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NHMRC launches Advanced Health Research and Translation Centre initiative

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) has today announced a new initiative to help turn research discoveries into improved medical practice and commercial opportunities.

Submissions are now open for leading centres of health and medical research to apply for recognition as an Advanced Health Research and Translation Centre.

Centres will usually include hospitals and universities and medical research institutes.

NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick Anderson said, ‘It is acknowledged worldwide that a key driver of research translation is strong collaboration between the spheres of research, healthcare and teaching.’

‘Similar centres in countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands foster translation between research discoveries and clinical practice.’

‘Australia will now be joining their ranks and those centres that achieve recognition as an Advanced Health Research and Translation Centre will have a significant platform from which to compete globally with other established centres,’ he said.

Further information: NHMRC website.

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