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National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



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We are pleased to announce that our fifth conference is taking place from the 23rd-25th of November 2021 at [The Anchorage Hotel & Spa](#) in Port Stephens, New South Wales (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](#).

NFMRI Updates

Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM Medal nominations

We wish to thank everyone who submitted a nomination for the Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM Medal. Nominations are currently under review and consideration by our Board and Research Advisory Committee (RAC). The final recipient will be announced in November/December 2020.

Online reporting

NFMRI has recently introduced and implemented a new cloud-based, online progressive reporting system, where researchers have the ability to log-in remotely and update progress periodically as it occurs. We remain committed to reducing the time researchers spend on administration whilst receiving the updates and progress information we require.

This expands upon our existing top-up form and will provide greater flexibility by allowing Chief Investigators to log into their personal dashboard and update progress as and when it occurs, making it easier to submit reports when due. It will also enable us to capture progress as it occurs and beyond the grant period as translation progresses and impact is realised.

Online presentations, webinars and events

NFMRI has recently established a researcher network group for its current and past grant recipients, with meetings taking place via webinar on a quarterly basis. We wish to thank Dr Phil Kearney, Director of External Licensing, at Merck for delivering a masterclass at our recent meeting.

Additionally, a Health & Medical Research Philanthropic Funders' Group has recently been established to help bring together philanthropic grant makers from across the country. The Group seeks to focus on efficient and effective

from across the country. The Group seeks to focus on efficient and effective giving for impact in the health and medical research sector. It will enable sharing of knowledge and experience amongst decision makers representing philanthropic supporters of health and medical research. The Group is entirely independent and not led by a particular organisation - it is a shared responsibility. We wish to thank everyone who participating in the first meeting. Group meetings will be held on a quarterly basis via webinar.

As part of our grants program, we normally deliver presentations to educate researchers around translation and to address some of the factors that will increase their chances of success when applying for grants. Due to COVID-19, all presentations have been postponed and we are instead offering the opportunity to deliver webinar presentations. Those interested should complete the [speaker request form](#) on our website.

2019 NFMRI Annual Report

Recently released, our 2019 Annual Report showcases some of our success stories achieved over recent years thanks to our partners and supporters.



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.

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Partnering for success

NFMRI partners with funders of medical research to create impact



Supporting Medical Research
Advancing Innovation
Enabling Collaboration

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.



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"

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

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

Recent blog post

- [Increasing capacity and expanding capabilities using technology](#)
- [A for-purpose view of supporting research translation towards impact](#)



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