

National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



NFMRI 2021 Funding Opportunities

The National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation (NFMRI), together with the [Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#), are pleased to announce the following 2021 funding opportunities below.

As you may be aware, NFMRI seeks to strategically support biomedical research into potential new drugs, medicines, tools, diagnostics, vaccines and devices. Our targeted support enables research to cross what is often referred to as the 'valley of death' and advance towards attracting the next-step partner on the translation pathway.

Those interested in applying for funding should read more about our [strategy](#) and [portfolios](#) prior to making a submission. Our [success stories](#) and [current research](#) also provide a good indication as to the types of projects we normally support and most common questions are addressed in our [FAQs](#) section.

Should applicants have any additional questions, NFMRI is holding an online grant round Q&A session from 2pm-3pm AEDT on Wednesday, 17 February 2021. [Register here](#).

NFMRI 2021 Funding Opportunities

1. NFMRI General Grant Round - opening soon: 27 January 2021

Expressions of interest for our general grant round will soon open. Applications for innovations across all diseases and conditions are sought from Australian publicly funded research organisations. Those with a cystic fibrosis (CF) project should wait and submit their EOI in the CF grant round.

Focus: Open nationally across all diseases and conditions affecting humans. Applications that fall within portfolios 2 & 3 only. More information about this grant round, including the EOI form, can be found [here](#).

Closing date: 6pm AEST on Thursday, 18 March 2021

2. Cystic Fibrosis Grant Round - opens on 28 April 2021

As part of our partnership with the Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Cure4CF), NFMRI will be seeking EOIs for research that seeks to develop therapies or cures that will result in an increase in average life expectancy of people with Cystic Fibrosis, with consideration given to quality of life. Areas of interest include therapeutics, cell & gene therapies, antimicrobials and vaccines. Projects focusing on diagnostics, devices, observational and epidemiology studies are not of interest. More information about research priorities can be found [here](#).

The successful grant(s) will be named the “*Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Barbara Stow-Smith CF Innovation Grant*”

Focus: Cystic Fibrosis applications that fall within portfolios 1, 2 & 3 (preference for 2 & 3), open nationally. More information about this grant round, including forms, once available, can be found [here](#).

Closing date: 6pm AEST on Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Special thanks to our generous partner:



CYSTIC FIBROSIS

ALL FOR THE FIGHT

Research with Purpose 2021 Conference

The Anchorage Hotel & Spa, Port Stephens, NSW



Our fifth conference will take 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.

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.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Partnering for success

NFMRI partners with funders of medical research to create impact



Supporting Medical Research
Advancing Innovation
Enabling Collaboration



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"

A. Prof Bernard Flynn
"NFMRI provides critical assistance to researchers in bridging the 'valley of death' that separates basic science from viable therapies"

A focus on creating impact

NFMRI partners with other funders, applying its strategy, systems, networks and expertise to achieve common goals.

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.

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.

Through our partnering program NFMRI is collaborating with other funders to achieve our missions.

[Contact us](#) to learn more and enquire about how we can work together.

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 scaleable systems and capability specific to our strategy.

4

TRACK RECORD

Proven track record of success with breadth and depth across diseases and innovations

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NFMRI focuses strictly on supporting early stage biomedical innovations (drugs, vaccines, 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

Upcoming Events

17 February 2021 - Grant Round Q&As - [Register here](#)

23-25 November 2021 - NFMRI Conference, Port Stephens NSW - [Register here](#)

If you would like to invite a speaker from NFMRI please complete the [speaker request form](#).



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