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Extra dose of funds for child health

The Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation (C7CRF) is inviting researchers in South Australia and the Northern Territory to apply for grants to help find the answers to serious conditions that affect children, such as cerebral palsy, asthma and muscular dystrophy.

Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to successful applicants for research projects to be undertaken in 2011, applications opened on 4 February 2010 and close on 29 April 2010.

Each year the C7CRF funds projects in the fields of basic science, community studies and clinical studies for up to two years, and offers Early Career Grants to scientists applying for the first time as Chief Investigator.

In late 2009 the Foundation provided almost \$1.2million worth of funding to 23 researchers from eight research facilities to start work this year. Facilities include Charles Darwin University, Novita Children's Services, Children, Youth and Women's Health Service and the University of Adelaide.

C7CRF Executive Director, Glenn Rappensberg, says the scope of work presented in previous years has been impressive, and is looking forward to reading this year's submissions.

"We are hoping that the grants motivate more researchers to undertake projects examining conditions that affect our children's wellbeing, and look into possible cures," said Mr Rappensberg.

"It is important to identify the characteristics of diseases and illnesses as early as possible, to improve children's chances of overcoming their condition and live life to the fullest – which is why the Children's Research Foundation was created."

"Since its inception in 1976, the Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation has allocated almost \$17 million dollars to more than 700 projects, and many children lead healthier and more active lives today because of the outcomes of the studies we have supported."

The Foundation provides funding in the fields of medicine, education, dentistry, nursing, social science, mental health and allied health professions.

Projects examining the treatment of celiac disease, obesity, heart defects, epilepsy, food allergies and literacy also received funding from the Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation for 2010.

Researchers interested in applying for the grants can find details at www.crf.org.au

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