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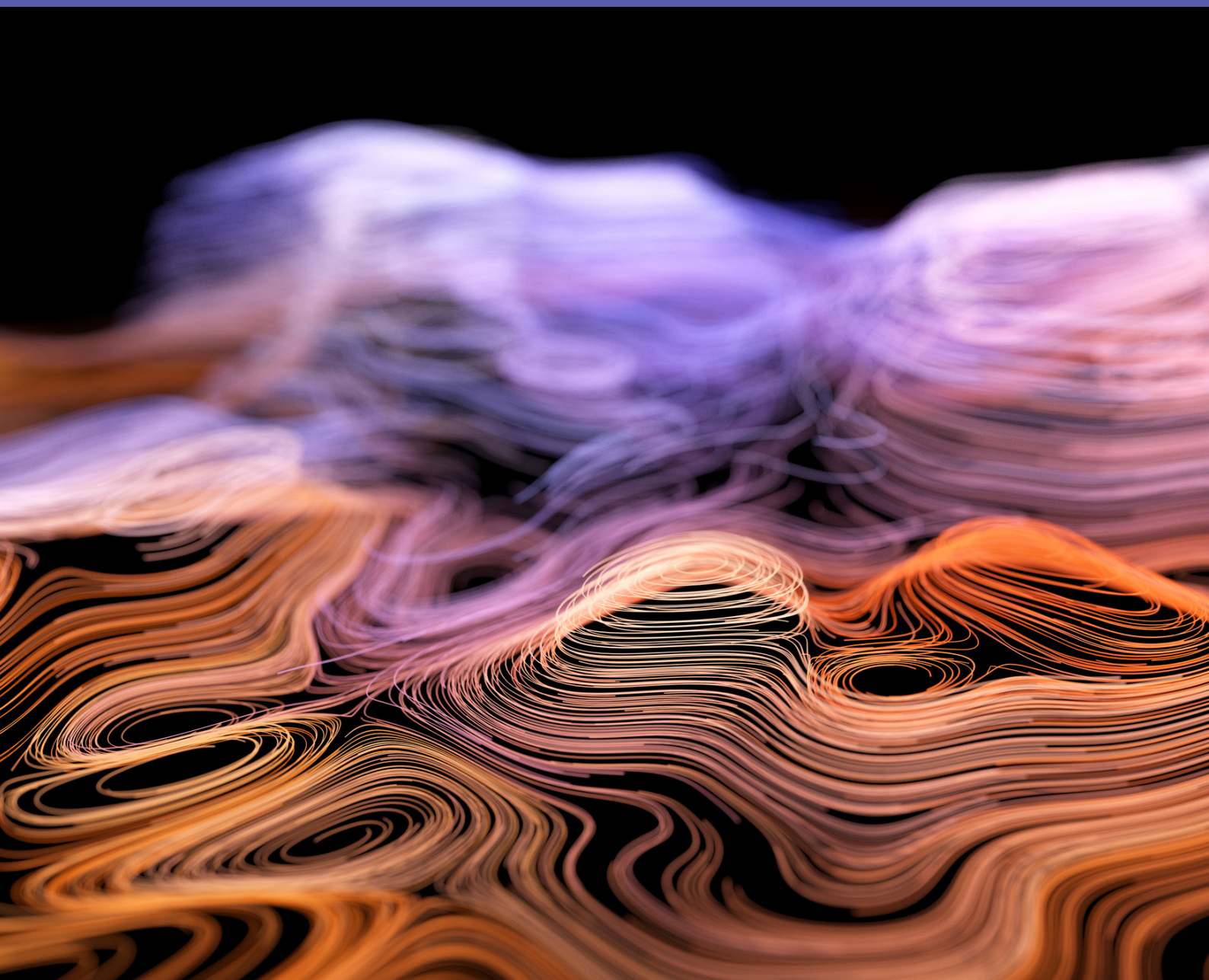
Joint report on MRFF and NHMRC funding from 2021–22 to 2024–25



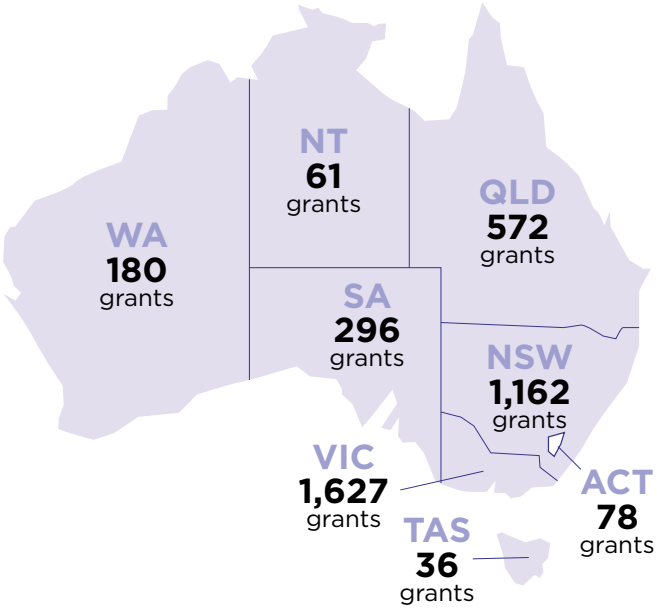
Health and Medical Research Investment in Australia

Total investment across four years

NHMRC
$3.80
billion

MRFF
$2.66
billion

Number of grants by jurisdiction



Total number of grants

NHMRC
2,938
grants

MRFF
1,074
grants

Funding to men and women*

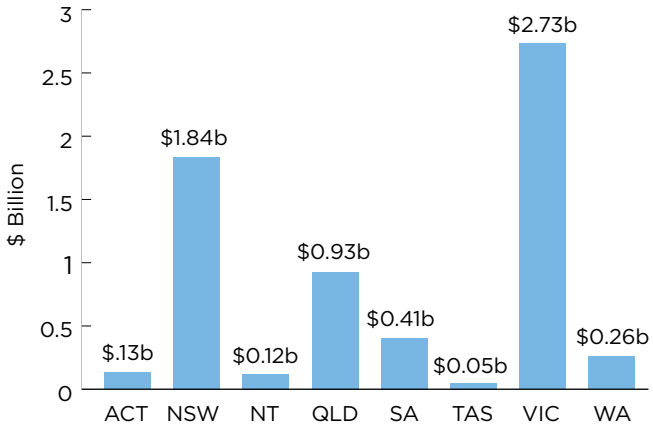
NHMRC
51.5%
men

MRFF
50.5%
men

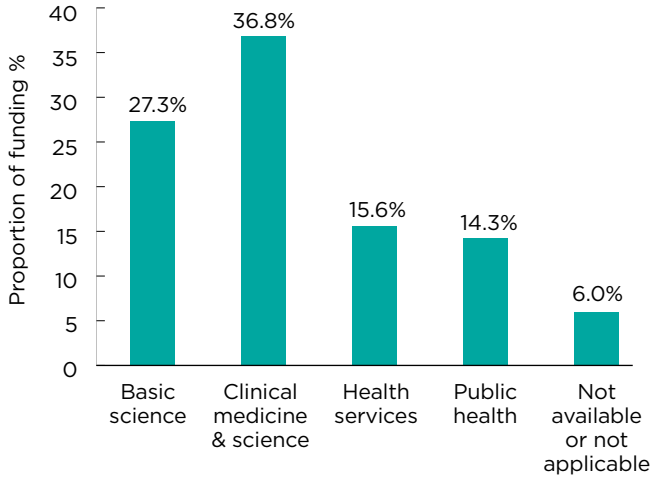
47.5%
women

49.2%
women

Amount of funding by jurisdiction



Funding by Broad Research Area



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research funding

9.2% – 11.4%
of funding annually across both MRFF and NHMRC, exceeding NHMRC's 5% target

**For grants for which gender data is available for the lead Chief Investigator (CIA). For full details including non-binary data, please refer to the report.*

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Executive summary

This report provides a detailed overview of health and medical research funding awarded through Grant Opportunities (GOs) administered by NHMRC and MRFF over four financial years (2021-22 to 2024-25). It highlights the breadth of the Australian Government's support for health and medical research and showcases key trends and the unique characteristics of both funders, illustrating how each contribute to Australia's funding landscape.

The key findings in this report are as follows:

Overall

Collectively NHMRC and MRFF have provided almost $6.5 billion in funding over the report period (2021-22 to 2024-25) via more than 4,000 grants. NHMRC and MRFF have tended to fund grants of different sizes, with NHMRC's grants averaging at $1.3 million (and having a median value of $1.0 million) whereas grants awarded via the MRFF are $2.5 million on average (with a median value of $1.5 million).

Broad Research Area (BRA)

NHMRC had a strong emphasis on supporting foundational research with 39.6% of its funding going to Basic Science Research grants (followed next by Clinical Medicine and Science Research grants at 31.4%) whereas 44.5% of MRFF funding went to Clinical Medicine and Science Research grants followed next by 24.5% of funding to Health Services Research grants. It is worth noting that 9.3% of NHMRC grants and 1.6% of MRFF grants were not assigned a BRA.

Location of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

The MRFF and NHMRC provided substantial investment in health and medical research across Australia. Victoria received the largest share with 1,627 grants worth $2.7 billion, followed by New South Wales with 1,162 grants valued at $1.8 billion. In contrast, Northern Territory institutions secured 61 grants totalling $118.7 million, while Tasmania received the least funding at $50.6 million across 36 grants. Overall, the distribution of funding and grants was broadly consistent between NHMRC and MRFF, though the number of grants and amount of funding awarded does not directly reflect funded rates, which vary by jurisdiction depending on application numbers and grant scheme design.

Remoteness of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

The majority of NHMRC and MRFF grants and funding were awarded to institutions with a head office in metropolitan areas, with more than 3,800 grants accounting for over 95% of total funding. In comparison, fewer grants were awarded to institutions in regional, rural or remote centres (3.4% for NHMRC and 4.7% for MRFF, including three grants to remote communities). Note this data is based on the self-identified location of the Administering Institution or Eligible Organisation, which may not necessarily reflect the actual locations where research is being conducted.

Sector of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

Funding from both NHMRC and MRFF was predominantly awarded to universities. NHMRC allocated 81.9% of its funds to universities, and MRFF allocated 75.6%. Research institutes received the next largest proportion of NHMRC funding (17.9%) and 'other' sectors such as companies received the next largest proportion of MRFF funding (11.8%), noting the latter may be an underestimation. Collectively, nearly 99% of NHMRC funding was awarded to universities or research institutions, while MRFF supported a more diverse mix of organisations, including government and commercial sectors.

Sector of Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations

While administering roles remained concentrated within universities, Participating Institutions and Collaborator Organisations in NHMRC and MRFF-funded grants reflected a broader cross-sector involvement. Universities were still the most common participating sector (77.7% of NHMRC and 84.1% of MRFF grants), but research institutes, health organisations, government bodies and other organisations were also widely involved. Notably, research institutes contributed to nearly 40% of grants (37.1% of NHMRC grants and 41.3% of MRFF grants), and health organisations participated in around 20% of grants despite minimal representation as Administering Institutions. This pattern highlights the important role of diverse institutional partnerships in delivering research.

Top 10 Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

The top five Administering Institutions for NHMRC and Eligible Organisations for MRFF were the same, with only minor differences in ranking. The University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales, Monash University, University of Sydney, and University of Queensland collectively received 60% of NHMRC and 50.5% of MRFF funding. There was a noticeable drop in the proportion of funding awarded to the 6th to 10th ranked Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations, indicating a concentration of funding among a small number of leading institutions.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research

Over $643 million in grants focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research was awarded by both funders combined, accounting for 10.2% of the total funding awarded. The proportion of such funding remained stable between 9.2% and 11.4% annually, with NHMRC consistently exceeding its target of 5% of funding for Indigenous research. The proportion of MRFF grants has varied between 9.2% to 16.0% over the past four years, reflecting variations in the timing of the MRFF Indigenous Health Research Fund.

Gender of Chief Investigator A (CIA)

Funding allocation between men and women was relatively balanced for both NHMRC and MRFF grants over the past four financial years. NHMRC awarded 51.5% of its funding to male CIAs and 47.5% to female CIAs, with the gender gap closing after the introduction of special measures in the Investigator Grants scheme in 2023. For MRFF grants where gender data was available, men received approximately 50.5% of funding compared to women who received 49.2% over the four-year period; note that 23.5% of MRFF funding is not allocated to a gender due to unavailable Chief Investigator data for 10.7% of grants, particularly those awarded to organisations rather than individual researchers. Based on the available data across both funders, women received increasing levels of funding year-on-year, progressively narrowing the gap with men.

Career stage of CIA

The largest share of funding was awarded to CIAs who were 16-20 years post-PhD, representing 19.1% of NHMRC funding and 14.6% of MRFF funding. NHMRC funding increased steadily with career stage, peaking at this group before declining for those with more than 20 years since PhD completion. MRFF showed a similar pattern but also awarded a higher proportion of funding to individuals without a PhD, reflecting a broader inclusion of non-traditional chief investigators. Of all grants awarded across both NHMRC and MRFF in the reporting period, 12.6% were awarded to CIAs who were between 0-5 years post-PhD.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researchers

More than $235 million (3.7% of total funding) was awarded to grants led by researchers identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander across NHMRC and MRFF in the past four financial years. The proportion of NHMRC grants led by Indigenous researchers increased notably to 4.4% in 2024–25, coinciding with the introduction of a 3.4% target of its annual grants being awarded to CIAs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. MRFF generally awarded a higher overall proportion of grants to Indigenous researchers (ranging from 3.3% to 7.3%) compared to NHMRC.

In summary, NHMRC and MRFF provide complementary streams of funding, working together to support a broad and deep range of research needed for Australia's health and medical research system. Their combined efforts strengthen Australia's research capability and contribute to better health outcomes for all Australians.

Acronyms

Table 1: List of acronyms used in this report

Acronym	Meaning
AI	Administering Institution
BGH	Business Grants Hub
BRA	Broad Research Area
CI	Chief Investigator
CIA	Chief Investigator A
EO	Eligible Organisation
GO	Grant Opportunity
IREC	Indigenous Research Excellence Criteria
IRIISS	Independent Research Institutes Infrastructure Support Scheme
MREA	Medical Research Endowment Account
MRFF	Medical Research Future Fund
MMM	Modified Monash Model
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council

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Introduction

Purpose of this report

This report provides an overview of the health and medical research funding awarded via Grant Opportunities (GOs) administered by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) in the last four financial years; specifically, grants with start dates between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2025. Key funding statistics are provided that highlight the depth and breadth of the Australian Government's support for health and medical research and investment in building a healthy Australia.

