

2026 Investigator Grants

Outcomes Snapshot



1894

Applications



12.4%

Total funded rate



\$429,874,353

Total budget



Provide Australia's highest-performing researchers at all career stages with a salary and research support package.



234

Grants awarded



16.5%

Funded rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused research



\$1,837,070

Mean budget



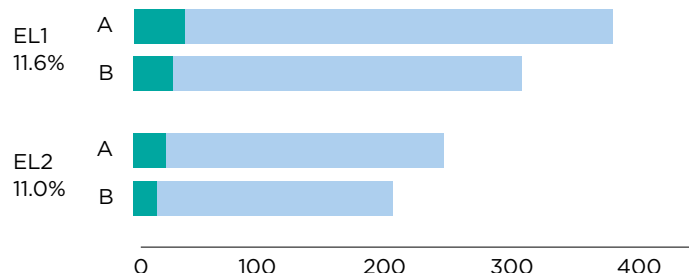
To form collaborations and pursue important research directions as they arise.



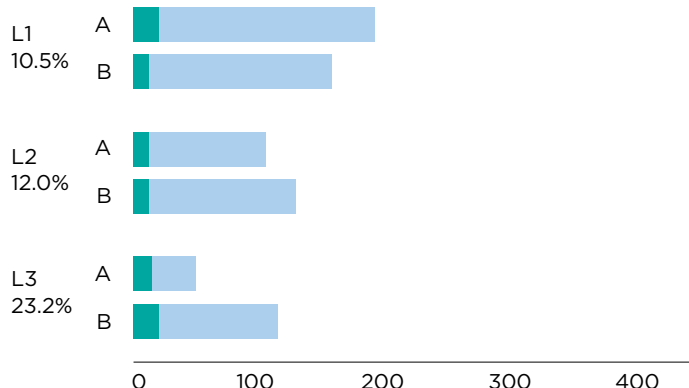
Create opportunities for researchers at all career stages to establish their own research programs.

Applications submitted and grants awarded by category and level

Emerging Leadership levels*



Leadership levels*

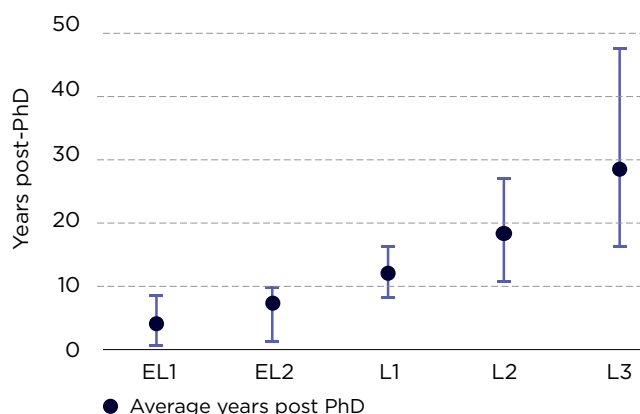


■ Awarded ■ Submitted

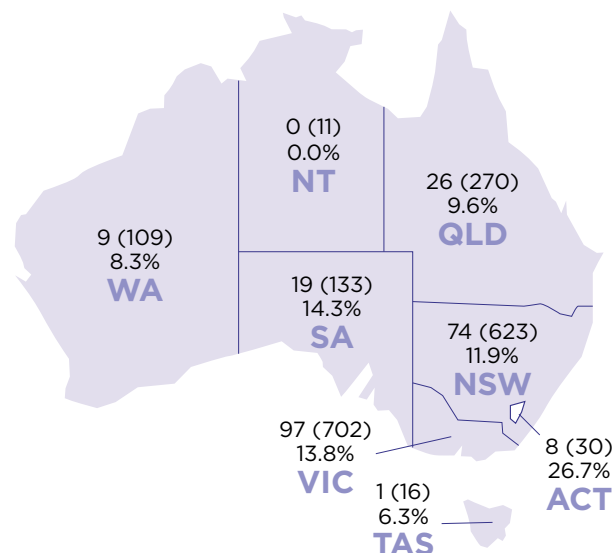
Emerging Leadership Levels (EL1 and EL2)
Leadership Levels (L1, L2 and L3)
Group A refers to female and non-binary applicants
Group B refers to male applicants

*The percentages reflect the funded rate for each level

Average years (and range) post-PhD of successful applicants by level adjusted for career disruptions*



