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GRANTS TRANSLATE RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE

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The National Health and Medical Research Council is pleased to announce more than \$22 million in grants under the Career Development Awards scheme.

Fifty-eight grants have been funded, with 38 in the area of biomedical research and 11 in population health. The remainder are in the clinical and industry research fields.

These awards support early- to mid-career researchers undertaking projects that cover illnesses and diseases that continue to afflict our society such as multiple sclerosis, diabetes, HIV, cancer, ADHD and mental illness.

They are the bright stars of Australian research who represent the future of Australia's health and medical research sector.

These awards are critical in helping to ensure we translate research into outcomes to improve health. They enable investigators early in their careers to establish themselves as independent, self-directed researchers.

They also aim to expand the capacity for biomedical, clinical, public health and health-service delivery via research, and for evidence-based policy development in health systems in Australia.

The funding also includes five travelling awards for research training, which enable current holders of NHMRC Australian-based Fellowships and Scholarships to add value to their research by providing funding for limited training periods at a temporary host institution. The five travelling award grants have been funded for \$46,906.

All these grants highlight the benefits to be gained from investing in health and medical research.

A full list of Award recipients can be found at www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/funded/outcomes/cda.htm

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