



2019 Alzheimer's Disease Grants Announced and Grant Round Updates

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2019 Alzheimer's Disease Grant Round Open

NFMRI is pleased to announce the opening of our second Alzheimer's disease grant round.

As part of our partnership with The Mason Foundation (managed by Equity Trustees), NFMRI is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) for projects investigating potential treatments and/or cure for Alzheimer's Disease commencing in 2020.

Research portfolios one, two and three will be considered, though preference may be given to EOIs that fall within portfolios two and three. A key aspect of portfolios two and three is accessing external research capability and capacity.

The EOI form is available on our website [here](#) and once completed it must be submitted using our online submission form available [here](#) no later than **6pm AEST on Thursday, 13th June 2019**.

This support is generously provided thanks to support from The Mason Foundation (managed by Equity Trustees).



Please note that our 2019 cystic fibrosis and general grant rounds have now closed. These applications are now being reviewed by our Research Advisory Committee. We expect to be in touch with all applicants around mid May 2019.

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“Aligning intent: working towards a more sustainable, efficient and effective medical research ecosystem”

NFMRI’s fourth conference, *“Aligning intent: working towards a more sustainable, efficiency and effective medical research ecosystem”* will take place on the 20th and 21st of November 2019 at Peppers The Sands Resort in Torquay, Victoria.

While our previous conferences sought to discuss key issues affecting the medical research and innovation sectors and to explore strategies and solutions to help build, support and grow the biomedical innovation sector in Australia, our fourth conference will hone in on the importance and benefits of aligning intent and working

towards achieving the purpose of our donors and supporters.

The purpose of many organisations, including charities, relates to delivering better health outcomes for the community. The biggest funder of health and medical research in Australia is the NHMRC, which is also funded by the community through taxes. When asked, the general public believes that medical research should be funded because it helps save lives, improves health outcomes, finds cures and treatments for diseases.

The intent is clear and consistent.

However, is our community's intent currently aligned with and being met by the medical research sector?

By accepting funding is there a social contract to prioritise intent.

This year's conference will explore benefits, harm and wastage in the medical research ecosystem and how together we can lead cultural and systems change in order to do better. It will also focus on ways the sector can improve efficiencies and communication with various stakeholders, including the general community. Because success relies on harnessing many skills sets across various sectors including research, industry, investors, government and philanthropy, the conference will focus on the role each of these play in achieving outcomes.

We are will be releasing a draft program in the next month or two and hope that you will consider joining us at this event and participating in this important conversation.

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 or 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.



**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 DGRF 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) advance 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

22-26 July 2019 - NFMRI QLD Roadshow (Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast)

30 October - 1 November 2019 - Melbourne - AusBiotech 2019 Conference

15 November 2019 - Brisbane, QLD - GENF 2019 Conference

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20-21 November 2019 - Torquay, VIC - NFMRI 2019 Conference

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



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