

## Abacus dx Grant Application Guidelines

### 1. Who We Are

At Abacus dx, we are passionate about advancing science by connecting researchers with innovative technologies and trusted suppliers. As a specialist distributor of high-quality life science, diagnostic, and medical products, we proudly support researchers across Australia and New Zealand with expert advice, tailored solutions, and a deep understanding of scientific needs.

### 2. Purpose of the Grant

The Abacus dx Grant Program is designed to support researchers working in the fields of:

- Protein Quantification
- Spatial-Histology Biology
- Molecular Sequencing
- Other

With a total grant pool of \$50,000 AUD, this initiative aims to accelerate impactful research by providing funding for reagents from our valued supplier partners.

### 3. Key Dates

- Application Deadline: **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- Outcome Notification: **30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**
- Grant Validity: All items must be ordered by **30<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

### 4. Our Supplier Partners

We are proud to collaborate with a range of leading suppliers who are **contributing** to this grant program:

Supplier	Budget (AUD)	Portfolio
<b>Merck</b> <sup>PQ</sup>	\$10k	The MILLIPLEX portfolio of immunoassays is the largest portfolio of catalogue and custom multiplex biomarker assays, offering consistent, high-quality results.
<b>Roche</b> <sup>SH/MS</sup>	\$10k	Roche's LightCycler systems offer precise, high-throughput real-time PCR solutions, while KAPA products provide innovative sequencing technologies for advanced genomic research.
<b>Vector Laboratories</b> <sup>SH</sup>	\$6k	Market leader in labelling and detection reagents for immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence, glycobiology and bioconjugation.
<b>PeptiGrowth</b> <sup>PQ</sup>	\$6k	An innovative company from Japan that develops synthetic peptide alternatives to growth factors.
<b>Cytek</b> <sup>PQ</sup>	\$6k	Cytek's Muse Micro and Guava portfolio offers affordable, user-friendly cell analyzers designed for simplified and precise flow cytometry and off the shelf kits.
<b>TriLink Biotech</b> <sup>MS</sup>	\$3k	Industry leader in RNA and IVT, TriLink are responsible for the development of CleanCap technology.

<b>Jackson ImmunoResearch</b> <sup>PQ/SH</sup>	\$3k	Specialising in the production and conjugation of affinity-purified secondary antibodies. Manufactured in the USA.
<b>Bethyl Laboratories</b> <sup>PQ/SH</sup>	\$2k	Offers top-quality antibodies, proteins, and assay kits with rigorous in-house validation (including over 9,500 polyclonal catalogue products; 120+ recombinant and monoclonal products and 1,300 secondary antibodies against 25+ species).
<b>Phoenix Pharmaceuticals</b> <sup>PQ</sup>	\$2k	World leaders; one of the largest ranges of peptides, antibodies, kits & biomarker assays.
<b>NanoComposix</b>	\$2k	NanoComposix is specialised in the design, development, and scaled manufacturing of nanomaterials for therapeutic, diagnostic, energy, and optical applications.

*\*Fields: PQ, Protein Quantification; SH, Spatial-Histology Biology; MS, Molecular-Sequencing*

## 5. How to Apply

To apply, please complete the Abacus dx Grant Application Form. The form includes:

- **Section 1: Applicant information**

Basic details about you and your institution.

- **Section 2: Project overview:**

Project Title

Research Area (select one or more):

- ☐ Protein Quantification
- ☐ Spatial-Histology Biology
- ☐ Molecular Sequencing
- ☐ Other

**Goal of research and project overview** (*max. 300 words*).

**Research Impact** (*max. 500 words*).

**Provide a summary of research activities undertaken in the past two years**, including publications, previous grants, and relevant achievements. You may also include scholarships and awards received within the last five years. Attach supporting documents if applicable.

- **Section 3: Budget and Resource Needs**

You **must** contact the Business Development Specialist for your region for guidance in preparing your file.

You have to complete this form using Abacus dx item codes and prices. The specialist will be able to assist you with this process.

When filling out the form, please indicate:

- The budget requested per supplier
- Total Funding Requested (AUD)

- **Section 4: Impact & Collaboration** (*max. 750 words*)

Please provide a written statement addressing the following two criteria in detail:

## Product Fit & Strategic Relevance:

- Explain how each selected product will be used in your research. Be specific about its experimental role and how it contributes to your scientific objectives.
- Describe how your research aligns with Abacus dx's life science portfolio. This helps us understand the relevance of your project to the types of technologies we support and the potential for future collaboration.

## Supplier Fit

- Describe how the selected supplier(s) and their technologies will contribute to the success of your project. Focus on the specific value their products bring to your research, including any unique capabilities, reliability, or innovation.

## 6. Product and Budget Planning Support for Applicants

Our Business Development Specialists are here to support you throughout the grant application process. If you're unsure which products best suit your research, we encourage you to reach out for tailored guidance.

We can help you:

- Understand the strengths and applications of our supplier products and technologies
- Select the most appropriate technologies for your research goals and refine your budget

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## 7. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated following:

## Section 2: Project Overview

Criteria	Description
<b>Research Plan</b>	Clarity, feasibility, and innovation
<b>Previous Research Activities</b>	Track record including publications, scholarships, and awards
<b>Impact of Research</b>	Potential scientific, clinical, or social impact

## Section 3: Budget & Resource Needs

Criteria	Description
<b>Budget Clarity</b>	Realistic and well-structured budget aligned with project goals

## Section 4: Impact & Collaboration

Criteria	Description
<b>Product Fit &amp; Strategic Relevance</b>	How clearly the applicant explains the role of each product in their research, demonstrating both experimental fit and alignment with Abacus dx's life science portfolio.
<b>Supplier Fit</b>	Understanding of supplier strengths, reliability, and quality

If two applicants have the same score the preference goes to the applicant with **stronger justification in Section 4**.

For any questions regarding the application please contact:

**Gabriela Spaniol at [g.spaniol@abacusdx.com](mailto:g.spaniol@abacusdx.com)**

## 8. Grant Allocation

- The applicants will be ranked by total score from highest to lowest.
- Top-ranked applicant receives their full requested amount.
- Subsequent applicants receive their requested amount, if within the remaining grant pool or the remaining balance if the full amount cannot be covered.

## 9. Conditions of the Grant

Applicants awarded funding through the Abacus dx Grant Program must adhere to the following conditions:

**i. Grant Validity**

- The grant is valid until **30<sup>th</sup> August 2026**.
- All products funded by the grant must be ordered by this date. Unused funds will not be carried forward or reimbursed.

**ii. Use of Funds**

- Funds must be used exclusively for the purchase of reagents or contribute towards equipment purchase from participating suppliers listed in the grant guidelines.
- Any deviation from the approved budget must be discussed with Abacus dx prior to ordering.

**iii. Reporting and Acknowledgment**

- Grant recipients may be asked to provide a brief summary of how the products supported their research.
- Where applicable, recipients are encouraged to acknowledge Abacus dx and relevant suppliers in publications or presentations resulting from the funded research.

**iv. Communication and Collaboration**

- Recipients may be invited to participate in promotional activities, such as case studies, webinars, or LinkedIn features, to showcase the impact of the grant. Participation is optional but encouraged.

**v. Eligibility and Compliance**

- Applicants must be based in Australia and affiliated with a recognised research institution.
- All applications must be submitted by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.
- Grant outcomes will be communicated by **30<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**.

Please submit your application on [our webpage](#).