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REMINDER: Funding Opportunities Closing Soon

The National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation (NFMRI), together with the [Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#) and [The Mason Foundation \(managed by Equity Trustees\)](#) wish to remind all applicants that the 2020 grant rounds and nominations for the 2021 Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal will be closing soon.

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.

Below you will find a list of our 2020 funding opportunities. **All grant rounds close at 6pm AEST on 16 March 2020.**

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. Please note that NFMRI does not stipulate minimum or maximum funding request amounts. We recommend that researchers apply for exactly what they require to deliver the project successfully. We also do not partially fund projects.

Those interested in current and future funding opportunities should consider [subscribing to our newsletter](#) as this is where all announcements are made.

2020 Funding Opportunities

All funding opportunities below close at **6pm AEST on Monday, 16 March 2020**.

1. NFMRI General Grant Round

Expressions of interest for our general grant round are now open. Applications for innovations across all diseases and conditions are accepted from Australian publicly funded research organisations.

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

2. Cystic Fibrosis Grant Round

As part of our partnership with the Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Cure4CF), NFMRI is 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.

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 can be found [here](#).

3. Alzheimer's Disease Grant Round

As part of our partnership with The Mason Foundation (managed by Equity Trustees), NFMRI is seeking EOIs for projects investigating potential treatments and/or cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

Focus: Alzheimer's disease, applications that fall within portfolios 2 & 3 only - open nationally.

More information about this grant round, including forms, can be found [here](#).

4. Nominations Open for 2021 Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM Medal

NFMRI is pleased to offer the Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal for Medical Research Innovation every two years to a researcher under the age of 45 for outstanding contribution towards the development and advancement of a biomedical innovation related to the nature, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and incidence of disease and other health problems that have a significant impact on the health of humans.

The Medal will be awarded with a prize of \$50,000. The prize will be in the form of a grant to support the research activities of the recipient. Nominations are now open and are treated as commercial-in-confidence.

The Medal will be awarded to the researcher judged to be responsible for the best biomedical innovation and development paper published, patent taken out, or commercial-in-confidence report in the previous two calendar years.

Innovations will include Australian research and discoveries into new medicines, vaccines, biologicals, devices, tools or diagnostics.

Self nominations are not accepted. More information on the nomination process can be found [here](#).

Special thanks to our generous partners:



As part of our grants program, we deliver presentations at publicly funded research organisations to educate researchers around translation and to address some of the factors that will increase their chances of success when applying for grants. The seminars are titled “***Solving the wicked problem of the gap from the research to translation***”.

Should your institution wish to host a seminar, you may submit a request for Dr Noel Chambers to present using this [online form](#). Please bear in mind that we require suitable numbers to justify our travels (40 or so) and the session would require a minimum of an hour in order to be able to get the message out effectively and to help address the questions from the audience.

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.



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.

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

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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

Recent "Thinking out loud" Blog Post:

Upcoming Events

13 May 2020 - Monash University - [Register here](#)

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



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