O5. Eligibility

O5.1 Who Should Apply

Dementia Research Team Grants are open to all researchers in Australia. Researchers who will be primarily based overseas for the duration of the grant cannot be named as Chief Investigator A.

Submissions must be certified and submitted through an NHMRC Administering Institution. This institution is responsible for the administration of the research funding, which is awarded under a funding agreement, and the institution accepts financial responsibility for the grant. The institution is also responsible for providing basic infrastructure support to those researchers involved in the project. Applicants and institutions should refer to the NHMRC Administering Institutions Policy.

The following eligibility criteria are in addition to those in the NHMRC Funding Rules and should be read conjunctionally.

Applicants should note that applications must be eligible when submitted. CIs cannot seek to become eligible after the application is submitted to NHMRC.

Requests to waive citizenship/permanent residency requirements for the CIA must be received by NHMRC by 5.00pm (AEST) 24 September 2014.

O5.2 Minimum Data Requirements

Applicants must commence their applications in RGMS, including entry of minimum data, by 5.00pm (AEST) on 24 September 2014. The following sections of the application form must be completed to satisfy the minimum data requirement:

- A-PA Part A Home (specifically the Administering Institution, Application Title and Synopsis)
- A-RC Research Classification
- A-RT Research Team and Commitment including the names of team members if known (note: team members may be added or deleted after the minimum data deadline until the close of applications at 5.00pm (AEDT) 8 October 2014)
- B-AIR Priority Framework Area

Applications that fail to meet this requirement will not be accepted.

Note: RAOs are not required to certify applications for the purpose of minimum data; applications should only be certified once complete and ready for submission.

O5.3 Multiple Grant Eligibility

Applicants applying as a Chief Investigator may apply for, and hold other NHMRC grants (subject to any limits set for holding grants in other NHMRC funding schemes). However, the time commitments of the Chief Investigators on the proposed team grant and other grants held (or to be held) will be considered in the review of the application.

Chief Investigators who hold research funding grants for similar activities from NHMRC or other funding agencies need to clearly demonstrate that this is additional research that will generate new knowledge.

Chief Investigators should also ensure that their time commitment is sufficient to ensure the viability of the grant.
NHMRC may liaise with other funding agencies to discuss any overlap between applications in order to avoid duplication of funding. Those holding NHMRC grants and/or awards should refer to the relevant funding rules and conditions of the grant or award to determine their eligibility to hold an NHMRC Dementia Research Team Grant.

O5.4 Additional Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria are in addition to those in section 5 NHMRC Funding Rules (Eligibility) and should be read conjunctionally.

Chief Investigators

Applicants can apply as a CI on a maximum of three (3) applications only in this special Dementia Research Team Grant round but need to ensure that their time commitment is sufficient to ensure the viability of each grant if funded.

Chief Investigator A

Applicants can only apply as Chief Investigator A (CIA) on one application in this Dementia Research Team Grant round. Applicants who wish to apply as a CI on multiple applications (up to three (3) applications) can do so as CIB-CIJ ensuring that they are listed as CIA on one application only.

Where a CI (CIA-CIJ) has submitted applications in excess of the maximum number of applications for which he/she is eligible, all applications that include that investigator as a CI will be automatically ineligible and removed from the assessment process (refer to subsection A3.6 NHMRC Funding Rules - Removal of Applications). It is the responsibility of all CIs to ensure that this condition is adhered to prior to submission of an application.

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