

FSHD Global Research Foundation

What does FSHD Global fund?

The FSHD Global Research Foundation funds medical research and medical education, advancing treatments and an ultimate cure for Facioscapulohumeral Dystrophy (FSHD).

FSHD Global funds research into basic science and genetics of FSHD, the development of diagnostics and novel therapeutics. In addition to these core areas of research we also fund projects focussed on paediatric FSHD, provide funding for clinical research studies and medical biotech investments for FSHD.

Since establishment in 2007, the Foundation has raised over \$9 million to advancing FSHD at a global scale.

Our annual funding is usually focussed on a particular strategic goal. However, the Foundation will consider applications outside official funding rounds. These applications will still be subjected to review by the independent Scientific Advisory Board.

We are always interested in hearing from researchers and clinicians working on FSHD around the world.

Are there rules around the types of funds that can be requested?

FSHD Global proudly allocates 100% of all tax deductible dollars into medical research and medical education. The Foundation considers requests for funding that are project-based. The Foundation will not normally consider funding of equipment or infrastructure outside a defined research project.

FSHD Global limits the amount of indirect costs (sometimes called overhead or administrative costs) to 10% of the total amount requested. This is to maximise the benefit of our donations.

Full justification for funds requested must be included in all applications.

Does FSHD Global provide top-up funds to existing projects?

FSHD Global does not fund projects that already receive funding from other sources. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their proposed project is sufficiently different from existing projects.

Can I extend my funding?

The Foundation will consider extensions for high performing projects. These are assessed on a case-by-case basis and subject to review by the independent Scientific Advisory Board.

How does FSHD Global release funds?

The Foundation works exclusively in Australian dollars. All agreed funding amounts are quoted in Australian dollars and invoices should be prepared in this currency.

The Foundation releases funds at the beginning of the quarter for all correct invoices received in the previous quarter. The Foundation releases funds in Australian dollars only.

Funding is released when agreed milestones are met.

Do I have to be based in Australia?

The Foundation's goal is to find treatments and a cure for FSHD. With this in mind the Foundation will fund projects from researchers in any country. However, the Foundation does actively encourage collaboration with Australian researchers. Before applying for funding researchers should consider speaking with the Foundation about potential collaboration opportunities

Can I collaborate?

The Foundation actively encourages collaboration. As part of this we encourage all applicants to look for collaboration opportunities before applying for funding. The Foundation is happy to facilitate connections.

Part of the spirit of collaboration is the sharing of knowledge. The Foundation encourages all funded researchers to disseminate their findings as widely as possible. The Foundation asks to be acknowledged on any conference proceeding or publication that includes findings that Foundation funding supported. In addition, the Foundation requests that all projects funded supply lay statements that will be shared on the Foundation website, on the 'FSHD-Find the Cure' app and may be used in media releases.

As an Australian based charity the Foundation actively encourages collaboration between Australian and international researchers. To facilitate this the Foundation hosts an annual science week. We ask that researchers who are funded by the Foundation make themselves available to attend this meeting when invited, and depending on availability, so that your work can be disseminated to our wider community.

Please contact admin@fshdglobal.org should you have any further questions regarding the Foundation and its funding protocols