



MEDIA RELEASE

SUPPORT TO HELP MEDICAL RESEARCH HAPPEN

Twenty five independent health and medical research institutes across Australia are about to receive up to \$31 million to support their essential work.

The grants, made through the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Independent Research Institute Infrastructure Support Scheme, support the indirect costs of maintaining internationally competitive research. Funds will be used to provide non-capital support services such as laboratory staff, libraries, computer services and maintenance for the high tech equipment required for contemporary research.

Announcing the funding today, NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick Anderson said “Successful research takes more than just the commitment of talented researchers. To ensure that Australia stays at the cutting edge, scientists need access to the latest information technology, well maintained equipment and skilled support staff.

“These grants will ensure that this support is available when and where it is needed.

“Properly funded successful medical research is a building block support less privileged countries in our region and to attract and retain some of the brightest research minds in the country.

The 25 grants funded under the Independent Research Institute Infrastructure Support Scheme vary from \$7,125 to \$6.21m, based on the total amount of NHMRC research grants funding held by each institution.

Details of the grants, by Institution, are attached.

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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED IRISS GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS 2009

Institute	State	Amount (\$)
Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes	Vic	2,839,311
Bionic Ear Institute		34,240
Brain Research Institute Pty Ltd	Vic	99,286
Burnet Institute		1221307
Centenary Institute		13,606
Centre for Eye Research Australia	Vic	288,434
Children's Medical Research Institute	NSW	345,756
Garvan Institute of Medical Research	NSW	2,489,176
Heart Research Institute	NSW	425,433
Institute for Breathing and Sleep	Vic	35,992
Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research	Vic	1,635,451
Mater Medical Research Institute Ltd	Qld	324,443
Mental Health Research Institute of Victoria	Vic	54,250
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Vic	2,966,399
National Stroke Research Institute	Vic	146,458
Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research	Vic	1,144,664
Queensland Institute of Medical Research	Qld	3,686,070
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Research Foundation	Qld	59,063
Schizophrenia Research Institute		135,731
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	Vic	1,146,703
The Cancer Council Queensland	Qld	118,008
The Cancer Council Victoria	Vic	498,647
Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute	NSW	1,019,191
Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research	Vic	6,207,477
Women's and Children's Health Research Institute		7,125
Amount requested for Payment 1 2009		26,942,220
Estimated amount for Payment 2 2009		4,000,000
TOTAL		\$30,942,220

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