Joint reporting is also intended to support better alignment and coordination between the two funds, in line with the outcomes of recent consultations and the National Health and Medical Research Strategy.

Background

Originally established in 1936, NHMRC has been a statutory authority within the portfolio of the Australian Government Minister for Health and Ageing since 2016. NHMRC's grant program supports outstanding health and medical research leading to significant improvements in individual and population health. This reflects the NHMRC's philosophy that health and medical research is best supported by a diverse portfolio of schemes that fund across the spectrum of health and medical research.

Each year NHMRC awards over $900 million in new grant commitments via its Medical Research Endowment Account (MREA). The majority of NHMRC funding is investigator-initiated and is not directed by NHMRC to any specific disease, health or research topic. The subject matter of each application is determined by the applicants. Additionally, a proportion of NHMRC funds is directed to specific topics primarily through the Targeted Calls for Research and International Collaboration schemes, or priorities identified in the NHMRC Corporate Plan.

NHMRC is also one of two grant hubs that administers the MRFF program, the other being the Business Grants Hub (BGH) at the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

The MRFF was established in 2015 and is managed by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. It currently provides up to $650 million per annum in health and medical research funding. The MRFF aims to support Australian research and innovation to improve health outcomes, build the economy and contribute to health system sustainability. MRFF investments are set out in the MRFF 10-year Investment Plan, which also provides the mechanism for implementing the current Australian Medical Research and Innovation Strategy and the related Priorities. Together, these documents support decision-making on how MRFF funds are distributed.

Complementary funding between NHMRC and MRFF plays a critical role in strengthening Australia's health and medical research system. While NHMRC focused on supporting investigator-driven research, MRFF funds priority-driven research with a focus on research translation and impact. NHMRC and MRFF are working together in response to feedback from the health and medical research sector, by coordinating funding strategies, establishing joint advisory committees, and aligning programs to improve Australia's health and medical research capability. This collaboration streamlines funding, promotes research collaboration and ensures a more strategic approach to addressing health challenges through shared expertise. Continued alignment and coordination between NHMRC and MRFF will achieve the best of both funds and strengthen Australia's world-leading research capability to improve the health and lives of Australians.

Approach

Methodology and data selection

The data used in this report was sourced from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and NHMRC which administer the grants examined herein. NHMRC's grant system provided data for all NHMRC GOs as well as some MRFF

GOs, while the Department was the source of the remaining MRFF GOs (which includes data sourced from BGH and its grants management platform). All GOs included in this report are detailed in the appendix.

This report examines the profile of grants commencing from the 2021-22 to 2024-25 financial years. Grants were assigned to financial years based on their original grant start date.

Most data used in this report is accurate as at the time of the grant announcement. There may be some minor difference between this data and the current data where post announcement changes have occurred (such as indexation on grant amounts, grant variations of institutions or CIAs or where grants have been declined). Data related to CIA profiles was accurate as of July 2025, which means that there may be minor differences between the data used in this report and that at the time of announcement.

Grants were allocated to jurisdictions (states and territories) and sectors based on the location of the head office of the Administering Institution (AI, for NHMRC) or Eligible/Lead Organisation (EO, for MRFF). This does not necessarily reflect the location of the research itself.

NHMRC AIs and MRFF EOs were categorised into remoteness areas using the Modified Monash model[1] (MMM). The remoteness area of NHMRC AIs and MRFF EOs was assigned based on the combination of postcode and suburb of institutions' self-identified address, or the address of the primary location for multisite institutes.

Applicants were assigned gender categories based on the gender they self-identified in their profile, for NHMRC and NHMRC grant hub administered MRFF grants, or as part of their applications for BGH-administered grants.

In October 2022, NHMRC introduced new gender naming conventions to align with the *Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Standard for Sex, Gender, Variations of Sex Characteristics and Sexual Orientation* (2020 Standard). The impacts of this change are reflected in the below table (Table 2).

[1] Modified Monash Model | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Table 2: Changes in gender naming conventions in October 2022

Gender terminology pre-Oct 2022	Gender terminology post-Oct 2022	Gender output categories
Female	Woman or female	Woman
Male	Man or male	Man
Indeterminate / Intersex / Unspecified	I use a different term	Non-binary
No equivalent	Non-binary	
Not Stated or Not Provided	Not Stated or Not Provided	Not Stated

All financial values are in Australian dollars and GST exclusive.

Limitations and assumptions

The following clarifications should be considered when interpreting the data and analysis presented in this report:

- This report provides a summary of funding for the most recent four financial years, from 2021-22 to 2024-25, to illustrate overarching trends and demographic changes.
- This report focuses on the number and value of grants awarded. Application details including application numbers and funded rates were out of scope for this report.
- In some instances, the proportions presented in this report may be rounded. As a result, some summed totals may not equate to exactly 100%.
- In some cases, the total funding amounts may not align exactly with the sum of the individual amounts presented in this report due to rounding. Minor variations of one or two dollars may occur.
- For NHMRC funding, infrastructure grants[2] were excluded from the Demographic analysis section.
- The analysis only examines funding provided to AI and EOs. This funding may be further distributed to Participating Institutions and/or additional institutional sites.
- A proportion of grants (9.3% of NHMRC grants and 1.6% of MRFF grants) were not assigned a Broad Research Area (BRA). For the NHMRC, this corresponded to the infrastructure grants where BRA was not applicable. For the MRFF, BRA data for BGH-administered grants were not captured from applicants and instead were classified with expert assistance from NHMRC's Research Committee. Grants for which BRA are not applicable tend to correspond to grant programs administering a range of projects of potentially different BRAs (see below).
- A proportion of MRFF grants (10.7%) do not have detailed demographic data for Chief Investigators. These were grants administered in the early years of the fund or via the BGH, which typically awards funding to organisations rather than individual researchers. The MRFF began capturing detailed Chief Investigator data via BGH from November 2021 onwards.

[2] Infrastructure grants contain Equipment Grants and Independent Research Institutes Infrastructure Support Scheme (IRIISS).

- There are a number of MRFF grants which correspond to grant programs administering a range of projects through subcontract arrangements, e.g. the BioMedTech Horizons Program, Biomedical Translation Bridge, the Early Stage Translation and Commercialisation Support Program, BioMedTech Incubator under the Medical Research Commercialisation Initiative; the Targeted Translation Research Accelerator Program under the Preventive and Public Health Research Initiative. Data from these projects, such as Chief Investigator demographic data or sector of organisation (which includes a large proportion of small-to-medium enterprises) and BRA, are not captured in this report.

Grant Opportunity outcomes and funding commitments

Overall

In the reporting period (2021-22 to 2024-25 financial years), more than $6.46 billion was awarded through 4,012 grants (Table 3). Of these, NHMRC awarded 2,938 grants totalling $3.80 billion, while MRFF awarded 1,074 grants totalling $2.66 billion.

Collectively NHMRC and MRFF awarded close to $1.6 billion per annum from the 2021-22 to 2023-24 financial year and increased to over $1.7 billion in 2024-25 financial year. The proportion of funding awarded via both funders remained relatively consistent each year, with NHMRC awarding between 57.9% and 61.3% of the total funding and MRFF awarding between 38.7% and 43.9% (Figure 1).

On average, 1,003 grants were awarded annually, of which 73.2% was awarded by NHMRC and 26.8% by MRFF (Figure 2).

Over the past four financial years NHMRC and MRFF have tended to fund grants of different sizes. More than half of NHMRC grants were for a value less than $1 million, 47.3% were worth between $1 million and $5 million and only 2.0% were between $5 million and $10 million. In comparison, the majority (57.5%) of MRFF grants were valued in the range of $1 million to $5 million, 37.2% were less than $1 million and 3.3% ranged from $5 million to $10 million. 2.0% of MRFF were more than $10 million while only one NHMRC grant (reflecting 0.034%) was of this size. In other words, MRFF grants were typically larger than NHMRC grants, in addition to a small number of very large grants (Figure 3 and Figure 4).

The maximum, median, minimum and average value of funding awarded by funder and financial year are summarised in Table 4.

Table 3: Number of grants and amount awarded by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

	Funder	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Total
Number of grants	NHMRC	773	722	687	756	2,938
	MRFF	238	303	270	263	1,074
	Total	1,011	1,025	957	1,019	4,012
Amount of funding	NHMRC	$970,043,234	$894,953,579	$911,424,855	$1,022,198,838	$3,798,620,506
	MRFF	$613,631,371	$699,255,597	$662,385,039	$685,606,126	$2,660,878,133
	Total	$1,583,674,605	$1,594,209,176	$1,573,809,894	$1,707,804,964	$6,459,498,639

Figure 1: Proportion of funding awarded by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

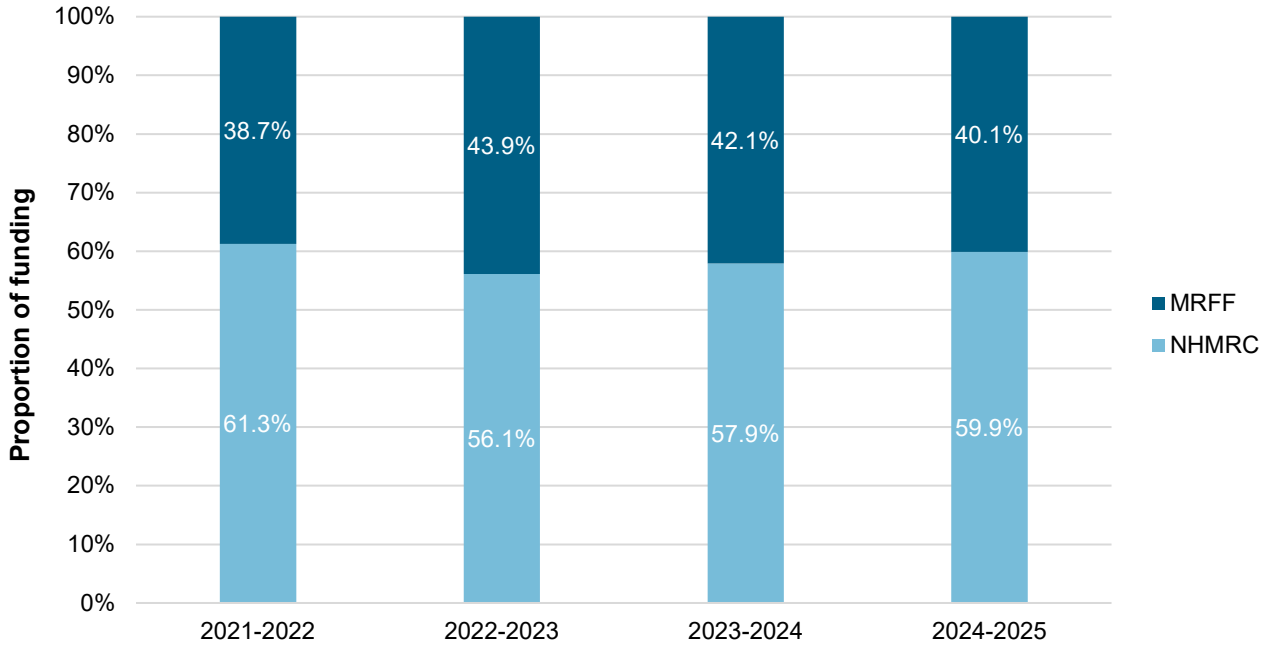


Figure 2: Proportion of grants awarded by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

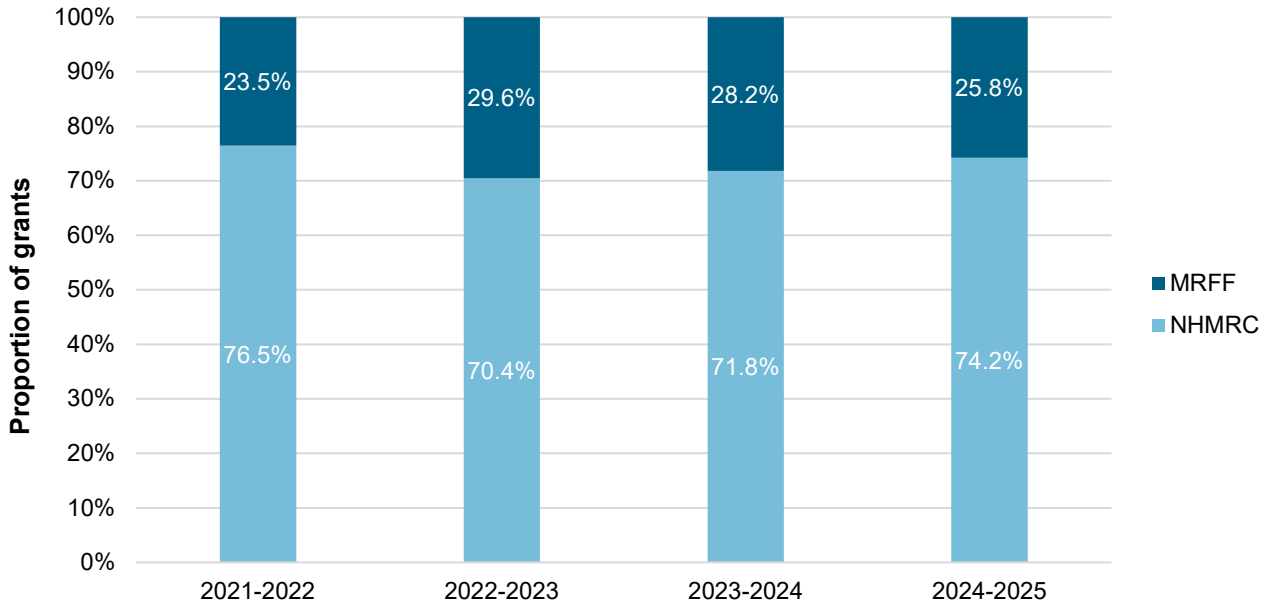


Figure 3: Grant size distribution by funder, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

