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REMINDER: NFMRI Grant Rounds Closing Soon

We wish to remind all applicants that our 2022 grant rounds will be closing soon at **6pm AEDT on Monday**, **21 March 2022**.

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 <u>strategy</u> and <u>portfolios</u> prior to making a submission. Our <u>success</u> <u>stories</u> and <u>current research</u> 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

Those interested in current and future funding opportunities should consider <u>subscribing to our newsletter</u> as this is where all announcements are made.

2022 Funding Opportunities

1. NFMRI General Grant Round - closes at 6pm AEDT on Monday, 21 March 2022

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. Alzheimer's Disease Grant Round – closes at 6pm AEDT on Monday, 21 March 2022

As part of our partnership with The Mason Foundation (managed by Equity Trustees), NFMRI is seeking expressions of interest for innovative Alzheimer's disease research projects.

Focus: Alzheimer's disease applications 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.

3. Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM Medal for Medical Research Innovation - Nominations closing at 6pm AEST on Friday, 20 May 2022

NFMRI offers the Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal 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.

Self-nominations are not accepted. The nominee must be under the age of 45 as at 1 October 2022. Nominations must be for an individual rather than a team.

More information, including the nomination form, is available on our website here.

Special thanks to our generous partners:



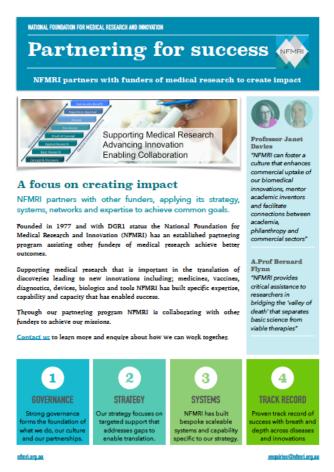
As part of our grants program, we deliver presentations at publicly funded research organisations to educate researchers around translation and to address some of the factors that will increase their chances of success when applying for grants.

Should your institution wish to host a seminar in the coming months, you may submit a request for Dr Noel Chambers to present using this <u>online form</u>. 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.



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

22-24 November 2022 - NFMRI Conference "Research with Purpose 2022" - The Anchorage Hotel & Spa, Port Stephens NSW

If you would like to invite a speaker from NFMRI please complete the <u>speaker</u> request form.







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