# Logo  Description automatically generatedApplication for 2026 COGGO Research Funding

# The Application process for the 2026 COGGO Research Fund will be conducted in two stages:

**Stage 1** **Expression of Interest (EOI).**

Submission of an EOI is designed to enable applicants to outline their project to determine if it is eligible and likely to be competitive in terms of the criteria used to evaluate project proposals in Stage 2. Stage 1 EOI’s should be no more than three pages. Once you have submitted your EOI you will be contacted by the Coordinator for the COGGO Research Fund by email or phone to discuss your proposed project to determine its eligibility and COGGO interest in funding. Stage 1 EOI’s can be submitted anytime but must be emailed to GIWA by no later than **5pm on Friday 4th July 2025.**

# Email your Expression of Interest Application to coggo@giwa.org.au or mail to: COGGO Research Fund, c/- GIWA, PO Box 1081, Bentley DC, WA 6983.

**COGGO Board Meeting to review all Expressions of Interest**

The COGGO Board will meet in early August to decide which EOI applicants should be invited to proceed to submit a full proposal. Some selected EOI applicants may be requested to come and present their proposal at this Board meeting.

**Stage 2 Full Proposal (by invitation only)**

All applicants submitting an EOI will be advised if their EOI is successful by email after this Board meeting and, if so invited to submit a full Stage 2 project proposal which will be due for submission by 5pm WST on **Monday 1st September, 2025.**

**Criteria used to evaluate Project Proposals in Stage 2**

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| COGGO funding criteria  | If you are invited to submit a Full Project Proposal this is how your application will be assessed. |
| MAIN CRITERIAA. Potential benefit to WA grain growers (including discussion of the likely length of time before the results can be applied or adopted). B. What is innovative about the project\* C. Potential for a commercial return to COGGO (Is there an avenue for the research to be commercialised for the mutual financial benefit of the researcher and COGGO**D.**  **COGGO requires the clear nomination of a share of Intellectual Property from the Project** commensurate with its financial contribution, even if there is no prospect of a commercial return.**Other CONSIDERATIONS**E. Likelihood of achieving the outcome (Why is the approach likely to succeed? Is adoption of the innovation practical? How are any impediments to adoption to be addressed?). F. Value for money (cost of project to COGGO versus expected value of outcomes, amount of co-investment in cash or in-kind). G. Key personnel (include key personnel and their track record of achievement in this area, also any capacity building of less experienced staff/contractors) |

**Important qualifications**

COGGO will give preference to fund research and development projects that qualify as R&D projects under Division 355-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act (ITAA97) with the following definition of Core R&D activities:

“experimental activities whose outcome cannot be known or determined in advance of the basis of current knowledge, information or experience, but can only be determined by applying a systematic progression of work that:

* is based on principles of established science; and
* proceeds from hypothesis to experiment, observation and evaluation, and leads to logical conclusions.

Core activities are conducted for the purpose of generating new knowledge (including new knowledge in the form of new or improved materials, products, devices, processes or services).”

COGGO will require a firm commitment in the Stage 2 Project Proposal as to its potential share of the IP, EPR’s or royalties of any project that is presented for funding.



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Projects can be funded for no more than 2 years and to a maximum of $75,000 per annum, and a total of $150,000.

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| Project title |  |
| Name of Proponent |  |
| ACN/Legal Name or ABN |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Contact Person |  |
| Position |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| Proposed Commencement Date |  |
| Proposed Completion Date |  |

Note: Projects are expected to run on a calendar year cycle but may be deferred, provide prior approval is sought, if there are reasons for a delay or seasonal conditions dictate a sensible postponement of the project to the next season.

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| Project Aim | Describe the AIM or OBJECTIVE of the project *(i.e. what you intend the project to achieve and the potential benefit to WA grain growers)* |
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| Funding sought  | Amount of COGGO funding sought and duration of project (1 or 2 years) |
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**MAIN CRITERIA**

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| What is innovative about the project? |  |
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| How will success be measured? | What is the outcome if this project is successful and what will be the benefit to Western Australian grain growers if the project is successful?  |
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| Potential for a return to COGGO  | Potential for a flow of royalties or other payments to COGGO from the project |
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