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# National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



## 2022 NFMRI Conference Registrations Open



NFMRI's fifth conference, Research with Purpose 2022, is taking place on the 22nd-24th of November 2022 at [The Anchorage Hotel & Spa](#) in Port Stephens, New South Wales (approximately 30 minutes from Newcastle).

To make it easier for delegates travelling from interstate and to suit various travel itineraries, the conference will commence later in the afternoon on the 22nd of November 2022 and will conclude mid-afternoon on the 24th of

November 2022.

Not only will you hear from some of Australia's expert leaders in the research translation & funding space, due to the size and nature of our event you will leave having built some stronger networks and connections. Our early bird registrations are [open here](#).

**For a limited time, we are offering two registrations for the price of one to grant making charities only. Simply register one guest and email the details of the second guest to [conference@nfmri.org.au](mailto:conference@nfmri.org.au).**

More information about our significantly discounted [accommodation rates](#), [speaker profiles](#) and [registration terms and conditions](#) are available on our website.

**We recommend registering and [booking accommodation](#) as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out as spaces are strictly limited.** Hotel rooms are very limited in availability and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.



**RESEARCH WITH PURPOSE  
2022 CONFERENCE**

The Anchorage Hotel & Spa . Port Stephens, NSW

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[Download a copy of our draft program by clicking here](#)

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## NFMRI Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

A number of sponsorship opportunities for our 2022 Conference are available.

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### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

THE ANCHORAGE - PORT STEPHENS, NSW

22-24 NOVEMBER 2022



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## Upcoming NFMRI Presentations

NFMRI will be presenting at a number of institutions across the country over the coming months. Dr. Noel Chambers' presentation "***Medical research and innovation - strategies for success***" will be delivered on the following dates below.

Although the diary for our upcoming interstate trips is quite full, we may be able to find suitable times for institutions wishing to meet with Dr. Chambers. Please either contact [enquiries@nfmri.org.au](mailto:enquiries@nfmri.org.au) or complete this [online form](#). You may also use this online form to request a future presentation.

- 27 September 2022, Adelaide, University of Adelaide
- 29 September 2022, Perth, Ralph and Patricia Sarich Neuroscience Research Institute
- 29 September 2022, Perth, Lions Eye Institute TBC
- [11 October 2022, Melbourne, Monash University Clayton Campus](#)
- 12 October 2022, Melbourne, Monash University Parkville Campus
- 14 October 2022, Melbourne, The University of Melbourne

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## NFMRI Funding Opportunities

**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. The focus of our reviews will be on the innovation and its potential of successfully securing the relevant next-step partner.

### Ongoing Alzheimer's Disease Grant Round

Nationally across all three portfolios, preference for projects that fall within portfolios 2 & 3

next EOI cut-off date: 6pm AEST on Friday, 14th October 2022

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

### 2023 General Grant Round

Opens on 9 January 2023

Nationally, across all diseases and conditions across portfolios 2 and 3 only

More information is available on our website [here](#).



## 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.

The infographic is titled "Partnering for success" and features the NFMRI logo. It includes a diagram of the innovation pathway, a quote from Professor Janet Davies, a quote from A. Prof Bernard Flynn, and four numbered boxes: 1. GOVERNANCE, 2. STRATEGY, 3. SYSTEMS, and 4. TRACK RECORD. The infographic also includes the NFMRI website URL, [nfmri.org.au](http://nfmri.org.au).

**NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

### Partnering for success

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"

**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 scaleable 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.

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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)

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## Recent blog posts

- [Supporting research across the valley of death: NFMRI's strategic impact report](#)
- [More than \\$1.1m of medical research innovations funded by NFMRI and partners](#)
- [Impact review finds 62% of supported projects attract next-step partners leveraging over \\$45million](#)



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