

NFMRI grant rounds closing at 6pm AEDT on Monday, 25 March 2024

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National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



NFMRI's Grant Rounds Closing Soon

NFMRI's grant rounds will be closing soon at **6pm AEDT on Monday, 25 March 2024**. The Foundation 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 and most common questions are addressed in our [FAQs](#) section.

Please note that we have recently implemented a new online EOI process.
Things to note:

- You can complete your EOI online and save your work at any time.
- After clicking 'save', a unique link will be generated and sent to an email address of your choosing. **Please save this link as we are unable to access these or assist if the link is lost**

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- You may then share this link with colleagues, if required, and return to continue your EOI.
- The link will automatically expire after 30 days if the EOI isn't submitted.
- After submission, you will receive a confirmation email which includes a record of your EOI (sometimes the university's IT security systems automatically block these emails).

NFMRI's 2024 Funding Opportunities

Please note that all three grant rounds below will close at 6pm AEDT on Monday, 25 March 2024 and nominations for the Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal will close at 6pm AEST on Monday, 20 May 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

1. NFMRI General Grant Round

Applications for innovations across all diseases and conditions are sought from Australian publicly funded research organisations.

Focus: Open nationally across all diseases and conditions affecting humans. Applications that fall within portfolios 2 & 3 only. This year we would like to see more asthma and allergies projects.

2. Childhood and Youth Diseases Grant Round

NFMRI is seeking EOIs for research projects into diseases affecting children and youth.

Focus: Childhood and youth diseases applications that fall within portfolios 2 & 3 only, open nationally.

Special thank you to our generous partner for supporting this grant round. Our partner wishes to remain anonymous at this time.

3. Alzheimer's Disease Grant Round

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.

4. Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM Medal for Medical Research Innovation nominations

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 2024. Nominations must be for an individual rather than a team.

More information, including the nomination form, is available on our [website here](#).

Nominations are currently being accepted **until 6pm AEST on Monday, 20 May 2024**.

Special thanks to our generous partner:



Save the date: NFMRI's 2024 Conference



NFMRI's sixth conference, [Research with Purpose 2024](#), will be taking place on the 26th-28th of November 2024 at the [Tangalooma Island Resort](#) in Queensland (75 minute ferry from Brisbane Airport wharf).

More information, including a draft program, registrations, sponsorship opportunities and room reservations will be announced in April 2024.

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.

Partnering for success

NFMRI partners with funders of medical research to create impact

Supporting Medical Research
Advancing Innovation
Enabling Collaboration

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"

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

Upcoming Events

NFMRI's 2024 Conference "Research with purpose 2024", 26-28 November 2024, Tangalooma Island Resort, QLD.

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



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