

Alzheimer's disease grant round now open, 2023 Annual Report released

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# National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



## NFMRI's 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 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 teal background with a geometric pattern of overlapping triangles. At the top right is the NFMRI logo, a white diamond shape with the letters 'NFMRI' inside. Below the logo is a portrait of a man in a suit and red tie. The main title '2024 MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE' is in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below the title is the location 'Tangalooma Island Resort, Moreton Island, QLD' and the tagline '“Research with Purpose 2024”'. At the bottom left are four small portraits of speakers. To the right of these portraits is a large teal box with the number '26' in white and the word 'NOVEMBER' in white, uppercase letters. Below the portraits is a paragraph of text: '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.' Below this is another paragraph: 'The unique networking, educational and thought leadership event brings together experts and key decision makers from various relevant sectors to help us still, delegates and system how financial and social investments to'.

**2024 MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE**

Tangalooma Island Resort, Moreton Island, QLD

*“Research with Purpose 2024”*

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help upstart ventures and explore how initial and social investments in medical research, together with different strategies and bold actions, can lead to the advancement of innovations.

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[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 terry 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 accomodation 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, Sanofi 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.

## 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" and features the NFMRI logo. It includes a central graphic of a staircase representing the innovation pathway, with steps labeled: "Clinical trials", "Commercialisation", "Industry", "Academia", "Proof of concept", "Pre-clinical research", "Basic research", and "Research & Discovery". To the right of 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". Below this 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". The infographic also includes a section titled "A focus on creating impact" with text about NFMRI's partnership strategy and a "Contact us" link. At the bottom, there are 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.), and 4. TRACK RECORD (Proven track record of success with breadth and depth across diseases and innovations). The NFMRI website URL, [nfmri.org.au](http://nfmri.org.au), is at the bottom left, and the enquiries email, [enquiries@nfmri.org.au](mailto:enquiries@nfmri.org.au), is at the bottom right.

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

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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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