

National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



NFMRI releases 'Measuring for success' guide



Supporting communities, grant makers and applicants

Measurement is becoming increasingly important to philanthropists, foundation and other funders of programmes focused on delivering social returns.

Established metrics, however, don't always align with the needs of funders. At the same time, universal metrics can also result in superfluous reporting, wasting both time and resources.

What isn't measured and rewarded can often be as important as what is. The balance lies in ensuring that measurement is useful and not harmful.

NFMRI's guide titled 'Measuring for success' is intended to facilitate discussions around the use of metrics, and to assist funders make informed decisions about what is measured, why and how.

[Click here to download a copy of 'Measuring for success'](#)

NFMRI's Networking/Celebratory Function

Join us at our celebratory/networking function on the evening of the 17th February 2021, where we will celebrate the previous year's achievements and share our new and exciting projects. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have had to postpone our 2020 Awards Night, which was previously scheduled for 2 December 2020. We decided to wait and hold a networking event in person.

Refreshments and canapés will be provided, and social distancing measures will be in place. In order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions, we require that all guests register prior to the event, providing contact details for contact tracing purposes only. This will save time with checking-in on the day.

After the whirlwind of a year 2020 was, we hope you can make it and look forward to welcoming you all in the new year!

Limited spaces available - [register here](#).

Research with Purpose 2021

Research with Purpose 2021 Conference

We are pleased to announce that our fifth conference is taking place on the 23rd-25th of November 2021 at The Anchorage Hotel & Spa in Port Stephens, NSW (approximately 30 minutes from Newcastle).



To make it easier for delegates travelling from interstate and to suit various travel itineraries, the conference will commence later in the afternoon on the 23rd of November 2021 and will conclude mid-afternoon on the 25th of November 2021.

Over the coming months, more information about the program, speakers and registrations will be announced on our website.

2021 Grant Round

We are pleased to announce that our 2021 Grant Round will open after Australia Day on Wednesday, 27th of January 2021 and will close at 6pm AEDT on Thursday, 18 March 2021.

Expressions of interest are open in portfolios 2 & 3 only across all diseases and conditions. Portfolios 2 & 3 focus on providing support to access external capabilities and skills necessary for the advancement of your innovation that are often not

available within your own lab. By providing support to de-risk your innovation, the goal is that your innovation will advance along the innovation pathway.

Applications are open nationally across all publicly-funded research organisation. More information about our grant round and eligibility criteria can be found on our website [here](#).

Partnering with NFMRI

NFMRI is always happy to consider partnership opportunities with other foundations, trusts, organisations or individuals looking to support innovative medical research in Australia and achieve greater outcomes from their funding. We are able to work within the disease and geographic parameters of our partners to collectively support new programs focussing on translation. This can better enable academic research outcomes, discoveries and innovations to move beyond academia and attract next stage partners including government, industry and venture capital. These partners have the expertise, capability and capacity to take research to the next stage, navigate the complex regulatory and approval systems and enable access to those in the community who are in need sooner.

The infographic is titled "Partnering for success" with the NFMRI logo. It features a central graphic of a staircase representing the innovation pathway, with steps labeled: "Concepts & Goals", "Preclinical Research", "Phase 1", "Phase 2", "Phase 3", "Approval", "Commercialisation", and "Patient Access". To the right of the staircase is a quote: "Supporting Medical Research Advancing Innovation Enabling Collaboration". Below the staircase is a quote from Professor Janet Davies: "NFMRI can foster a culture that enhances commercial uptake of our biomedical innovations, mentor academic inventors and facilitate connections between academia, philanthropy and commercial sectors". To the right of the staircase is a quote from A. Prof Bernard Flynn: "NFMRI provides critical assistance to researchers in bridging the 'valley of death' that separates basic science from viable therapies". Below the infographic is a section titled "A focus on creating impact" with a sub-header "NFMRI partners with other funders, applying its strategy, systems, networks and expertise to achieve common goals." and a paragraph: "Founded in 1977 and with DGR1 status the National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation (NFMRI) has an established partnering program assisting other funders of medical research achieve better outcomes." Below this is a paragraph: "Supporting medical research that is important in the translation of discoveries leading to new innovations including; medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, devices, biologics and tools NFMRI has built specific expertise, capability and capacity that has enabled success." Below this is a paragraph: "Through our partnering program NFMRI is collaborating with other funders to achieve our missions." Below this is a link: "Contact us to learn more and enquire about how we can work together." Below the infographic is a section with four numbered boxes: 1. GOVERNANCE: Strong governance forms the foundation of what we do, our culture and our partnerships. 2. STRATEGY: Our strategy focuses on targeted support that addresses gaps to enable translation. 3. SYSTEMS: NFMRI has built bespoke scalable systems and capability specific to our strategy. 4. TRACK RECORD: Proven track record of success with breadth and depth across diseases and innovations. At the bottom left is the website "nfmri.org.au" and at the bottom right is the email "enquiries@nfmri.org.au".

Partnering for success NFMRI

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Supporting Medical Research
Advancing Innovation
Enabling Collaboration

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NFMRI focuses strictly on supporting early stage biomedical innovations (drugs, vaccines, devices, diagnostics, biologicals and tools) advancements to cross the

vacines, devices, diagnostics, biologicals and tools, advancements to cross the 'valley of death'. Our processes, systems capability and capacity have been purpose built to support a unique strategy and deliver impact by assisting publicly funded research organisations to attract next stage partners along the innovation pathway.

This strategy and support has already prevented a number of research projects from withering-on-the-vine. These projects have attracted next stage partners, secured investment and entered clinical trials across a number of diseases and innovations.

Based upon a framework of good governance, scalable systems and reproducible evidence of success, NFMRI established a targeted partnering program to assist other well-governed funders of research access our capability and capacity. Every dollar put towards our partnerships is distributed to innovative projects that meet the objectives of both NFMRI and the partner.

If your organisation would like to discuss a potential partnership further, please don't hesitate to contact Dr Noel Chambers by emailing enquiries@nfmri.org.au

Recent blog post

- [More than \\$1.6 million of medical research innovations funded by NFMRI and partners](#)
- [Systems thinking can support research translation and crossing the "valley of death"](#)
- [A for-purpose view of supporting research translation towards impact](#)



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