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## Are you an inventor?



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***"Fireside chat  
with Prof. Robert  
French AC"***

*"If you only ever get to know one thing  
about patent law, you should make it  
knowing about inventorship."*

**-Professor Andrew Christie,  
Melbourne Law School**



### **Prof. Robert French AC**

Former Chief Justice of the High Court of  
Australia (2008-2017) and Chancellor of the  
University of Western Australia



### **Dr. Noel Chambers**

Chief Executive Officer,  
National Foundation for Medical Research and  
Innovation

### **PRESENTATION:**

Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2024

Time: 5.00pm arrival for 5.30pm start

*This is engaging fireside chat discussion*

This is an engaging in-person chat discussion  
will focus on inventorship and intellectual  
property protection - it will explore  
concepts around discovery and innovation,  
who is an inventor, what happens if you get  
this wrong and things you can do to  
support IP protection before it even exists.

This event is relevant for all types of  
inventors across different disciplines as  
well as those providing support and  
guidance.

Location: Customs House  
399 Queen St, Brisbane CBD (in-person)  
or online

Free registrations: [in-person via this link](#)  
[online via this link](#)

Kindly hosted by Queensland Health



**Queensland  
Government**

Join us at our next '**Are you an inventor?**' event both online and in-person in  
Brisbane on **Wednesday, 16 October 2024 from 5pm AEST.**

The free educational event is generously hosted by Queensland Health. There  
are two separate registration links depending on whether you plan on attending  
online or in-person. Both registration links [can be found here](#).

*"Inventorship is a critical concept in patent law, because it determines  
who can own the rights to a patented invention. If the inventors are not  
correctly identified, patent ownership will be uncertain, and the patent  
may be invalid. It is thus crucial to know who is – and, equally  
importantly, who is not – the inventor of an invention.*

*Inventorship of an invention is not the same thing as authorship of a  
paper describing an invention. Applying protocols and practices about  
scientific authorship to inventorship is both wrong and dangerous. If  
you only ever get to know one thing about patent law, you should make  
it knowing about inventorship."*

*PROFESSOR ANDREW CHRISTIE, MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL*

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## **NFMRI's Early Bird Conference Registrations Closing on 11 October 2024: "Research with Purpose 2024"**

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[Register here](#)

## ***Research with Purpose 2024 | 26-28 November 2024 | Tangalooma Island, Queensland***

NFMRI is pleased to be holding its sixth conference ***Research with Purpose 2024*** at [Tangalooma Island](#) (Qld) from the 26-28th November 2024. This [unique event](#) is built around Q&A panel sessions that engage highly with participants and are led by [content experts](#). The event focuses on building a culture, support and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital and philanthropy intersect to better support biomedical innovations from beginning to end.

We invite you to join us and be part of the discussion that helps ignite change and lead to impact. [Early bird registrations are now open](#). **We strongly**

and lead to impact. [Early bird registrations are now open](#). We strongly recommend that delegates book their [discounted accommodation](#) by the 11 October 2024. After this date, any left over rooms will be released to the general public at full price and NFMRI will be unable to guarantee availability.

[Register now](#)

## Draft program

We will continue updating the program on our website as additional speakers are confirmed.



The poster for the 2024 Medical Research Innovation Conference features a dark background with a geometric pattern of teal and grey diamonds. The title '2024 MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE' is in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below it, the location 'Tangalooma Island Resort, Moreton Island, QLD' and the theme '“Research with Purpose 2024”' are listed. On the right, there is a portrait of a man in a suit. Below the main title, there are four smaller portraits of speakers. At the bottom, there is a block of text describing the conference's goals and a large teal box with the dates '26' and '28' and 'NOVEMBER' in white.

**2024 MEDICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE**

Tangalooma Island Resort, Moreton Island, QLD

*“Research with Purpose 2024”*

The Conference will explore strategies and solutions to help build, support and grow the biomedical innovation sector in Australia by attracting investments and creating collaborations that help advance innovations – ultimately leading to better health outcomes for the community.

The unique networking, educational and thought leadership event brings together experts and key decision makers from various relevant sectors to help up-skill delegates and explore how financial and social investments in medical research, together with different strategies and bold actions, can lead to the advancement of innovations.

The program focuses on building a culture, support and funding ecosystem where industry, government, academia, venture capital and philanthropy intersect to support biomedical innovations from beginning to end.

**26**  
NOVEMBER  
**28**



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[Click here to view the draft program](#)

*The program is accurate as of publishing date, but speakers are always subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

**We thank Hall & Wilcox and CSL for kindly sponsoring this event.**





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**Professor Mark von Itzstein AO**, Institute for Biomedicine and Glycomics, Griffith University



**Dr. Aoife Cullen**, Head of Commercialisation (Life Sciences), Monash Innovation



**Dr. Marthe  
D'Ombrian,** Executive  
Director and Head, Global  
Research Innovation, CSL



**Prof. Michael Schuetz,**  
Chair of Trauma,  
Queensland University of  
Technology



**Bruce Haefele,** Head of  
Strategic Development and  
Innovation, Amazon Web  
Services



**Dr. Julie-Anne White,**  
Executive Director, Office of  
Research and Innovation,  
Queensland Health



**Prof. Andrew Wilks,**  
Managing Director,  
SYNthesis Bioventures Pty

**Dr. Julia Hocking,** Manager,  
Funding and Research  
Partnership Studies

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## Alzheimer's disease grant round closing soon

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.

EOIs will be accepted until 6pm **AEDT on Friday, 18 October 2024**, the next round will then close on Friday, 28 March 2025.

[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

**Thank you to our generous partners for supporting this grant round:**



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## 2023 Annual Report







Our 2023 Annual Report has recently been released. [Please click here](#) to read more about our impact to date.

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## 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 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.

**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.Prof Bernard Flynn**  
"NFMRI provides critical assistance to researchers in bridging the 'valley of death' that separates basic science from viable therapies"

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>GOVERNANCE</b></p> <p>Strong governance forms the foundation of what we do, our culture and our partnerships.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Our strategy focuses on targeted support that addresses gaps to enable translation.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>SYSTEMS</b></p> <p>NFMRI has built bespoke scalable systems and capability specific to our strategy.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>TRACK RECORD</b></p> <p>Proven track record of success with breadth and depth across diseases and innovations</p>
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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](mailto:enquiries@nfmri.org.au)

## Recent blog posts

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- [Research with purpose: thinking differently](#)
- [Inspirational women making a difference in medical research](#)



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