



**Australian Government**

**National Health and Medical Research Council**

## Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Program for funding commencing in 2016

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) opened the Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Program (the Program) on 24 February 2016 and closed for applications on 6 April 2016.

The primary objective of the Program is to support a single, multidisciplinary, nationally focussed team that will establish a collaborative network to progress innovative high quality research into the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of tropical diseases in Northern Australia, and to develop a strategic framework for tropical disease research in Northern Australia and the region.

This investment is part of a broader Government strategy to build Australia's primary research capacity and support the development of Northern Australia as outlined in the White Paper on [Developing Northern Australia](#), released on 18 June 2015.

Following peer review by national experts, one application was funded by NHMRC. The application listed below was approved for funding by the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon. Sussan Ley MP and announced by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator the Hon. Matt Canavan.

Details of this awarded grant are provided below.

APP ID	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
1131932	Improving Health Outcomes in the Tropical North: A Multidisciplinary Collaboration	Menzies School of Health Research	\$5,997,915.50
Chief Investigators		Institution	
Professor Bart Currie		Menzies School of Health Research	
Professor Jonathan Carapetis		Telethon Kids Institute	
Professor Nicholas Anstey		Menzies School of Health Research	
Professor William McBride		James Cook University	
Professor Anne Chang		Menzies School of Health Research	
Associate Professor Gail Garvey		Menzies School of Health Research	
Associate Professor Louise Maple-Brown		Menzies School of Health Research	
Professor Tania Sorrell		University of Sydney	
Professor Cameron Simmons		University of Melbourne	
Professor Stephen Graham		University of Melbourne	