

Research Assessment Criteria

IRT Foundation empowers older Australians to live free from disadvantage. We believe in creating a better world for all older Australians by combatting disadvantage and promoting older people as valuable contributors to society.

Our work is based on evidence. We seek out best practice backed by sound research and may invest in research to maximise our social impact.

Investing in research builds an evidence-base to inform policy, programs, advocacy position and education. Research benefits our understanding of the socioeconomic, cultural and health factors of ageing well.

Please consider the below when preparing a proposal for a research partnership with IRT.

Question

1. Does the research topic align with at least one of IRT Foundation's Social Impact Strategic Priorities?
2. Is the research a new initiative and/or does it build on previous research?
3. Can the research findings be implemented in the community? Consider how and what level of impact will it have.
4. Is the Research Institution a leader on the chosen topic? Provide evidence (rankings, awards, historical results)
5. Does the research team have the appropriate expertise, reputation and support from their institution to effectively carry out the research? Review research outputs, citations, grant success, etc.
6. Is there a targeted communications plan to widely promote the research findings and translate the knowledge to inform policy, programs, advocacy and education?
7. Will IRT Foundation have access to the research data and intellectual property for future work? If not, what steps can be taken to ensure continuity of the research into further research or action?
8. Will IRT Foundation be appropriately acknowledged for their contribution to the research?
9. Does the project require a cash* or resource contribution from IRT Foundation? Can a return on investment for IRT Foundation be demonstrated? *Generally IRT Foundation no longer provides cash grants for research.*
10. If the research involves older people as participants has due consideration been given to the recruitment and communication strategy and will their special needs and concerns be addressed?
11. Does the research project have ethics approval or will it obtain?
12. Are there any potential risks to IRT Foundation and IRT Group by engaging this researcher/institution? Are we able to implement any risk mitigation strategies?