

Alzheimer's disease grant round closing soon on Friday, 26 July 2024

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# National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



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## "Are you an inventor?" - Fireside chat with Prof. Robert French AC

**"Are you an inventor?"** | 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start | Hall & Wilcox, Level 19, 108 St. Georges Terrace, Perth



**Are you an inventor?**



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***"Fireside chat with  
Prof. Robert French  
AC"***

"Hindsight can be a wonderful thing."  
Save yourself potential future dilemmas and  
challenges by learning about the core pillar of  
inventorship and intellectual property protection.

Join the conversation with  
Prof. Robert French AC .



**Prof. Robert French AC**  
Former Chief Justice of Australia (2008-2017) and  
Chancellor of the University of Western Australia

 **Dr. Noel Chambers**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation

**PRESENTATION:**  
Date: Thursday, 15 August 2024  
Time: 5.15pm arrival for 5.30pm start  
Location: Hall & Wilcox Perth  
Level 19/108 St. Georges Terrace  
Free registrations: [via this link](#)  
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*This is engaging fireside chat discussion will focus on inventorship and intellectual property protection - it will explore concepts around discovery and innovation, who is an inventor, what happens if you get this wrong and things you can do to support IP protection before it even exists.*

*This event is relevant for all types of inventors across different disciplines as well as those providing support and guidance.*

 **Hall & Wilcox**  
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We are pleased to be holding an engaging conversation with former Chief Justice of Australia and Chancellor of the University of Western Australia, [Prof. Robert French AC](#) together with NFMRI's CEO, [Dr. Noel Chambers](#), on Thursday, 15 August 2024 in Perth.

The discussion will focus on inventorship and intellectual property protection. It will explore:

- Concepts around discovery and innovation;
- Who is an inventor?;
- What happens if you get this wrong?; and importantly
- Things you can do to support IP protection before it even exists.

This free event is relevant for all types of inventors across different disciplines, as well as those providing leadership, support and guidance.

Thank you to [Hall & Wilcox](#) for kindly hosting the event at Level 19, 108 St. Georges Terrace, Perth.

Guests are asked to arrive for 5.15pm for the 5.30pm start. The engaging discussion will be followed by a networking session and will conclude at approximately 7.30pm.

**Please note that registrations are required to attend the event and numbers are capped due to the venue's capacity limit.**

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## NFMRI's Early Bird Conference Registrations Now Open: "Research with Purpose 2024"



***Research with Purpose 2024*** | 26-28 November 2024 | Tangalooma Island, Queensland

NFMRI is pleased to be holding its sixth conference ***Research with Purpose 2024*** at [Tangalooma Island](#) (Qld) from the 26-28th November 2024. This [unique event](#) is built around Q&A panel sessions that engage highly with participants and are led by [content experts](#). The event focuses on building a culture, support and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital and philanthropy intersect to better support biomedical innovations from beginning to end.

Over the course of three days, delegates can expect to be part of an [engaging and thought-provoking event](#). With strict no-solicitation policies and Chatham House Rules, the discussions will be robust and candid. The event is

House rules, the discussions will be robust and candid. The event is intentionally modest in size, bringing together experts and key decision makers from relevant sectors to help share information between delegates and speakers. The conference has a strong focus of building cross-sector networks and developing robust, professional relationships to better enable collaborations.

We invite you to join us and be part of the discussion that helps ignite change and lead to impact. [Early bird registrations are now open](#) and **for a limited time, we are offering grant making charities and students two for one registrations.**

[Register now](#)

## Draft program

We will continue updating the program on our website as additional speakers are confirmed.



The poster for the 2024 Medical Research Innovation Conference features a dark background with a geometric pattern of teal and grey diamonds. At the top right is the NFMRI logo. The main title '2024 MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE' is in large white capital letters. Below it, the location 'Tangalooma Island Resort, Moreton Island, QLD' and the theme '*"Research with Purpose 2024"*' are listed. A row of four speaker portraits is shown below the text. To the right of the portraits is a large teal vertical bar with the dates '26' and '28' in large white font, and 'NOVEMBER' in smaller white font between them. At the bottom, three paragraphs of text describe the conference's goals and focus.

**2024 MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE**

Tangalooma Island Resort, Moreton Island, QLD

*"Research with Purpose 2024"*

The Conference will explore strategies and solutions to help build, support and grow the biomedical innovation sector in Australia by attracting investments and creating collaborations that help establish new companies – ultimately leading to community health benefits, better health outcomes, increased job opportunities, diversification of the workforce and new sovereign capability.

The unique networking, educational and thought leadership event brings together experts and key decision makers from various relevant sectors to help up-skill delegates and explore how financial and social investments in medical research, together with different strategies and bold actions, can lead to the advancement of innovations.

The program focuses on building a culture, support and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital and philanthropy intersect to support biomedical innovations from beginning to end.

**26**  
NOVEMBER  
**28**

[Click here to view the draft program](#)

*The program is accurate as of publishing date, but speakers are always subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

## Early bird registrations

Early bird registrations are now open and will close on 11 October 2024. Please [click here](#) for registrations.

For a limited time, grant-making charities who offer competitive grants to external organisations, as well as students from academic institutions, are entitled to receive **two registrations for the price of one full registration** (only available for early bird registrations). Simply register one individual and email the details of the second individual to: [conference@nfmri.org.au](mailto:conference@nfmri.org.au).

## Speaker profiles

Our speaker profiles are available on our website [here](#).

## Travel

The venue is accessed directly via the Moreton Island ferry departing Brisbane's Holt Street Wharf (220 Holt Street, Pinkenba - a short drive from Brisbane Airport). To view the ferry departure times, [please click here](#). **Please note that pre-bookings are required and check-in at Holt Street Wharf is at least 1 hour prior to departure.**

If you are travelling from interstate, it is best to fly directly to Brisbane and catch and uber or taxi to the Holt Street Wharf.

## Accommodation

All bookings are to be made directly with [Tangalooma Island Resort](#). We have secured discounted accommodation, starting at \$239 per night, which [can be booked here](#). Please make sure to select your required return ferry and breakfast if desired. The weblink and discount offering will expire on **11 October 2024**. After this date, all rooms will be released and no discounts will apply.

It's worth noting that there is a minimum 2-night stay required for all

accommodation bookings. The resort has also kindly provided discounted rates from the 25-29 November 2024 for those wishing to arrive before the event or leaving the day after the event has concluded.

**We thank Hall & Wilcox and CSL for kindly sponsoring this event.**



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## Alzheimer's disease grant round now open

As part of our partnership with The Mason Foundation (managed by Equity Trustees), NFMRI is seeking EOIs for Alzheimer's disease research projects. We strongly encourage women to apply and for the researcher leading the project day-to-day to be listed as the Chief Investigator, including mid-career researchers.

Focus: Alzheimer's disease applications that fall within portfolios 1, 2 & 3 (preference for 2 & 3), open nationally.

EOIs will be accepted until 6pm AEST on Friday, 26 July 2024

[Click here](#) for more information about our grant rounds

[Click here](#) for our online expression of interest form

[Click here](#) to view an example of our complete EOI form for reference only

**Thank you to our generous partners for supporting this grant round:**





## 2023 Annual Report



Our 2023 Annual Report has recently been released. [Please click here](#) to read more about our impact to date.

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## 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

**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 scalable 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](mailto:enquiries@nfmri.org.au)

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## Recent blog posts

- [Sector leaders convening in Queensland](#)
- [Research translation: the beginning starts with the end](#)
- [Research with purpose: thinking differently](#)
- [Inspirational women making a difference in medical research](#)



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