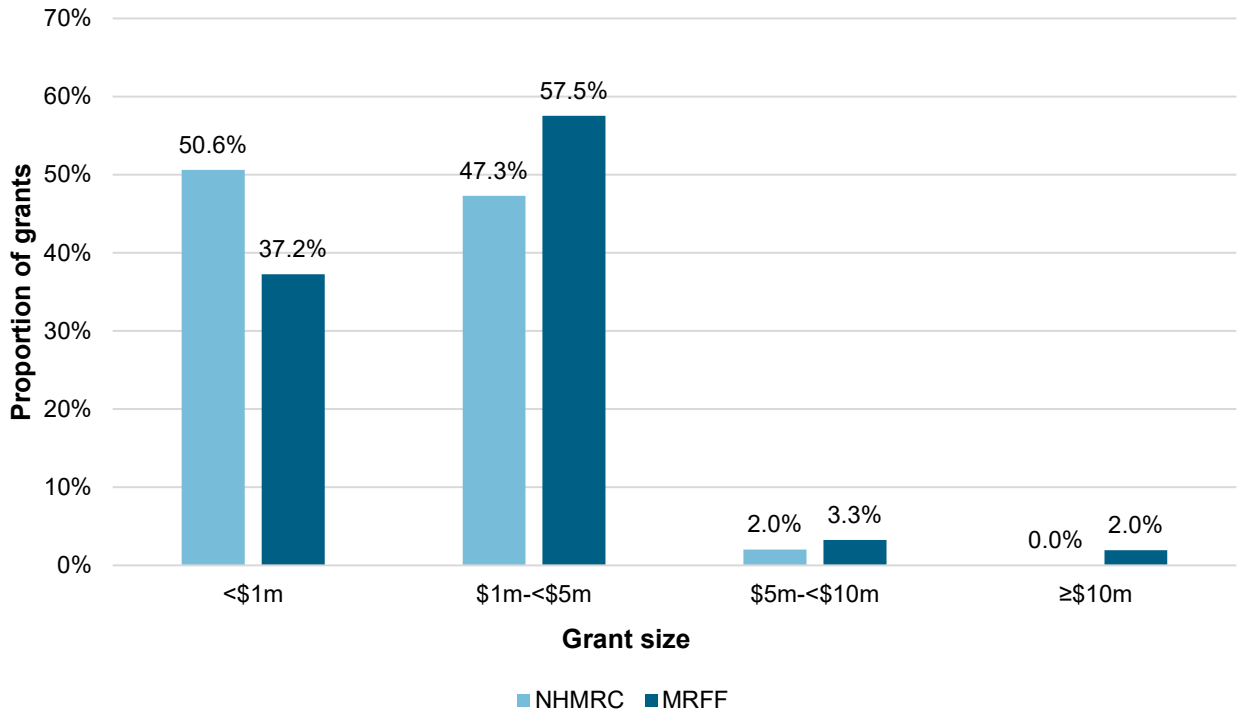


Figure 4: Grant size distribution by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

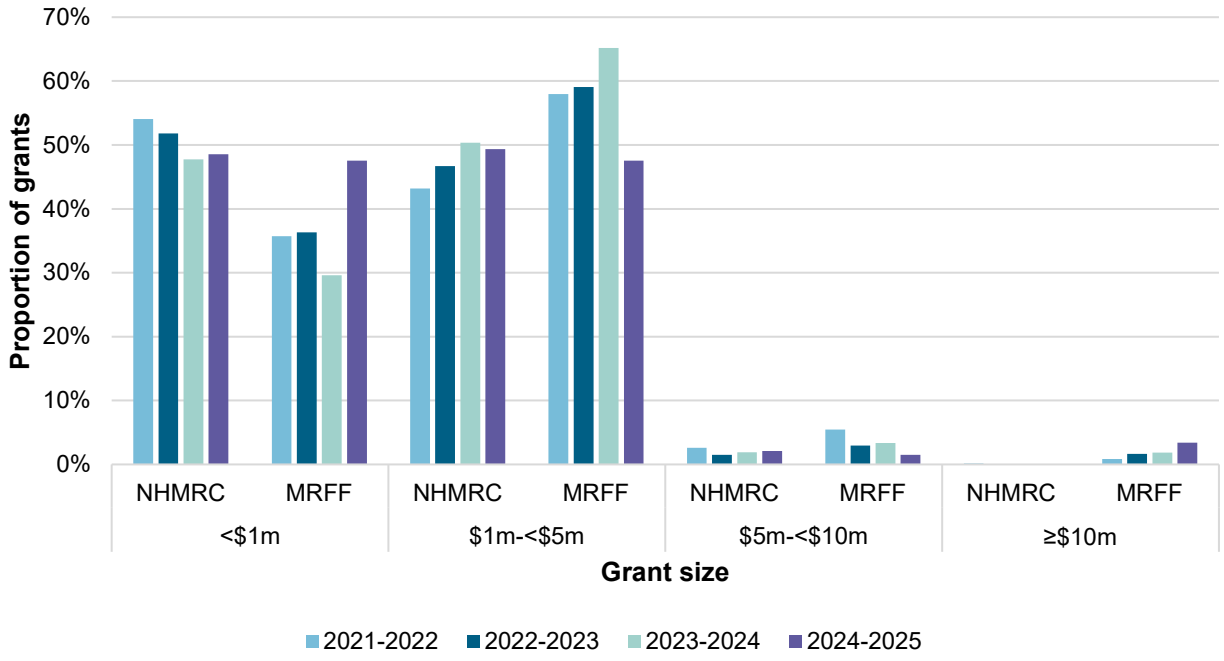


Table 4: Summary statistics of grant size by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

Grant size statistics	Funder	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Pooled 2021-2025
Max	NHMRC	$10,000,000	$6,934,494	$6,882,485	$7,076,035	$10,000,000
	MRFF	$75,240,166	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$33,000,000	$75,240,166
Median	NHMRC	$935,616	$980,276	$1,038,871	$1,038,621	$999,207
	MRFF	$1,823,085	$1,494,520	$1,728,998	$1,471,406	$1,526,070
Min	NHMRC	$5,198	$6,215	$4,801	$5,255	$4,801
	MRFF	$120,320	$156,266	$245,689	$199,771	$120,320
Average	NHMRC	$1,254,907	$1,239,548	$1,326,674	$1,352,115	$1,292,927
	MRFF	$2,578,283	$2,307,774	$2,453,278	$2,606,867	$2,477,540

Broad Research Area

NHMRC and MRFF work together to fund a wide variety of research across research areas. Over $1.7 billion has been awarded for Basic Science Research across the last four financial years, representing 27.3% of the total funding. In the same period, approximately $2.4 billion has been awarded on Clinical Medicine and Science Research, accounting for 36.8% of overall funding (Table 5 and Figure 5).

NHMRC had a stronger focus on supporting Basic Science Research, whereas the MRFF had a stronger focus on Clinical Medicine and Science Research, reflecting their complementary roles. The largest proportion of NHMRC's MREA balance went to Basic Science Research (39.6%) followed by Clinical Medicine and Science Research (31.4%). For MRFF grants with available BRA data, the majority of the MRFF balance went to Clinical Medicine and Science Research (44.5%) followed by Health Services Research (24.5%) (Figure 6). These trends are relatively consistent year-on-year (Figure 7).

It should be noted that a proportion of grants (9.3% of NHMRC grants and 1.6% of MRFF grants, Table 5) were not assigned a BRA (a NHMRC-specific classification), which corresponds to 6.0% of the total funding amount (see footnote 3 for further details).

Overall, this arrangement enables the two funders to focus on various research areas while maintaining complementary roles in improving the health outcomes in Australia.

Table 5: Number of grants and amount of funding by BRA, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

BRA	Number of grants			Amount of funding		
	NHMRC	MRFF	Total	NHMRC	MRFF	Total
Basic Science Research	1,142	111	1,253	$1,505,608,028	$254,864,850	$1,760,472,878
Clinical Medicine and Science Research	863	470	1,333	$1,193,214,514	$1,185,408,498	$2,378,623,012
Health Services Research	257	300	557	$357,960,596	$651,282,072	$1,009,242,668
Public Health Research	404	176	580	$624,547,380	$300,181,046	$924,728,426
Not Available or Not Applicable[3]	272	17	289	$117,289,987	$269,141,667	$386,431,654
Total	2,938	1,074	4,012	$3,798,620,506	$2,660,878,133	$6,459,498,639

[3]*For NHMRC, grants with unavailable BRA data correspond to infrastructure grants. For MRFF, BRA data for BGH-administered grants were not captured from applicants and instead were classified with expert assistance from the NHMRC Research Committee. Grants for which BRA categories are not applicable tend to correspond to grant programs administering a range of projects of potentially different BRA. It is also noted that some grants may fit under multiple BRAs, but only one BRA is assigned per grant.*

Figure 5: Proportion of funding awarded by BRA across both funders, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

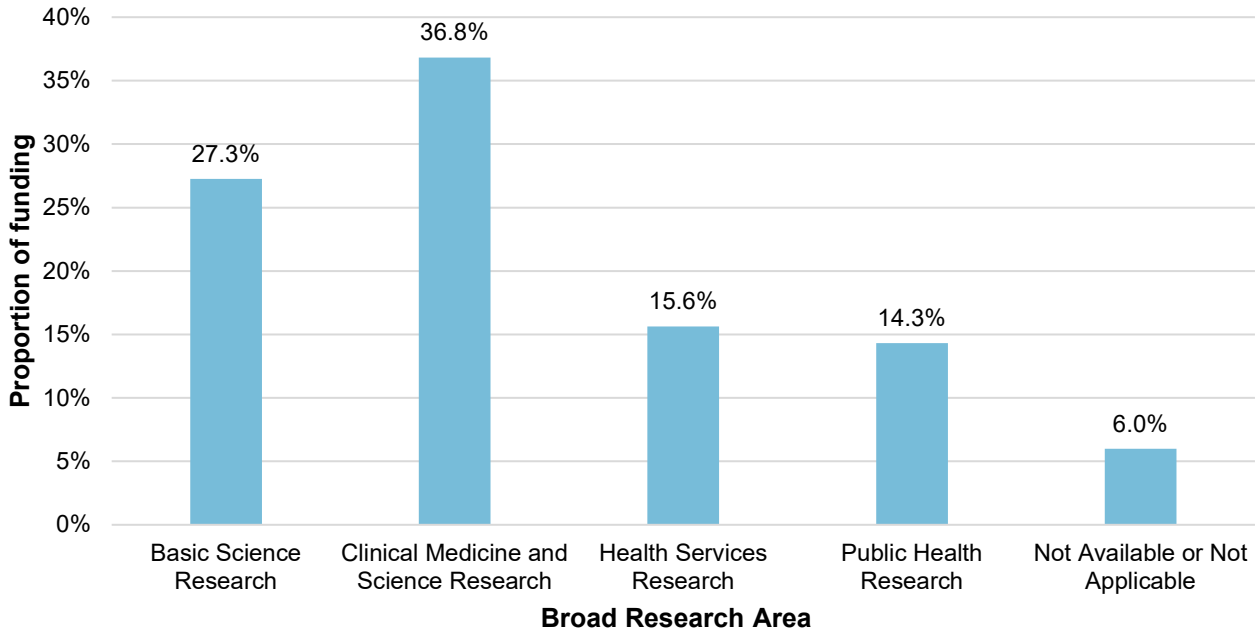


Figure 6: Proportion of funding awarded by BRA and funder, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

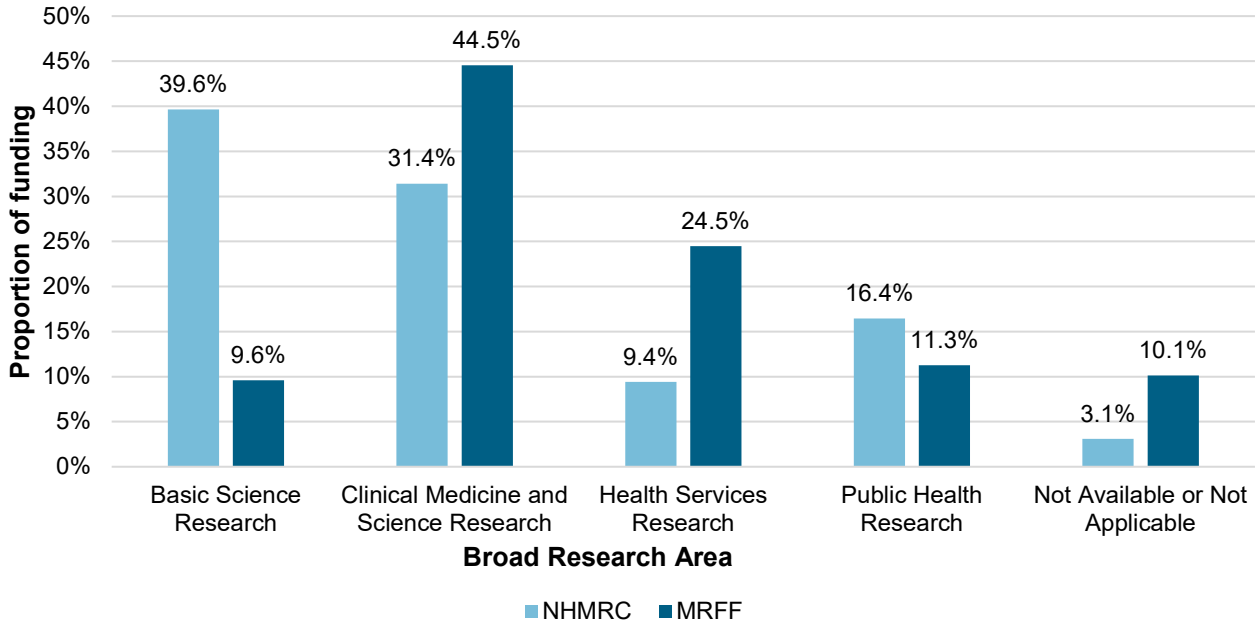
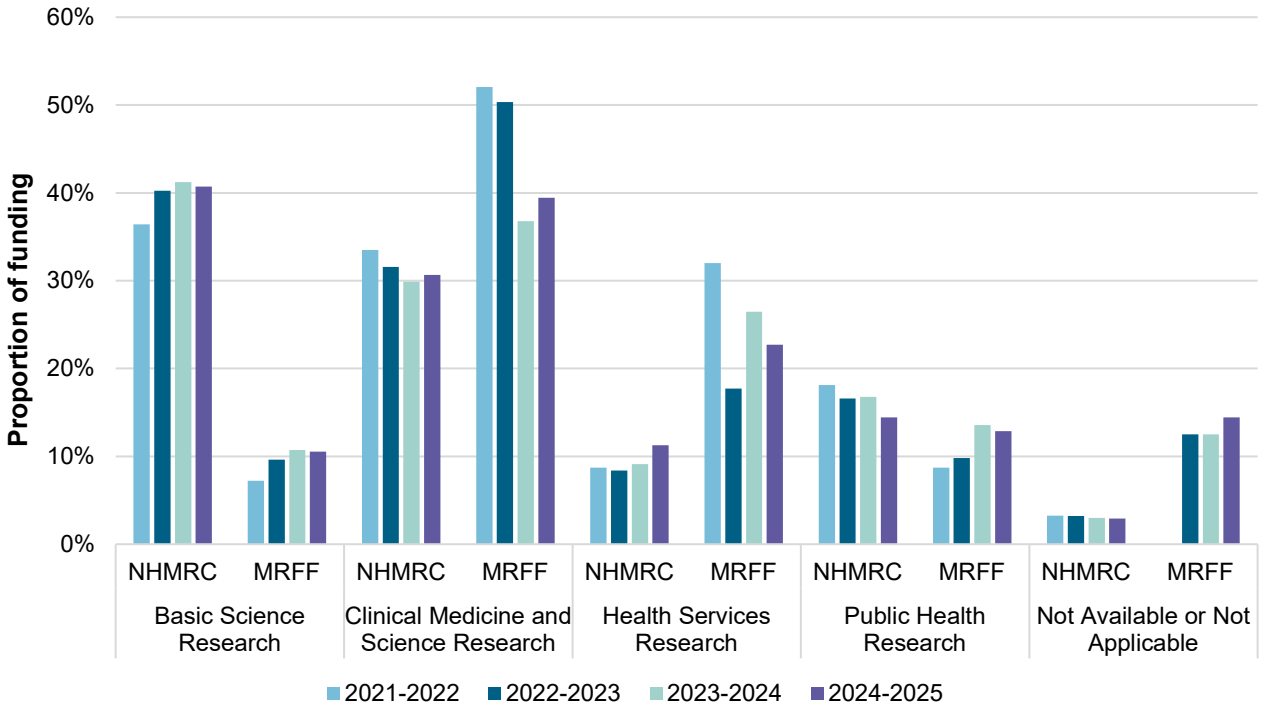


Figure 7: Proportion of funding awarded by BRA and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25



Location of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

MRFF and NHMRC continue to support health and medical research across Australian jurisdictions with significant investment provided to institutions throughout the nation.

