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Application periods:

- **Project Grants**
  - funding rules and offline forms available mid-December 2014
  - applications accepted in RGMS from 14 January 2015 to allow thorough testing following the recent upgrade
  - minimum data due 18 February 2015
  - applications close later than usual on 18 March 2015 in consideration of the late RGMS opening

- Refer to the NHMRC Funding Calendar for other schemes
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Minimum data:

• Requirements vary between schemes
  – e.g. Administering Institution, Application Title, Research Classification
• Used for panel establishment and to assign applications
• Successfully trialed with Development Grants, Partnership Projects, CREs and Dementia Research Team Grants in 2014
• Will apply to Project Grants, CREs, Partnership Projects, Development Grants and Program Grants in 2015
• RAO certification not required
• CIAs must enter this data by the specified due date in order to submit an application
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Funding Rules, Advice & Instructions and Peer Review Guidelines:
• Content and layout have been revised to clarify rules/processes and ensure consistent presentation
• published in HTML format:
  – refer to NHMRC website for latest set
  – easier access and navigation
  – ability to print, if required

Grant Proposals:
• Applicants must use provided templates
• Benefits:
  – saves researchers time
  – takes conjecture out of formatting
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Strict conformance:

• Applications that fail to meet eligibility criteria and/or other stated requirements will be excluded from further consideration. E.g.:
  – minimum data
  – content and formatting requirements (Grant Proposal)
  – eligibility criteria

• Checklists are available in RGMS to assist with meeting these requirements
• CIAs are ultimately responsible for ensuring all relevant requirements have been met
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How can you assist?
• Familiarise yourself with process and policy changes
• Communicate changes to researchers and issue timely reminders
• Encourage the use of RGMS checklists
• Check that eligibility criteria and other application requirements have been met before certifying and submitting applications
• Seek further advice, where needed, from the Research Help Centre