Grant success by State/Territory*



*Data represents the number of applications awarded (and submitted) and the percentages reflect the funded rate

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Meeting Structural Priority and Gender Equity Targets


3.4%

of total grants were awarded to Chief Investigators of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent


5.0%

of total funding was awarded to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused health research


11.9% vs 10.9%

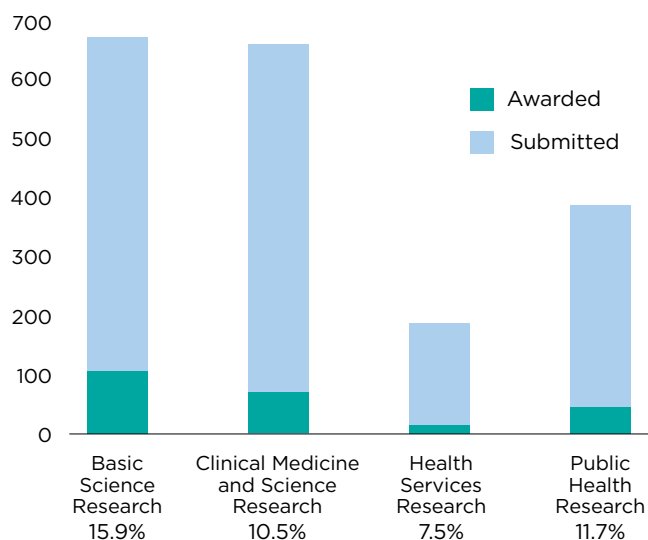
Similar funded rates at Emerging Leadership levels for group A & B


53 vs 51

Near-equal count of grants awarded at Leadership level for group A & B

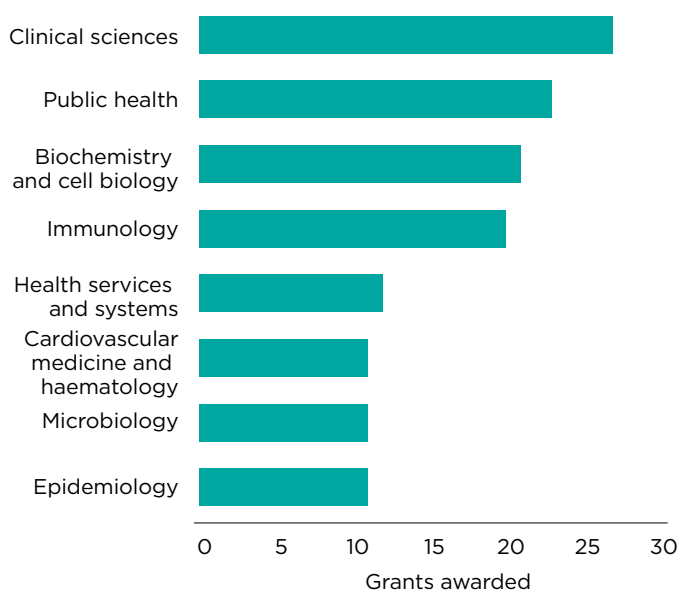
Group A: female and non-binary applicants, Group B: male applicants

Grants awarded and submitted by Broad Research Area*



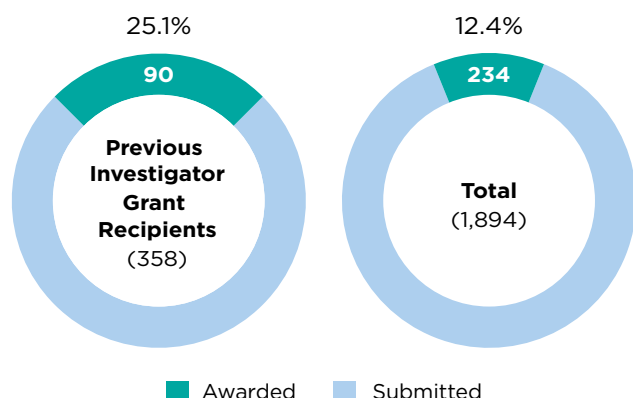
*The percentages reflect the funded rate for each Broad Research Area

Top research areas for awarded applications*



*Data based on Field of Research 1 (FOR 1) data entered by applicants into 2026 Investigator Grant application form

Previous Investigator Grant recipients have a higher funded rate compared to all applicants



Professional part-time applicants have similar funded rates to full-time applicants