Victoria-based institutions received the most grants and funding from both funders with a combined 1,627 grants, valued at approximately $2.7 billion during the reporting period (Table 6). This equated to 42.3% of the combined funding available during the reporting period (Figure 8). This was followed by 1,162 grants worth nearly $1.8 billion awarded to institutions in New South Wales, reflecting the health and medical research sector capacity in those jurisdictions. Conversely, Northern Territory based institutions received the second-lowest funding with a total of $118.7 million provided through 61 grants, while Tasmanian institutions received the least funding at $50.6 million (36 grants).

The proportion of funding by jurisdiction was broadly similar for both MRFF and NHMRC, mirroring the overall pattern. While there is some year-on-year variation, generally the proportion of funding by jurisdiction remained relatively stable (Figure 9 and Figure 10).

It is important to note that the number of grants and amount of funding awarded to jurisdictions does not necessarily correlate with the funded rate (not shown in this report). For instance, previous MRFF reports[4] and other analyses suggest that jurisdictions that have received the highest proportion of funding do not necessarily have the highest funded rates, with contributing factors such as number of applications submitted and the grant scheme.

[4] Financial assistance to support the Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities 2022–2024 | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and Financial assistance to support the Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities 2020–2022 | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Table 6: Number of grants and amount of funding by jurisdiction, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

Jurisdiction	Number of grants			Amount of funding		
	NHMRC	MRFF	Total	NHMRC	MRFF	Total
ACT	51	27	78	$75,266,697	$56,255,308	$131,522,005
NSW	849	313	1,162	$1,085,633,200	$750,320,118	$1,835,953,318
NT	39	22	61	$55,677,851	$63,041,871	$118,719,722
QLD	414	158	572	$525,981,018	$399,596,198	$925,577,216
SA	184	112	296	$227,251,558	$179,299,095	$406,550,653
TAS	26	10	36	$35,244,498	$15,345,308	$50,589,806
VIC	1,259	368	1,627	$1,655,569,125	$1,077,939,577	$2,733,508,702
WA	116	64	180	$137,996,559	$119,080,658	$257,077,217
Total	2,938	1,074	4,012	$3,798,620,506	$2,660,878,133	$6,459,498,639

Figure 8: Proportion of funding awarded by AI/EO jurisdiction across both funders, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

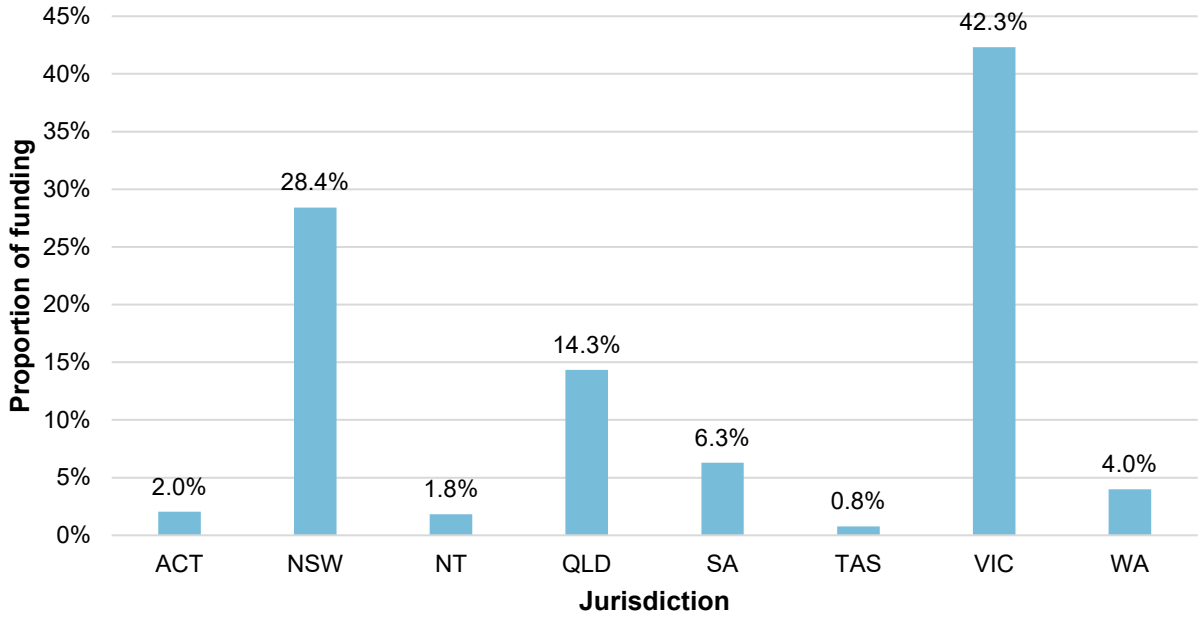


Figure 9: Proportion of funding awarded by AI/EO jurisdiction and funder, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

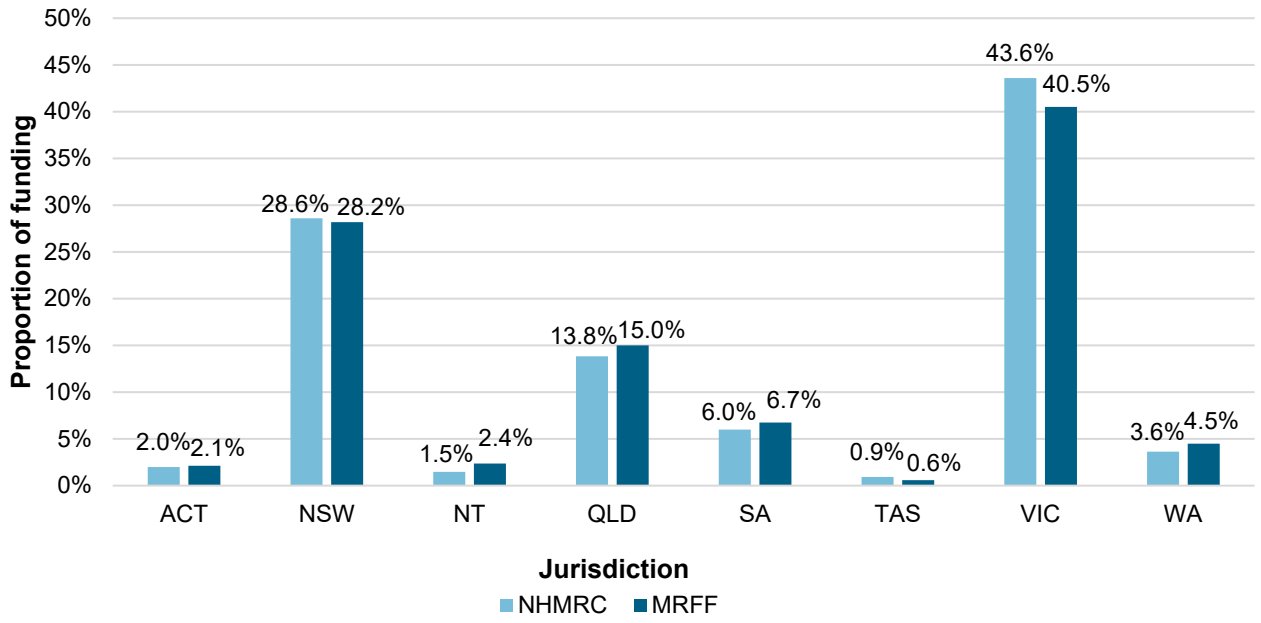
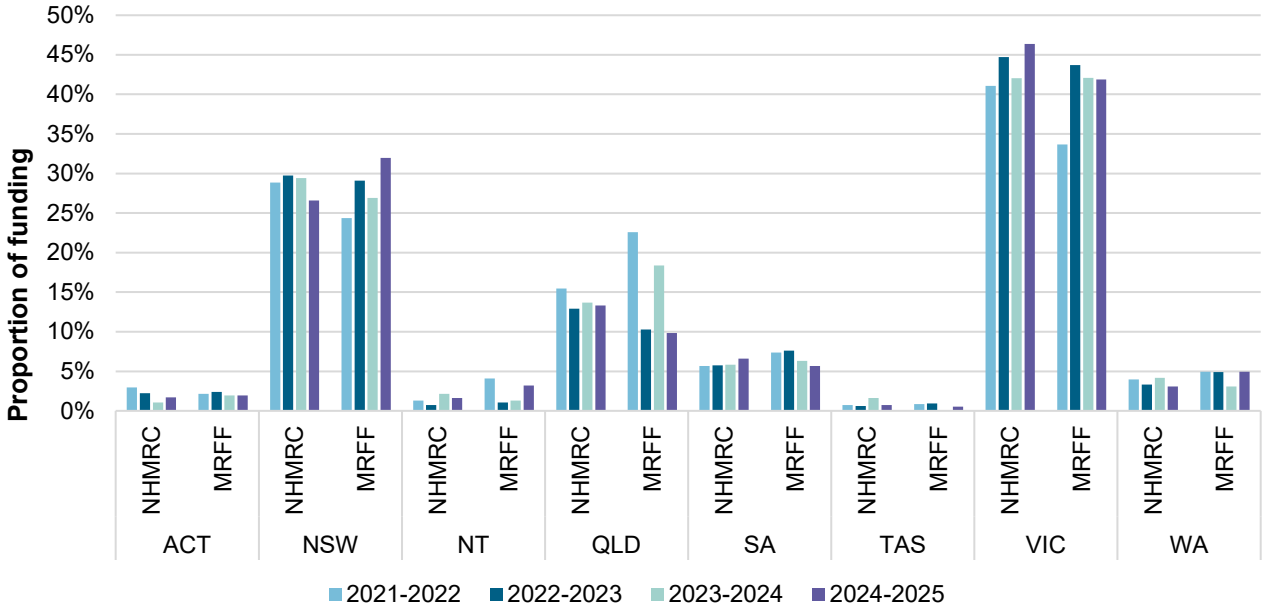


Figure 10: Proportion of funding awarded by AI/EO jurisdiction and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25



Remoteness of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

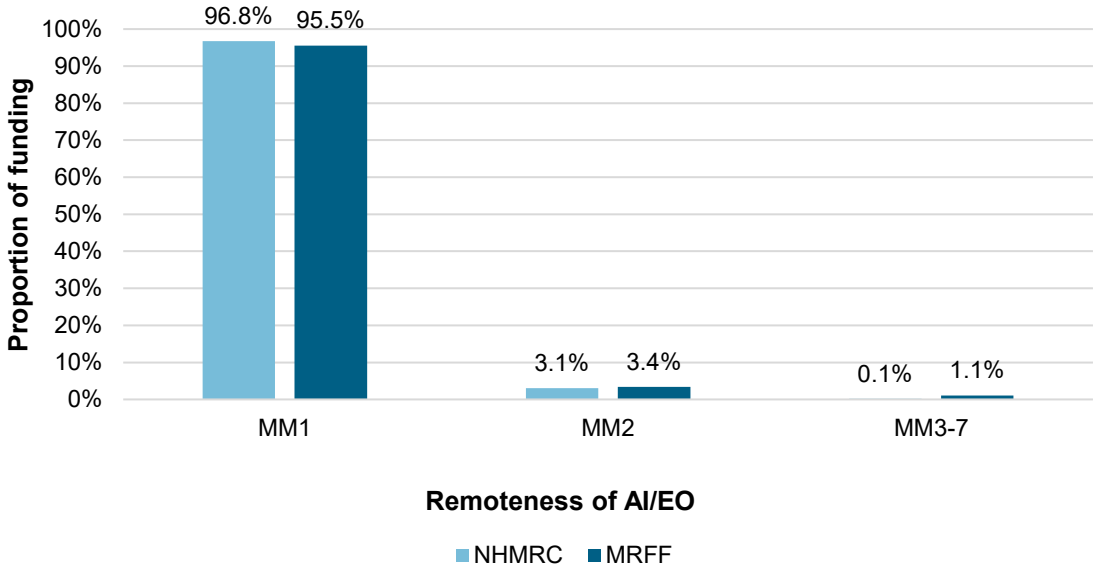
The vast majority of both NHMRC and MRFF grants went to institutions with their head office located in metropolitan areas (MM1); over 3,800 grants which totalled more than 95% of funding (Table 7 and Figure 11). Far less funding, 3.1% for NHMRC and 3.4% for MRFF, were awarded to institutions in regional centres (MM2). Only 0.5% of the combined funding (via 17 grants) was awarded to institutions located in rural to very remote locations (i.e. those places classified as MM3-MM7). Importantly, this funding data is based on the self-identified location of AI/EO which may not necessarily reflect the actual locations where research is being conducted.

