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2018 Grant Round Updates and Announcement of New RAC
Chair

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NFMRI is pleased to announce Prof Ian Smith as incoming Chair of our Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Board of NFMRI is delighted to announce the recent appointment of Professor Ian Smith as incoming Chair of its RAC. The Foundation is very thankful of the dedication, support and expertise provided by Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM, who has served as RAC Chair over a number of years. Dr Dixon Hughes OAM will continue serving the Foundation as a Director and a member of the RAC.



Professor Ian Smith was Associate Director at Baker Heart Research Institute until his move to Monash University in 2004. Ian is currently Vice-Provost (Research & Research Infrastructure) and has responsibility for the oversight and management of the universities research alliances and research infrastructure as well as developing and implementing strategies to meet future university infrastructure needs in these areas.

Professor Smith is an accomplished medical researcher and is recognized as a leader in his field. His research applies proteomics technologies to study the proteases involved in the generation and metabolism of peptide regulators involved in both brain and cardiovascular function. This research has resulted in over 250 publications and many patents. Ian was a co-founder of a proteomics-based, publicly listed, biotechnology company and he continues to collaborate and consult widely with the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry.

Grant Round Updates

An update on our current funding opportunities can be found below. Please note that both our general and infectious diseases grant rounds will be closing soon.

We strongly recommend that those interested in applying for an NFMRI grant first read more about our [strategy](#) and if possible attend one of our presentations across the country. More information on these events can be found on our [website here](#). Institutions interested in hosting a presentation may complete the [speaker request form](#).

Examples of our [current](#) and [previously](#) funded projects can be found here and examples of grants that are already achieving impact can be found [here](#).

1. General Grant Round - CLOSING SOON

NFMRI's annual grant round is now open and will soon be closing. This grant round is seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) in portfolios 2 and 3 that align with our strategy and objectives. The common focus of portfolio 2 and 3 grants is enabling researchers to access research capability beyond their labs and institutions to advance their biomedical discoveries and innovations.

Closes: 6pm AEST on Thursday, 29 March 2018

Focus: all diseases/conditions, limited to applications that fall within portfolios 2 & 3, open nationally

More information about this grant round can be found [here](#)

EOI form can be found [here](#)

Completed EOI forms should be submitted via this [link](#).

2. Infectious Diseases Grant Round - CLOSING SOON

Together with the NSW Department of Primary Industries, NFMRI is also looking to support one or more projects, over up to three years, investigating infectious diseases that are transmitted between animal and humans. The funding will commence in late 2018.

Closes: 6pm AEST on Thursday, 29 March 2018

Focus: emerging zoonotic infectious diseases that have an impact on the health of humans, applications that fall within portfolios 1, 2 and 3 are accepted, open nationally but research must be of benefit to NSW.

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

Infectious diseases EOI form can be [found here](#)

Completed EOI forms should be submitted via [this link](#).

3. Dr John Dixon Hughes Medal - OPEN

Nominations are being sought for 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 program that have a significant impact on the health of humans. The medal will be awarded with a price of \$50,000 in the form of a research grant.

Nominations close: **6pm AEST on Monday, 30 April 2018**

Information about the award and nomination process can be found [here](#).

Read more about our previous award recipients [here](#).

Completed nominations should be submitted via this [link](#).

4. Alzheimer's Disease Grant Round - OPENING SOON

As part of our partnership with [The Mason Foundation](#) (managed by Equity Trustees), NFMRI will be seeking EOIs for projects investigating potential treatments and/or cure for Alzheimer's disease. This special purpose grant round will open on **Wednesday, 4 April 2018 and will close at 6pm AEST on Thursday, 31 May 2018**. It is envisaged that funding will commence in early to mid 2019. EOIs that fall within portfolios 1, 2 and 3 will be accepted. The forms will be made available on our [website here](#) once the grant round has opened.

Our Impact

The NFMRI has implemented a strategy focused on supporting gap areas along the innovation pathway for biomedical research.

This targeted support assists researchers to advance their research towards the development of new innovations including medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and devices. These innovations normally require regulatory approval, commercial partnerships and investors as they progress. Since implementation of our strategy, a number of projects are already achieving success. Read more about these [success stories here](#).



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Forum 2018, 5-6 April 2018,
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NFMRI's 2018 Strategies for
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2018 AusMedtech Conference,
1-2 May 2018, Adelaide

Philanthropy Australia 2018
Conference: Is Purpose
Enough?, 4-6 September 2018,
Melbourne

Speaker request form

NFMRI is happy to consider opportunities to present at research institution and university events to outline the Foundation's processes and strategy, with a view to assist applicants to improve their grant submission success rates. We are able to discuss topics such as what funders are looking for, how to better engage with industry and venture capital amongst many others. NFMRI is particularly interested in helping organisations and other funders support the advancement of biomedical innovations and get them translation/commercialisation ready.

Those interested should complete

Our 2016 Annual Report is available for download and includes case studies and highlights of our current and past research projects.

Those interested should complete our [speaker request form](#). A representative of NFMRI will be in touch shortly after the request is received.

Recent "[Thinking Out Loud](#)" blog posts

- [NFMRI assists fibrosis cross the 'valley of death'](#)
- [NFMRI announces more than \\$1.7 million to fund Australian medical research innovations](#)
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