
Cystic Fibrosis grant round opening soon on 28 April 2021

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REMINDER: General Grant Round Closing Soon

We wish to remind all applicants that our 2021 grant round will be closing soon at **6pm AEDT on Thursday, 18 March 2021**.

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. 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.

2021 Funding Opportunities

1. NFMRI General Grant Round - closes at 6pm AEDT on Thursday, 18 March 2021

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 – opens 28th April 2021 and closes at 6pm AEST on Wednesday 16th June 2021

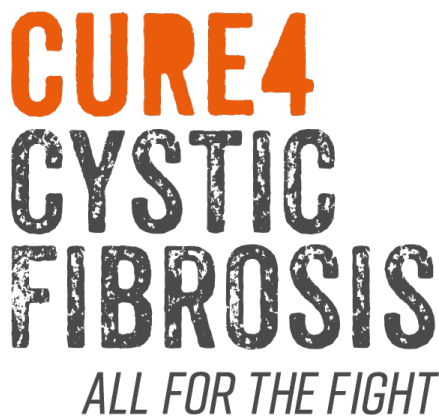
As part of our partnership with the Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Cure4CF), NFMRI will soon be seeking EOIs for research that seeks to develop therapies or cures that will result in an increase in average life expectancy of people with Cystic Fibrosis with consideration given to quality of life.

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 priority areas 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 in areas of interest that fall within portfolios 1, 2 & 3 (preference for 2 & 3), open nationally. More information about this grant round, including forms (once the grant round opens) can be found [here](#).

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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.

Should your institution wish to host a seminar in the coming months, COVID permitting, 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

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" with the NFMRI logo. It features a central graphic of a staircase representing the innovation pathway, with steps labeled: "Concept & Discovery", "Basic Research", "Applied Research", "Proof of Concept", "Preclinical", "Regulatory Approval", and "Commercial Uptake". To the right of the staircase, text reads: "Supporting Medical Research Advancing Innovation Enabling Collaboration". Below this, a section titled "A focus on creating impact" describes NFMRI's partnership strategy. It includes quotes from Professor Janet Davies and A.Prof Bernard Flynn. At the bottom, four numbered boxes highlight key areas: 1. GOVERNANCE, 2. STRATEGY, 3. SYSTEMS, and 4. TRACK RECORD. The NFMRI logo and website URL are at the bottom.

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

Upcoming Events

23-25 November 2021 - [NFMRI Conference "Research with Purpose 2021"](#) - The Anchorage Hotel & Spa, Port Stephens NSW

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



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