Table 7: Number of grants and amount of funding by AI/EO remoteness, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

Remoteness	Number of grants			Amount of funding		
	NHMRC	MRFF	Total	NHMRC	MRFF	Total
Metropolitan areas (MM1)[5]	2,839	1,024	3,863	$3,676,681,497	$2,542,326,276	$6,219,007,773
Regional centres (MM2)	90	42	132	$116,310,565	$89,519,611	$205,830,176
Large rural towns (MM3)	9	5	14	$5,628,444	$18,079,622	$23,708,066
Medium rural towns (MM4)	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0
Small rural towns (MM5)	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0
Remote communities (MM6)	0	3	3	$0	$10,952,624	$10,952,624
Very remote communities (MM7)	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0
Total	**2,938**	**1,074**	**4,012**	**$3,798,620,506**	**$2,660,878,133**	**$6,459,498,639**

[5] AIs/EOs were categorised into remoteness areas using the Modified Monash Model (MMM) classification.

Figure 11: Proportion of funding awarded by AI/EO remoteness, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled



Sector of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

MRFF and NHMRC continue to support health and medical research across various sectors, however both NHMRC and MRFF funding was most concentrated at universities (Table 8 and Figure 12). Over the past four years, universities received 81.9% of NHMRC funding and 75.6% of MRFF funding, along with the majority of grants – 81.3% (2,388 grants) of NHMRC and 88.5% (951 grants) of MRFF awards. The sector that received the next largest proportion of funding was research institutes for NHMRC funding (17.9%) and 'other' sectors (e.g. companies) for MRFF funding (Figure 13). The proportion of 'other' for the MRFF may also be underestimated given MRFF grants corresponding to grant programs administering a range of projects through subcontract arrangements, which are not captured in this report; these include a large proportion of small-to-medium enterprises.

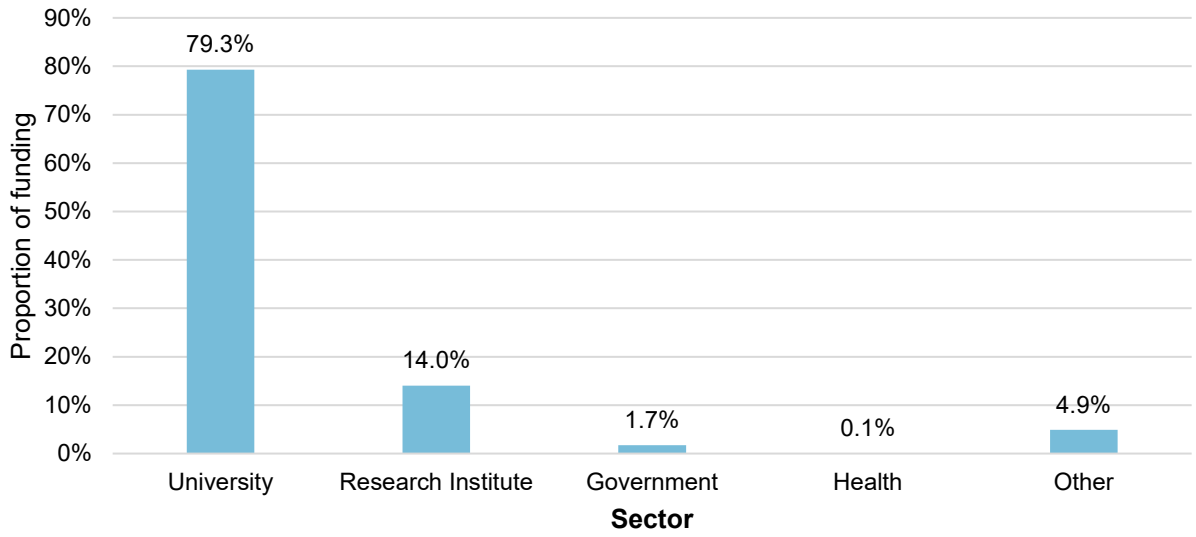
Collectively, approximately 99% of NHMRC funding was provided to either universities or research institutes. Overall, NHMRC awarded a larger volume of grants concentrated in universities and research institutes, whereas MRFF awarded fewer grants but distributed a greater proportion of its funding across a more diverse range of sectors.

Together the funders enable a diverse range of organisations to apply for and receive health and medical research funding.

Table 8: Number of grants and amount of funding by sector of AI/EO, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

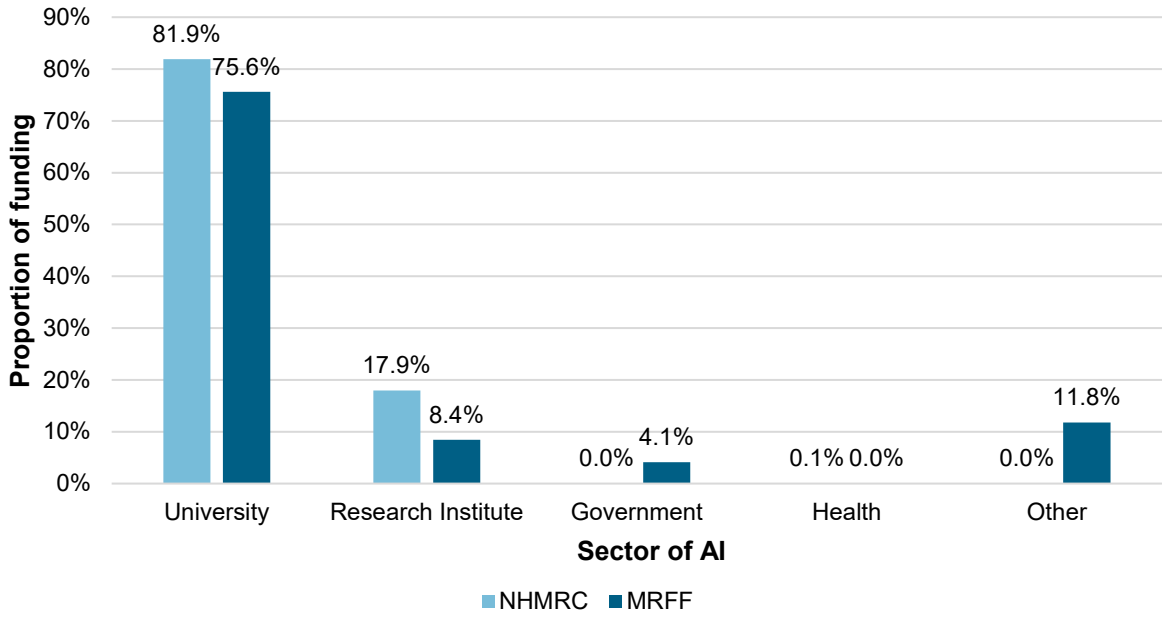
Sector	Number of grants			Amount of funding		
	NHMRC	MRFF	Total	NHMRC	MRFF	Total
University	2,388	951	3,339	$3,111,186,852	$2,011,432,906	$5,122,619,758
Research Institute	523	94	617	$681,529,392	$224,839,118	$906,368,510
Government	1	4	5	$796,352	$110,397,711	$111,194,063
Health	19	0	19	$4,622,104	$0	$4,622,104
Other[6]	7	25	32	$485,806	$314,208,398	$314,694,204
Total	**2,938**	**1,074**	**4,012**	**$3,798,620,506**	**$2,660,878,133**	**$6,459,498,639**

Figure 12: Proportion of funding awarded by sector of AI/EO across both funders, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled



[6] Note that MRFF funding can only be awarded to distinct organisational types (medical research institutes, universities, corporate Commonwealth entities, and corporations). These do not exactly align with NHMRC administrative institution sectors but have been mapped for this analysis. Here, "Other" comprises corporations, i.e. Australian public companies, Australian private companies, and other incorporated entities.

Figure 13: Proportion of funding awarded by sector of AI/EO and funder, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled



Sector of Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations

There was a broader distribution in the types of Participating Institutions and Collaborator Organisations involved in grants than observed for AIs/EOs (Table 9 and Figure 14). While universities accounted for the most common sector of Participating Institution or Collaborator Organisation (77.7% of NHMRC grants and 84.1% of MRFF grants), the involvement of research institutes, health organisations and government bodies was increased, reflecting the valuable involvement of all types of institutions in conducting research.

Research institutes were involved in a substantial proportion of grants as Participating Institutions or Collaborator Organisations, despite representing a smaller share of AIs/EOs. Across both funders, research institutes participated in almost 40% of grants (37.1% of NHMRC grants and 41.3% of MRFF grants, Figure 15).

A similar contrast was observed for institutions in the health sector. Although health institutions accounted for less than 0.5% of AIs/EOs, they participated in approximately 20% of grants across both NHMRC and MRFF (Figure 14).

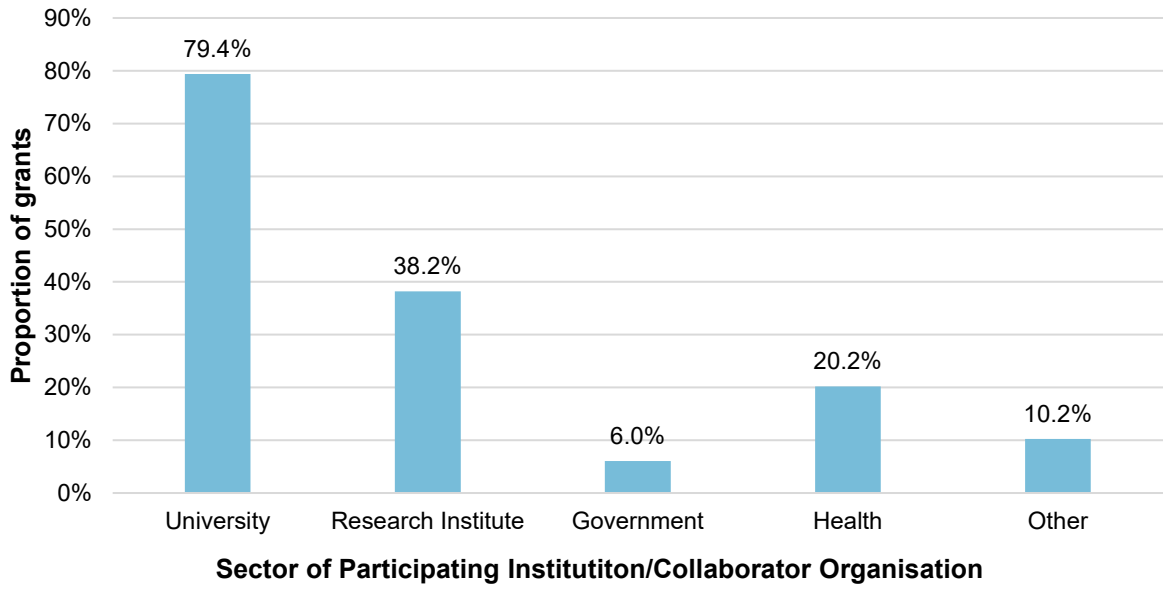
Overall, while AIs/EOs were highly concentrated in universities, the involvement of Participating Institutions and Collaborator Organisations demonstrated a broader cross-sector contribution, particularly from research institutes, health and other organisations. For the MRFF, this includes the key role of Partner Organisations providing support to the grant to ensure relevance to consumers and delivery of services, and to support translation of research outcomes into practice.

Table 9: Number of institutions and grants by sector of Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled[7]

Sector	Number of grants with Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations in this sector			Proportion of grants with Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations in this sector		
	NHMRC	MRFF	Total	NHMRC	MRFF	Total
University	2,282	903	3,185	77.7%	84.1%	79.4%
Research Institute	1,090	444	1,534	37.1%	41.3%	38.2%
Government	128	114	242	4.4%	10.6%	6.0%
Health	458	353	811	15.6%	32.9%	20.2%
Other[8]	84	326	410	2.9%	30.4%	10.2%
Total[9]	**2,938**	**1,074**	**4,012**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

Note: A single grant may involve Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations from multiple sectors, which may result in duplication. The row totals refer to the total number of grants within each sector and do not equate to grand total.

Figure 14: Proportion of grants involving Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations by sector, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled[10]



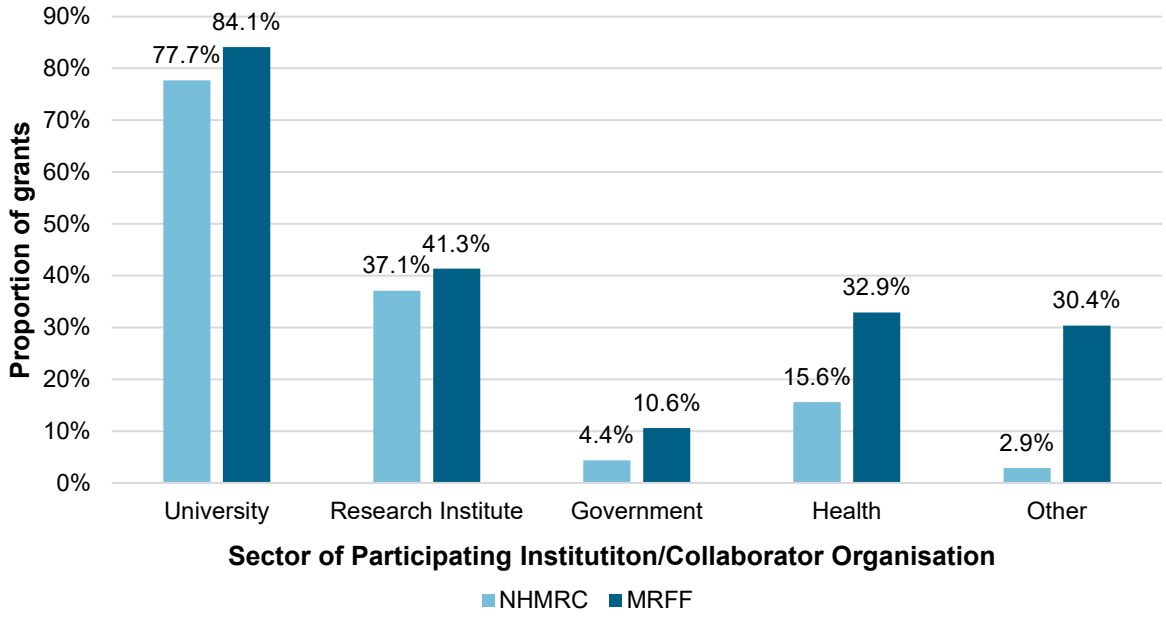
[7] For MRFF grants, this analysis excludes grants that either have no Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations, or where the sector data for those Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations is unavailable. In some cases, sector data may be self-reported.

