

# National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation



## NFMRI's Funding Opportunities

The National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation (NFMRI), together with The Mason Foundation (managed by [Equity Trustees](#)) and its partners, are pleased to announce the funding opportunities below.

NFMRI 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.

Should applicants have any additional questions, NFMRI is holding an online grant round Q&A session on Thursday, 9 November 2023. More information is available on [our website](#).

# NFMRI's 2023 Funding Opportunities

## 1. NFMRI General Grant Round - opening soon on Friday, 13 October 2023

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. More information about this grant round, including the EOI form, will be available on our website [here](#) once the grant round opens.

**Closing date: 6pm AEDT on Monday, 4 December 2023**

*Following on from this, our next general grant round will be opening on Monday, 29 January 2024 and closing at 6pm AEST Monday, 25 March 2024*

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

**Closing date: 6pm AEDT on Friday, 13 October 2023**

*Following on from this, our next Alzheimer's disease grant round cut-off date will be 6pm AEDT Monday, 25 March 2024*

**Special thanks to our generous partner:**



### 3. Childhood and youth diseases grant round - opening soon on Friday, 13 October 2023

NFMRI will soon be 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. More information about this grant round, including forms will be available [here](#) once the grant round opens.

**Closing date: 6pm AEDT on Monday, 4 December 2023**

*Following on from this, our next childhood & youth diseases grant round will be opening on Monday, 29 January 2024 and closing at 6pm AEDT Monday, 25 March 2024*

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

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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.





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)

## Upcoming Events

1pm AEDT, Thursday, 9 November 2023 - Grant Round Q&As - [Register here](#)

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



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