Collaborating with NHMRC to support research: Pathways to a Partnership

Partnering Decision Tree

How do you wish to work with NHMRC to support research?

Start Here

1. Do you wish to provide funding for health and medical research?
   - Visit NHMRC's dedicated webpage

2. Do you wish to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research?
   - NHMRC has a number of strategies and activities that target this issue available on our website including research funding and health advice.

3. What do you wish to achieve?
   - Build capacity
   - Support excellence in an area of research interest
   - Support a specific research area

4. What prerequisites should be considered?
   - Total amount of funding available
   - Duration of commitment
   - A one-off or recurring contribution

Funding Models

1. Support a specific research project in partnership with researchers.
   - Partner with researchers under NHMRC's Partnership Projects Scheme
     - Cash and/or in-kind support
     - Opportunity to shape the research question and leverage additional NHMRC funding.

2. Support an existing NHMRC grant program.
   - Co-funding – Case Study 2A
   - Gap funding – Case Study 2B
   - Top-up funding – Case Study 2C

3. Co-design a grant program with NHMRC to address a specific issue.
   - A flexible funding model – could be tailored to specific needs
   - Work with NHMRC to develop a one-time call to address a specific health issue that aligns with NHMRC's mission (see example Case Study 3A or Case Study 3B).

4. Use NHMRC systems and processes to support your own grant program.
   - Benefit from NHMRC's well-established application and rigorous peer review processes
   - Retain responsibility for, and control over, all program elements (e.g. objectives, eligibility, review criteria, funding decisions, grant administration, publicity, branding announcements).

5. Support health and medical research philanthropically through a non-specific gift or bequest.
   - Make a donation or nominate NHMRC as a beneficiary in a final testament
   - Gifts and bequests received are placed into, and will be retained in NHMRC’s Medical Research Endowment Account (MREA)
   - To access a tax deduction Supporting Partners could support health and medical research through charitable organisations.

Need additional advice?
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