[8] As per footnote 6, for MRFF grants, "Other" comprises corporations, i.e. Australian public companies, Australian private companies, and other incorporated entities. In addition, for MRFF grants administered by BGH, sector data for Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations is not available and was inferred using keyword searches. "Other" is defined by any organisation not identified as a university or research institute, and therefore may include entities that would fall under "Government" or "Health" in NHMRC classifications. As a result, the reported number of grants with Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations in the "Government" and "Health" sectors are likely underestimated.

[9] A single grant may involve Participating Institutions/Collaborator Organisations from multiple sectors, which may be counted in multiple sector rows. The totals refer to the total number of grants and do not equal the sum across the sectors.

[10] For Figure 14 and Figure 15, percentages were calculated by dividing the number of grants involving institutions in each sector by the total number of grants. As grants may involve institutions from multiple sectors, sector proportions are not mutually exclusive and may exceed 100%.

Figure 15: Proportion of grants that involve at least one Participating Institution/Collaborator Organisation by sector, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled



Top 10 Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations[11]

The five institutions that received the most funding from either NHMRC or MRFF were the same with minor differences in their order/ranking. For NHMRC AIs, University of Melbourne led with 14.0% of the total funding, followed by University of New South Wales (12.5%), Monash University (12.4%), University of Sydney (11.4%) and University of Queensland (9.2%), together accounting for nearly 60% of funding (Figure 16 and Table 10). For MRFF EOs, Monash University led with 13.0% of total funding followed by University of Sydney and University of Melbourne (both 10.6%), University of New South Wales (8.3%) and University of Queensland (8.0%), collectively accounting for 50.5% of funding (Figure 17 and Table 11).

There was a noticeable difference in the proportion of funding awarded to NHMRC's top 5 AIs compared to the 6th to 10th ranked institutions. The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research received 5.6% of the funding followed by Murdoch Children's Research Institute (3.7%), University of Western Australia (2.7%), The University of Adelaide (2.7%) and lastly QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute (2.0%) (Figure 16 and Table 10).

Likewise, the 6th to 10th most successful MRFF EOs received a diminishing proportion of funding with MRCF Pty Ltd receiving 5.0% followed by The University of Newcastle (2.9%), Department of Health Queensland (2.8%) and then Flinders University and Murdoch Children's Research Institute (both with 2.5%).

[11] The rankings used in this section are based on the proportion of funding awarded by NHMRC or MRFF across the past four financial years.

Table 10: Summary of grants and amount of funding by top 10 AIs from NHMRC, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

Administering Institution	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
University of Melbourne	409	$530,690,217	13.9%	14.0%	$1,297,531
University of New South Wales	307	$473,330,785	10.4%	12.5%	$1,541,794
Monash University	351	$471,400,168	11.9%	12.4%	$1,343,020
University of Sydney	325	$431,742,963	11.1%	11.4%	$1,328,440
The University of Queensland	255	$350,813,498	8.7%	9.2%	$1,375,739
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	117	$212,915,175	4.0%	5.6%	$1,819,788
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	93	$141,648,267	3.2%	3.7%	$1,523,100
University of Western Australia	74	$102,727,364	2.5%	2.7%	$1,388,208
The University of Adelaide	71	$102,172,621	2.4%	2.7%	$1,439,051
QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute	55	$74,140,585	1.9%	2.0%	$1,348,011

Figure 16: Proportion of grants and funding awarded by top 10 AIs from NHMRC, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

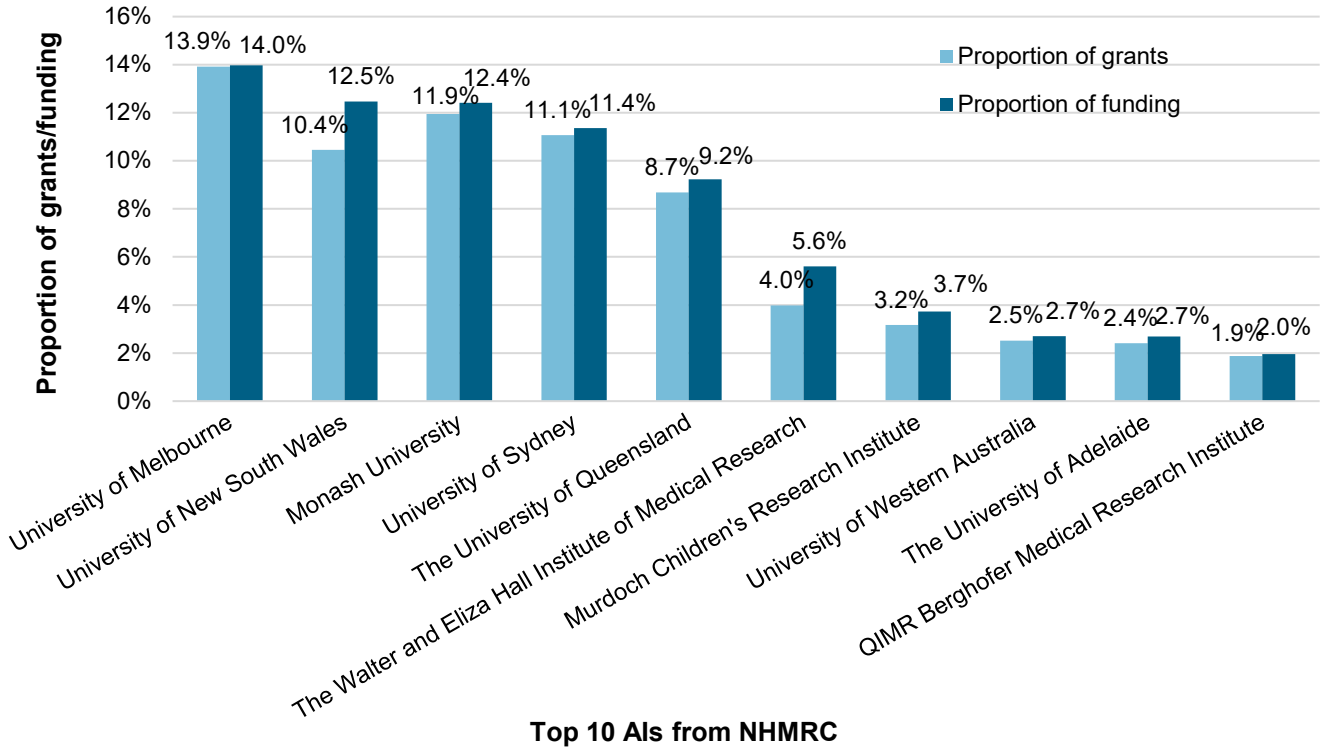
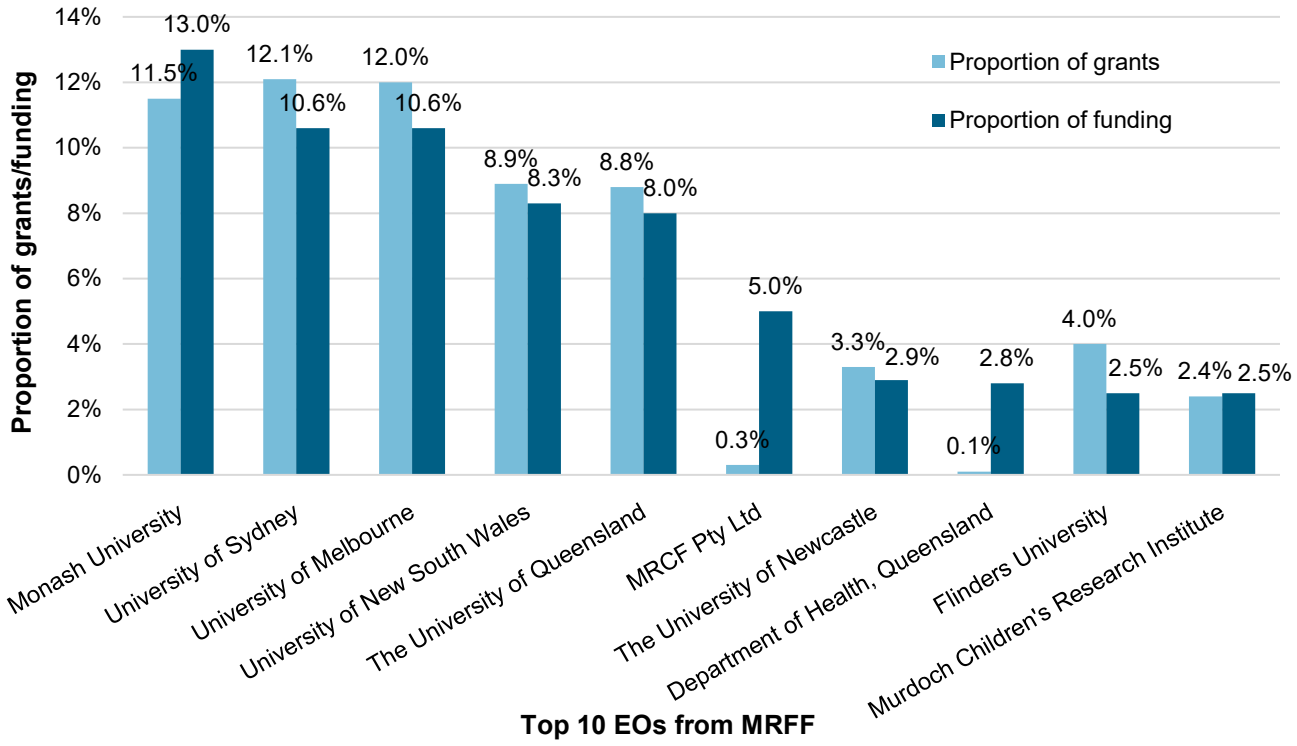


Table 11: Summary of grants and amount of funding by top 10 EOs from MRFF, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

Eligible Organisation	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
Monash University	123	$347,228,952	11.5%	13.0%	$2,823,000
University of Sydney	130	$281,634,408	12.1%	10.6%	$2,166,419
University of Melbourne	129	$281,477,936	12.0%	10.6%	$2,182,000
University of New South Wales	96	$220,568,223	8.9%	8.3%	$2,297,586
The University of Queensland	94	$212,487,352	8.8%	8.0%	$2,260,504
MRCF Pty Ltd	3	$133,000,000	0.3%	5.0%	$44,333,333
The University of Newcastle	35	$75,972,289	3.3%	2.9%	$2,170,637
Department of Health, Queensland	1	$75,240,166	0.1%	2.8%	$75,240,166
Flinders University	43	$66,184,215	4.0%	2.5%	$1,539,168
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	26	$65,194,406	2.4%	2.5%	$2,507,477

Figure 17: Proportion of grants and funding awarded by top 10 EOs from MRFF, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research

Over $643 million was awarded via grants focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health research[12] across both funders over the last four financial years, representing 10.2% of the total funding (Table 12, aggregated data not shown).

In the past four financial years, the proportion of funding awarded to grants focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health research across both funders remained relatively stable, ranging from 9.2% to 11.4% annually (Figure 18).

This proportion was relatively stable for NHMRC grants, ranging from about 7.8% to 9.4% annually and well exceeding NHMRC's 5% target[13]. The proportion of MRFF grants has varied between 9.2% to 16.0% over the past four years, reflecting variations in the timing of the MRFF Indigenous Health Research Fund (Figure 19).

Table 12: Number of grants and amount of funding awarded to grants focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health research by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

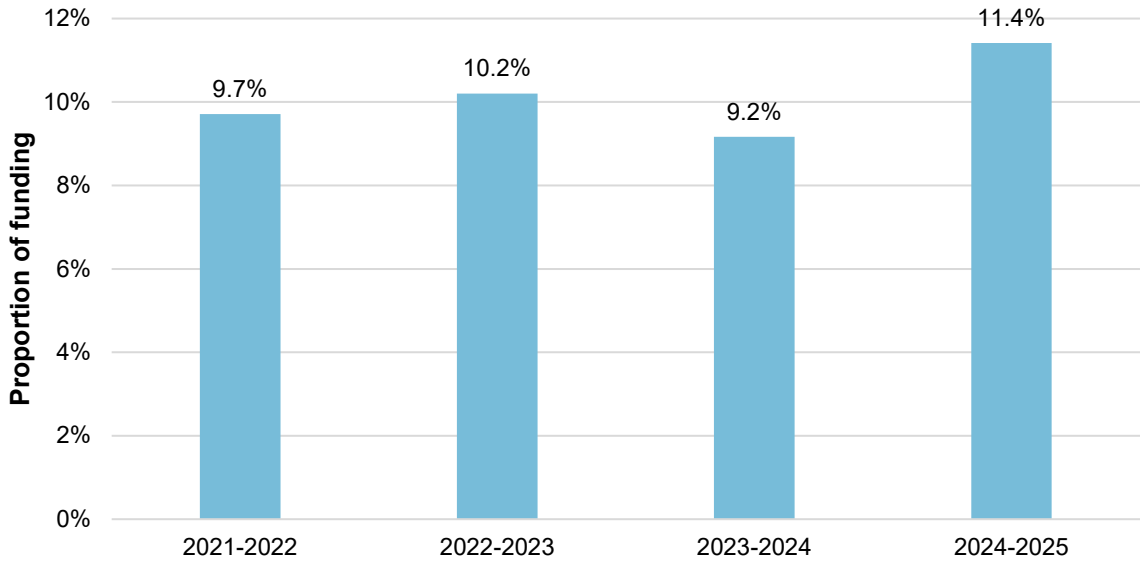
		Funder	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Grants focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health research	Number of grants	NHMRC	40	40	36	49
		MRFF	31	52	33	45
	Amount of funding	NHMRC	$73,491,329	$81,813,115	$80,629,457	$81,707,016
		MRFF	$77,250,093	$77,882,313	$61,147,737	$109,814,150
All grants	Number of grants	NHMRC[14]	707	655	621	683
		MRFF	238	303	270	263
	Amount of funding	NHMRC	$938,561,791	$866,134,996	$884,237,044	$992,396,688
		MRFF	$613,631,371	$699,255,597	$662,385,039	$685,606,126

[12] This is determined primarily via the IREC process for NHMRC grants. First Nations MRFF grants were identified using a combination of grants funded via the MRFF Indigenous Health Research Fund and searches of grant titles and keywords for other schemes.

