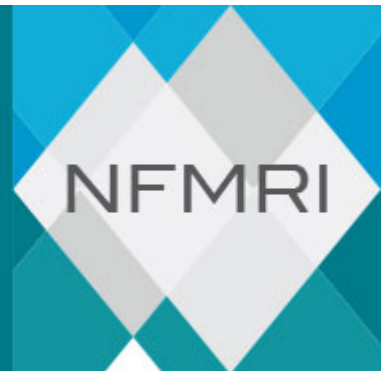


National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



2016 Grant Round Open

Expressions of interest for our 2016 grant round are now open and will close at 6pm AEST on Friday, 22nd April 2016. More information, including forms can be found on our website [here](#)

We are also seeking nominations for the 2nd Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal for Medical Research Innovation. Nominations will also close at 6pm AEST on Friday, 22nd April 2016. More information about the medal and the nomination process can be found [here](#) and information on our previous winner can be found [here](#).

Events

**NFMRI Medical
Research Innovation
Conference**
18-19 October 2016,
Brisbane

TTS Australia 2016
12-13 April 2016,
Brisbane

AVCAL Conference
31 Aug - 1 Sept 2016,
Melbourne

Nominations sought for Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal for Medical Research Innovation

The National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation (NFMRI) is pleased to offer the Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal for Medical Research Innovation every two years to a researcher under the age of 45 for outstanding contribution towards the development and advancement of a biomedical innovation related to the nature, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and incidence of disease and other health problems that have a significant impact on the health of humans.

About the Award

The Award is named after our longest-standing Trustee and Chairman of our Research Advisory Committee, Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM, who was a founding member of the Foundation in 1977. Dr Dixon Hughes OAM, an astute consultant general surgeon with over 55 years experience, remains an active, dedicated and passionate board member to this day and is an avid believer in the potential for philanthropy to support and advance innovation.

The medal will be awarded with a prize of \$50,000. The prize will be in the form of a grant to support the research activities of the recipient. Nominations are treated as commercial-in-confidence.

The medal will be awarded to the researcher judged to be responsible for the best biomedical innovation and development paper published, patent taken out, or commercial-in-confidence report in the previous two calendar years. Innovations will include Australian research and discoveries into new medicines, vaccines, biologicals, devices, tools or diagnostics.

More information on the medal and nomination process can be found on our website [here](#). Nominations will close at 6pm AEST on Friday, 22 April 2016

2016 Grant Round Closing Soon

Expressions of interest are now open for biomedical, lab-based research projects that will lead to innovations such as drugs, devices, tools, therapeutics, vaccines, diagnostics etc.

Support is open nationally and across all diseases and conditions. The Foundation awards grants across our three key portfolios that align with its mission and strategy, and considers community need and the likelihood of success when making funding decisions. Please note that funding requests under portfolios 2 and 3 should predominantly be to support expenses relating to an external collaborator whose skills and expertise will help advance the innovation.

More information on the grant round, as well as the application process can be found on our website [here](#). Expressions of interest will close at 6pm AEST on Friday, 22 April 2016.

Save the Date: NFMRI Medical Research Innovation Conference – 18-19 October 2016

The NFMRI's second Medical Research Innovation Conference, *"Supporting Biomedical Innovations: Getting Innovations on the Right Track"*, will take place on the 18th and 19th of October 2016 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

While our first conference sought to discuss and explore key issues affecting the medical research and innovation sector, our second conference will focus on exploring strategies and solutions to help build, support and grow the biomedical innovation sector in Australia. It will bring together local and international experts to explore four key themes focused around how private and social investments in medical research, together with different strategies and bold actions, can lead to the advancement of innovations. The program will also examine how we can increase Australia's capability and capacity to deliver results all whilst growing the local economy. This includes building a culture and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital and philanthropy converge to support innovations from beginning to end. Delegates will leave the conference with a better understanding of how to improve collaborations and how to build relationships between research and industry.

Our draft program will be released in the next month or so, but in the meantime our current speaker profiles can be found on our website [here](#). This page is being updated frequently as speakers are confirmed. Please note that speakers are always subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there!

Conference Sponsorship

Opportunities to support the Conference as a "Sponsor" or "Supporter" remain available and more information on sponsorship packages can be found [here](#).

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