

What is Starlight?

Starlight Children's Foundation has brightened the lives of seriously ill and hospitalised children, and their families, throughout Australia since 1988.

Living with illness or injury can cause enormous strain in the lives of children and their families. The pain, loneliness and isolation that sick children feel dominates their lives, and they often miss out on normal experiences that healthy children take for granted. Starlight provides programs integral to the total care of seriously ill children – while health professionals focus on treating the illness, Starlight is there to lift the spirits of the child, giving them the opportunity to laugh, play and be a child again.

Research and Evaluation

Starlight is committed to undertaking and supporting research and evaluation so that we can better understand the needs of children, young people and their families so that we can provide programs that meet their needs. We are keen to develop relationships with outside institutions and individuals to create multi-faceted, mutually beneficial partnerships in research.

Expressions of Interest

We understand that preparing research proposals is time consuming, so our approach is to invite Expressions of Interest which provide a summary of your research proposal. Starlight's Research and Evaluation Committee can then assess your idea and make a decision about whether it would be mutually beneficial to request a full application and proposal.

The process is outlined below:

Expressions of Interest are considered by the Research and Evaluation Committee which meets monthly (Feb-Nov). Applicants will be contacted within 4-6 weeks after submitting their application.





Things to consider before submitting an Expression of Interest

1. Does your research align with the goals and values of Starlight?
2. What are the benefits of the research to children, young people and their families?
3. Does your research take account of the needs of children, young people and their families who have serious illness or disability?
4. What are the expectations of Starlight in relation to the research – personnel, space, equipment resources etc?
5. Ethics approval will be required if the project proceeds beyond the EOI stage.
6. How will the results be disseminated?
7. If access to participants aged 12-17 years is being sought, a Working with Children Check will be required.
8. A formal contract will be drawn up between Starlight and the researcher/institution before any research can commence.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION

1. Who is the person we should contact to discuss this EOI?

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

2. What is the purpose of your research? [Limit 200 words]





3. Who will be undertaking this research? [please tick the appropriate box]

- Individual Researcher [as part of a higher degree with supervision]
- Individual Researcher [research project]
- Research Team
- Other

Please provide details of the researcher/s below:

Name	Institution	Qualifications	Role in the Project

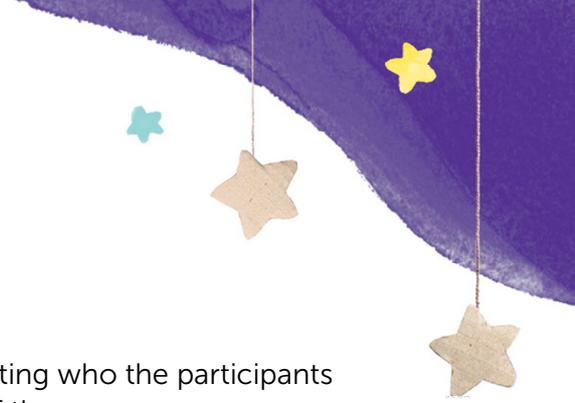
4. Proposed Title of project



5. Overview of the project

A summary of your proposed research – including why this topic is important, identified gaps in the literature or knowledge base, the perceived benefits of the research, and the rationale for the proposed research. [300 words]

6. Outline the aims of the study and the research question and/or hypotheses.
[200 words]



7. Methodology

A brief overview of your research design/methodology, indicating who the participants will be, how many participants you require, a brief overview of the instruments/measures/questions you will be using and and proposed data analysis procedures [300 words]

8. Do you envisage any risks if the research were to proceed?

9. Where do you intend to seek ethics approval from for the proposed research?

10. Recruitment

Describe how you would like to recruit participants into your project? [150 words]





11. When would you like to undertake the research?

Start Date:

End Date:

12. Proposed location where the research will be undertaken?

13. Has this proposal been submitted to another body or ethics committee?

- No
- Yes

If yes, please provide details below, including whether it has been approved by that body

14. How will the study be funded?

Could include the name of the funding body, the amount received, relationship between the researcher(s) and the funding body. [150 words]





15. Publication of results

Briefly describe the provisions you have made for privacy and confidentiality, and outline how and where the data will be stored. Please also indicate how you plan to disseminate the results. [100 words]

Applicant/s

Name

Institution

Date