[13] NHMRC Corporate Plan 2025-26 Target 4 - More than 5% of NHMRC's annual budget is awarded to research that aims to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

[14] NHMRC data excluded all grants from non-competitive schemes (i.e. Equipment Grants and Independent Research Institute Infrastructure Support Scheme (IRIISS) grants), totalling of 272 grants.

Figure 18: Proportion of funding awarded to grants focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health research across both funders by financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25



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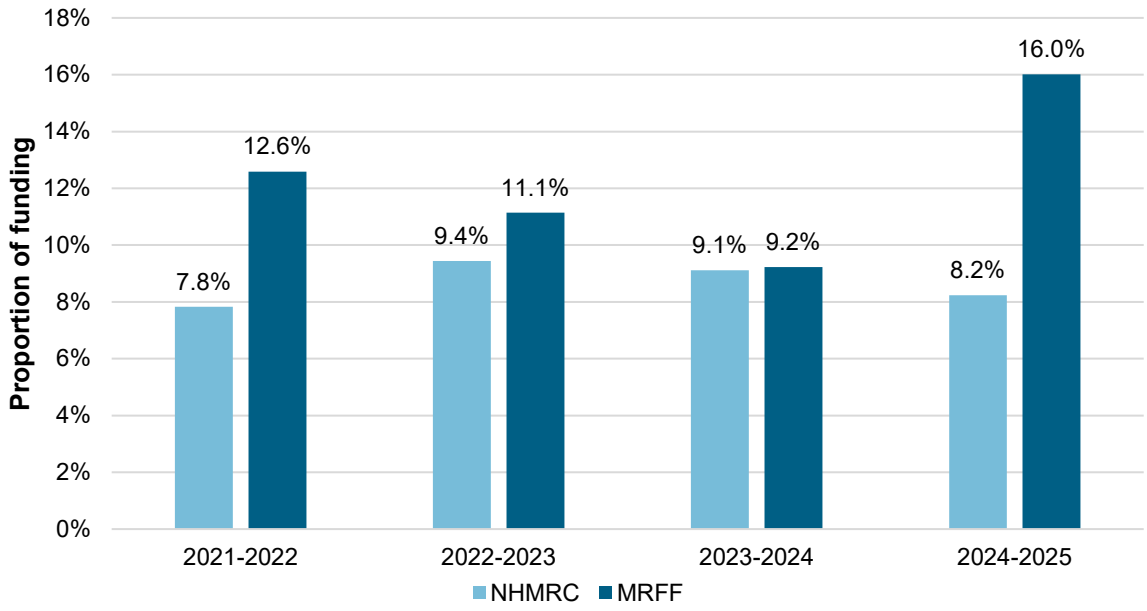


Demographic analysis

Gender of CIA[15]

Over the last four years 1,839 grants (valued at over $2.7 billion) were awarded to women compared to 1,760 grants (worth over $2.9 billion) to men (Table 13). The proportion of funding allocated to men and women was relatively balanced for both NHMRC and MRFF's grant programs over the past four financial years (Figure 20). Specifically, NHMRC awarded approximately 51.5% of its funding to men and 47.5% to women, with the gap between men and women closing following the introduction of the special gender measures in the Investigator Grants scheme in 2023 (Figure 21).

For MRFF grants where gender data was available, this equated to 50.5% of funding for men compared to 49.2% for women (Figure 20). Year-on-year women appeared to receive more funding than men, however the gender data for up to approximately 10.7% of grants, corresponding to 23.5% of funding (Table 13), are not available.

Table 13: Number of grants and amount of funding by CIA gender, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

CIA gender	Number of grants			Amount of funding		
	NHMRC	MRFF	Total	NHMRC	MRFF	Total
Man	1,327	433	1,760	$1,896,490,359	$1,028,093,806	$2,924,584,166
Woman	1,314	525	1,839	$1,750,410,371	$1,003,292,750	$2,753,703,121
Non-binary[16]	6	1	7	$12,227,022	$4,512,788	$16,739,810
Not stated	19	76	95	$22,202,767	$163,855,240	$186,058,007
Not collected[17]	-	39	39	-	$461,123,548	$461,123,548
Total	**2,666[18]**	**1,074**	**3,740**	**$3,681,330,519**	**$2,660,878,133**	**$6,342,208,652**

[15] In 2023 NHMRC introduced new special measures under the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 in the Investigator Grants scheme to address systemic disadvantage faced by female and non-binary applicants. This intervention included equalising numbers of grants by CIA gender in the Leadership category; a change which is evident in the data used for this report.

[16] Non-binary includes researchers who self-identified as 'non-binary' or specify a different term.

[17] Chief Investigator data was not collected for BGH-administered grants until Nov 2021, due to focus on organisations rather than individual researchers.

[18] NHMRC data excluded all grants from non-competitive schemes (i.e. Equipment Grants and IRIISS grants) for Demographic analysis, totalling of 272 grants.

Figure 20: Proportion of funding awarded by CIA gender, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

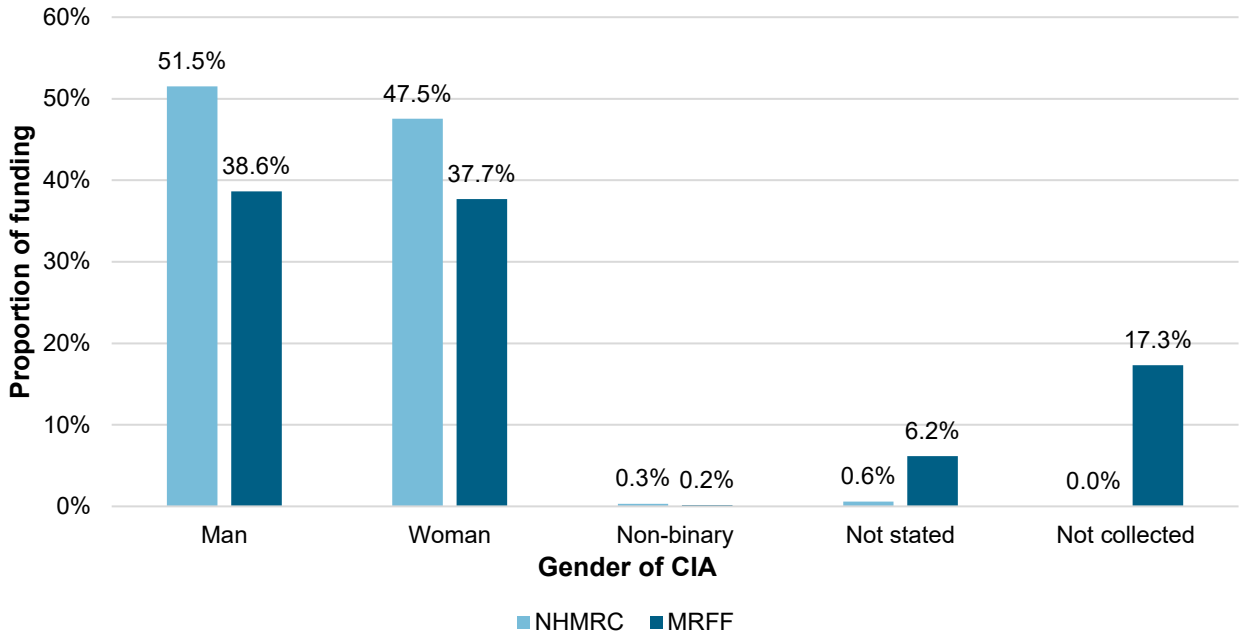
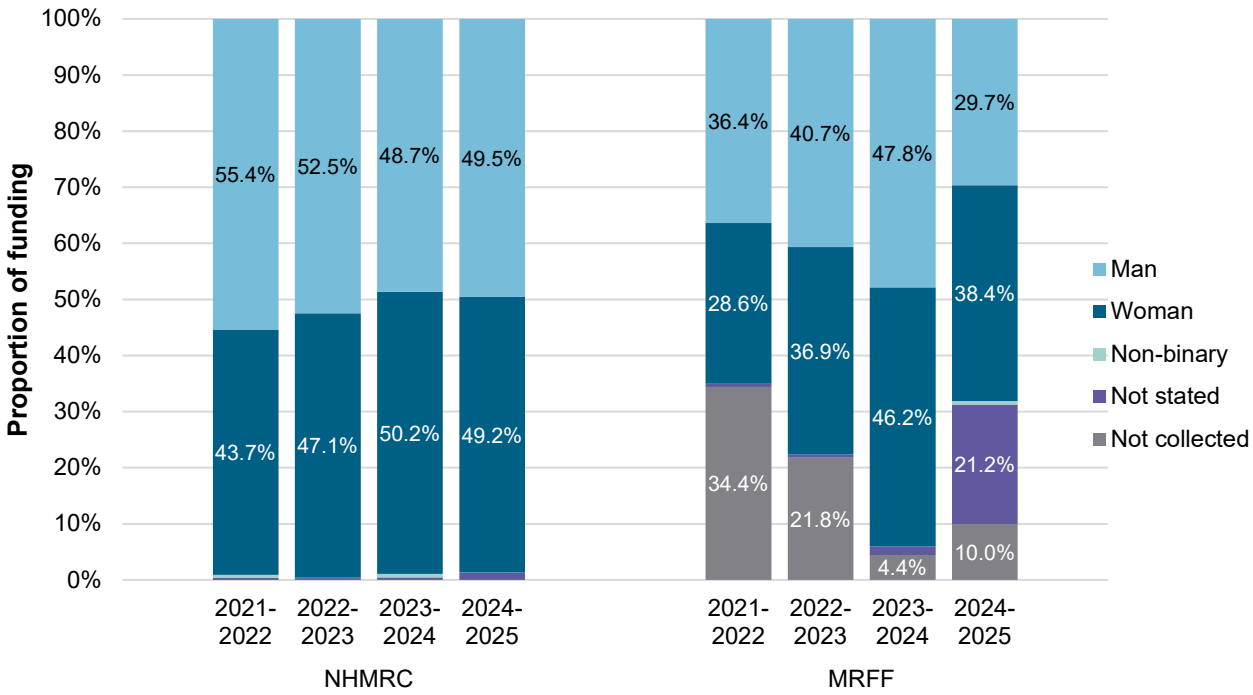


Figure 21: Proportion of funding awarded by CIA gender and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25



Career Stage of CIA

The largest proportion of funding regardless of funder was awarded to CIAs who were 16-20 years post-PhD, representing 19.1% of NHMRC funding and 14.6% of MRFF funding (Table 14 and Figure 22).

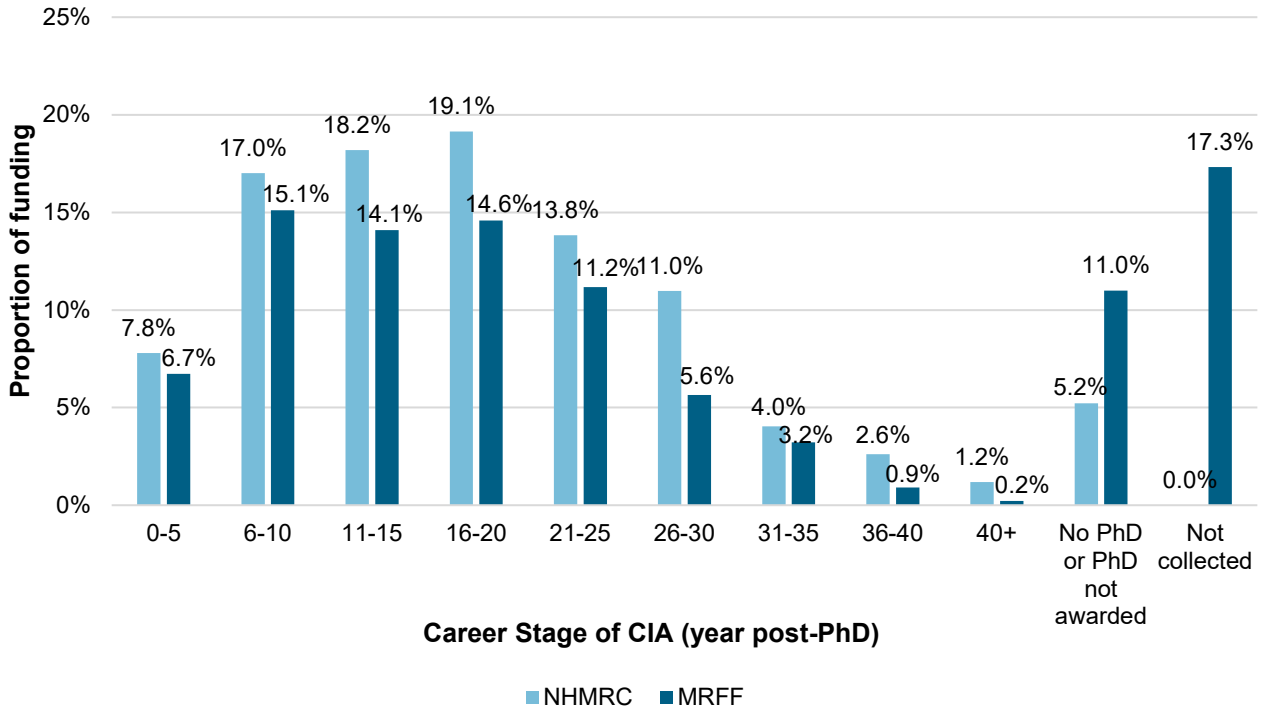
NHMRC funding shows a steady increase from early to mid-career researchers, peaking at the 16-20 years post-PhD cohort, and subsequently declining for those with more than 20 years since PhD completion.

MRFF funding follows a comparable pattern, however, a higher proportion of funding (11.0%) was awarded to individuals without a PhD compared to NHMRC (5.6%), despite this group only accounting for 9.9% of MRFF grants compared to 12.6% of NHMRC grants. This difference is likely driven by the composition of recipients in this career stage group. For NHMRC, most grants awarded to individuals without a PhD were Postgraduate Scholarships, which are typically lower in grant value. In contrast, MRFF recipients without a PhD were predominately individuals who do not follow a traditional research career pathway, such as consumers and industry researchers, and tend to lead fewer but higher-value grants.

