to.*

***7.2 Expertise (max 250 words)***

*Please provide e a brief outline of the team and their relevant skills, including networks for translation. Please also state if you will be able to deploy resources from elsewhere noting the hiring freeze at the University.*

1. **Describe how MDI could help with policy translation and fast-tracking input from people with disability, or anything else. (max 100 words)**
2. **Is there anything else you would like MDI to know about this project?**