Table 14: Number of grants and amount of funding by career stage of CIA, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

Career Stage	Number of grants			Amount of funding		
	NHMRC	MRFF	Total	NHMRC	MRFF	Total
0-5	352	119	471	$286,983,386	$179,011,349	$465,994,735
6-10	467	207	674	$626,121,654	$401,885,264	$1,028,006,918
11-15	434	201	635	$669,446,454	$375,133,315	$1,044,579,769
16-20	417	181	598	$704,958,337	$388,025,207	$1,092,983,544
21-25	287	106	393	$509,090,529	$297,235,833	$806,326,362
26-30	208	70	278	$404,313,400	$150,324,183	$554,637,583
31-35	93	30	123	$148,551,655	$85,739,261	$234,290,916
36-40	48	11	59	$96,324,410	$24,203,972	$120,528,382
40+	23	4	27	$43,519,865	$5,674,928	$49,194,793
No PhD or PhD not awarded	337	106	443	$192,020,829	$292,521,274	$484,542,103
Not collected	0	39	39	$0	$461,123,548	$461,123,548
Total	**2,666**	**1,074**	**3,740**	**$3,681,330,519**	**$2,660,878,133**	**$6,342,208,653**

Figure 22: Proportion of funding awarded by career stage of CIA, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researchers

Over the past four financial years, both NHMRC and MRFF have awarded more than $235 million in grants led by researchers identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, accounting for 3.7% of the total funding (Table 15, aggregated data not shown).

The proportion of NHMRC grants led by researchers identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander showed a large increase in 2024-25 to 4.4%[19] compared to the first three years where it ranged from 1.6% to 2.7% (Figure 23 and Figure 24). This coincides with NHMRC's introduction of a target of 3.4% of its annual grants being awarded to CIAs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

The proportion of MRFF grants awarded to CIAs of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent was higher overall compared to NHMRC, ranging from 3.3% in 2023-24 to 7.3% in 2022-23 (Figure 24). Unlike the NHMRC, MRFF does not have structural priority funding; the increase in percentage of grants led by Indigenous CIAs is likely a result of successive reforms in assessment criteria as well as composition of assessment committees, guided by Indigenous expert panels and that prioritises Indigenous leadership for grants that focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

[19] NHMRC introduced a target of 3.4% of NHMRC's annual grants awarded to lead chief investigators of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent in 2023-24.

Table 15: Number of grants and amount of funding awarded to grants led by a researcher of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (CIA) by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

		Funder	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Grants led by a researcher of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (CIA)	Number of grants	NHMRC	19	13	10	30
		MRFF	13	22	9	13
	Amount of funding	NHMRC	$32,492,262	$27,529,309	$20,283,268	$48,643,998
		MRFF	$30,424,023	$26,404,094	$20,801,384	$28,770,820
All grants	Number of grants	NHMRC	707	655	621	683
		MRFF	238	303	270	263
	Amount of funding	NHMRC	$938,561,791	$866,134,996	$884,237,044	$992,396,688
		MRFF	$613,631,371	$699,255,597	$662,385,039	$685,606,126

Figure 23: Proportion of grants led by a researcher of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent (CIA) across both funders by financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

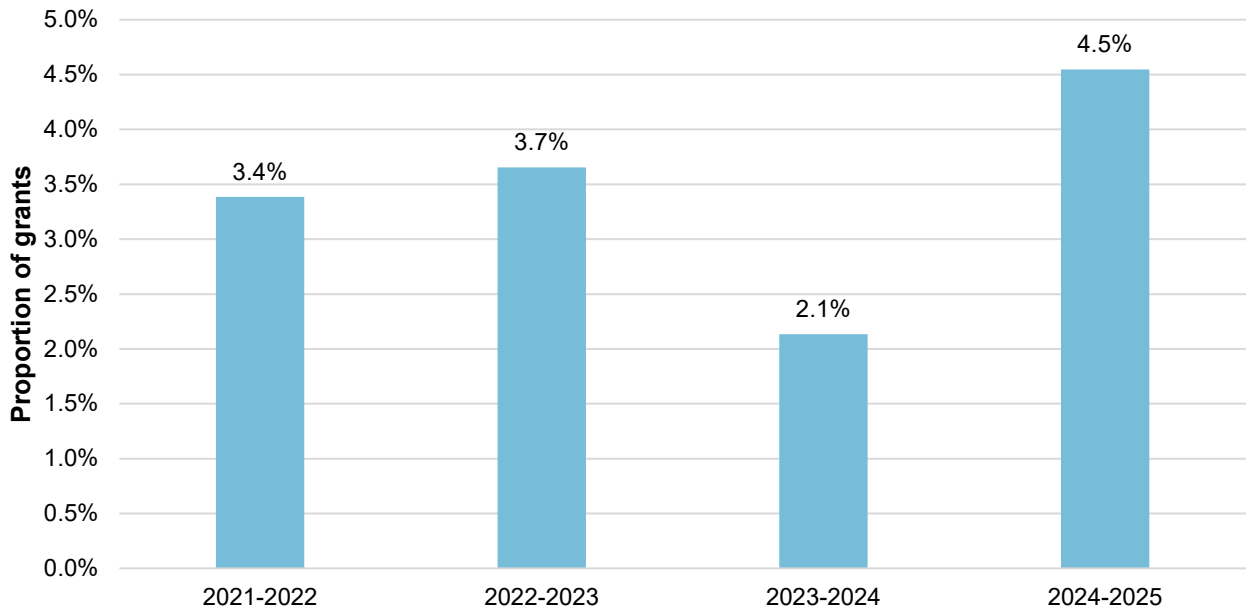
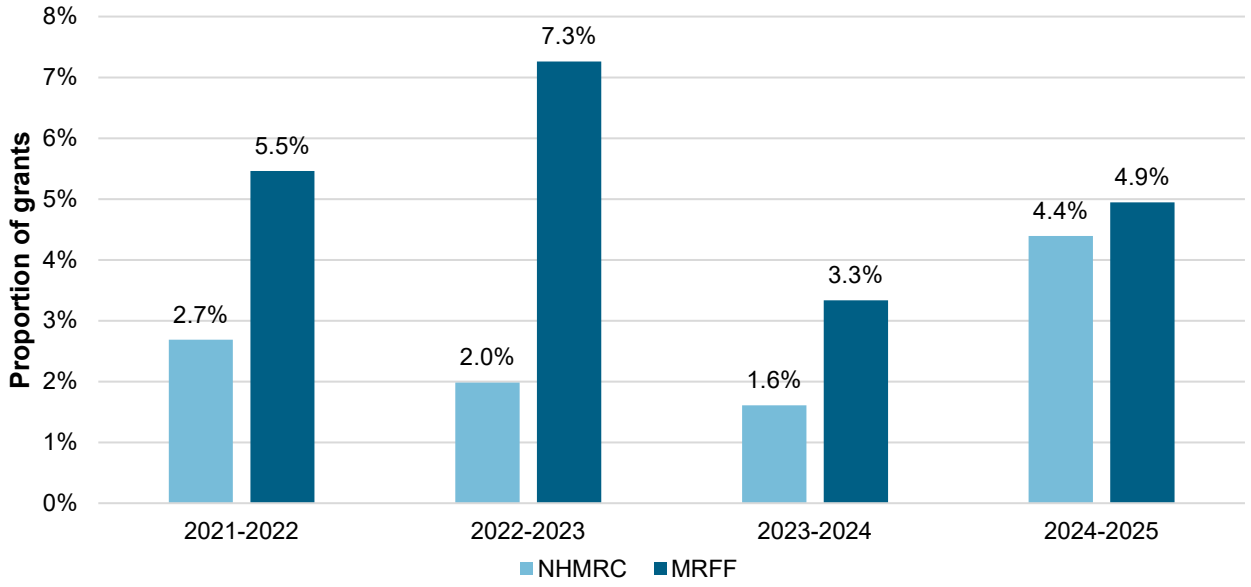


Figure 24: Proportion of grants led by a researcher of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (CIA) by funder and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25



Conclusion

This is the first joint report on key funding characteristics and statistics of NHMRC and MRFF funding. This report marks a significant step forward in enhancing the visibility and understanding of the Australian Government's commitment to health and medical research. By bringing together key statistics and insights from both major funding sources, this report provides a comprehensive picture of national investment. This collaborative approach not only strengthens transparency and accountability, but also supports alignment and coordination between the two funds and the National Health and Medical Research Strategy.

NHMRC and MRFF will continue to work together to provide data and reporting about the Australian Government's support and investment for health and medical research.

Appendix – Supplementary data tables

NHMRC/MRFF GOs included in this report

Table 16: NHMRC GOs included in this report

NHMRC Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2021-2022	**773**	**$970,043,234**
2020 Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants	30	$74,223,141
2020 NHMRC - European Union Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research	1	$393,099
2020 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 2	16	$20,395,268
2020 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into End of Life Care	4	$4,584,395
2021 Centres of Research Excellence	17	$44,000,000
2021 Development Grants	19	$15,055,405
2021 e-ASIA Joint Research Program	4	$2,861,621
2021 Equipment Grant	45	$5,700,000
2021 GACD Cancer Prevention	4	$5,927,064
2021 Ideas Grants	248	$239,230,858
2021 Independent Research Institutes Infrastructure Support Scheme	21	$25,781,443
2021 Investigator Grants	254	$399,632,537
2021 NHMRC - European Union Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research	3	$1,444,812
2021 NHMRC-NIHR Collaborative Research Grants	5	$6,118,834
2021 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 1	5	$5,576,443
2021 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 2	5	$5,625,257
2021 Postgraduate Scholarships	65	$7,246,854
2021 Special Initiative in Human Health and Environmental Change (SIHHEC)	1	$10,000,000
2021 Synergy Grants	17	$85,000,000

NHMRC Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2021 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Biotoxin-related illness	1	$1,063,797
2021 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Participation in Cancer Screening Programs	8	$10,182,405
2022-2023	**722**	**$894,953,579**
2021 Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants	33	$75,351,484
2021 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 3	12	$14,152,758
2021 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Hearing Health Evidence Based Support Services	9	$7,438,129
2022 Centres of Research Excellence	14	$35,000,000
2022 Development Grants	16	$15,181,843
2022 e-ASIA Joint Research Program	3	$1,781,300
2022 Equipment Grant	44	$5,700,000
2022 GACD A Life Course Approach to Common NCD Risk Factor Prevention and Reduction	4	$5,758,651
2022 Ideas Grants	232	$240,917,364
2022 Independent Research Institutes Infrastructure Support Scheme	23	$23,118,583
2022 Investigator Grants	225	$375,637,948
2022 NHMRC - European Union Collaborative Research Grants	7	$3,454,104
2022 NHMRC - European Union Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research	3	$1,441,473
2022 NHMRC-AMED Dementia Collaborative Research Joint Funding	3	$1,498,938
2022 NHMRC-CIHR Healthy Cities Implementation Science Team Grant Scheme	4	$4,882,137
2022 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 1	7	$8,241,780
2022 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 2	6	$7,976,438
2022 Postgraduate Scholarships	62	$7,062,928
2022 Synergy Grants	10	$50,000,000
2022 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Improving Health of People with Intellectual Disability	4	$5,384,239
2022 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Improving Indigenous Maternal and Child Health	1	$4,973,482
2023-2024	**687**	**$911,424,855**

NHMRC Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2022 Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants	28	$72,897,049
2022 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 3	8	$10,521,024
2022 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Cultural Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity in Dementia Research	3	$3,493,771
2022 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Loneliness Social Isolation and Chronic Disease Management	4	$5,565,411
2023 Centres of Research Excellence	14	$35,000,000
2023 Development Grants	14	$15,113,030
2023 e-ASIA Joint Research Program	4	$2,968,124
2023 Equipment Grant	43	$5,700,000
2023 GACD Non-Communicable Disease Risk Factors associated with City Environments and Related Health Inequities	2	$2,785,469
2023 Ideas Grants	232	$268,386,591
2023 Independent Research Institutes Infrastructure Support Scheme	23	$21,487,811
2023 Investigator Grants	216	$379,248,223
2023 Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance	3	$2,257,144
2023 NHMRC - European Union Collaborative Research Grants	3	$1,499,139
2023 NHMRC - NEURON Mechanisms of Resilience and Vulnerability to Environmental Challenges in Mental Health	3	$2,457,051
2023 NHMRC-NIHR Collaborative Research Grants	2	$4,199,265
2023 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 1	12	$15,609,596
2023 Postgraduate Scholarships	60	$7,084,688
2023 Synergy Grants	10	$50,000,000
2023 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Improving Physical Health of People with a Mental Illness	3	$5,151,470
2024-2025	**756**	**$1,022,198,838**
2023 Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants	25	$77,608,626
2023 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 2	11	$15,761,906
2023 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Commercial Determinants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	5	$7,260,321

NHMRC Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2023 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Telehealth	6	$5,515,699
2023 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Improving Infection Prevention and Control in Residential Aged Care Homes	4	$3,726,092
2024 Centres of Research Excellence	20	$60,000,000
2024 Collaborations in Health Services Research	16	$15,122,937
2024 Development Grants	16	$16,125,035
2024 e-ASIA Joint Research Program	9	$5,869,371
2024 Equipment Grant	53	$5,885,762
2024 GACD Management of Multiple Long-Term Conditions	4	$4,841,387
2024 Ideas Grants	223	$274,354,675
2024 Independent Research Institutes Infrastructure Support Scheme	20	$23,916,388
2024 Investigator Grants	229	$411,208,499
2024 Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance	6	$3,711,407
2024 NHMRC - European Union Collaborative Research Grants	2	$1,499,912
2024 NHMRC-AMED Adopting Sustainable Partnerships for an Innovative Research Ecosystem	3	$8,133,765
2024 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 1	2	$1,868,684
2024 Partnership Projects - Peer Review Cycle 2	8	$8,894,061
2024 Postgraduate Scholarships	73	$10,146,875
2024 Synergy Grants	10	$50,000,000
2024 Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Climate-related health impacts and effective interventions to improve health outcomes	11	$10,747,438
Total	**2,938**	**$3,798,620,506**

Table 17: MRFF GOs included in this report

MRFF Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2021-2022	**238**	**$613,631,371**
2019 Rural, Regional and Remote Clinical Trial Enabling Infrastructure	2	$105,788,350
2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	1	$5,000,000
2020 Clinician Researchers: Applied Research in Health	14	$31,942,719
2020 Maternal Health and First 2000 Days, Exercise and Nutrition and Early Childhood	1	$1,451,735
2020 Rapid Applied Research Translation	9	$61,984,858
2020 Traumatic Brain Injury Mission	2	$945,885
2021 Cardiovascular Health	41	$33,634,319
2021 Chronic Musculoskeletal Conditions in Children and Adolescents	11	$21,654,445
2021 Chronic Neurological Conditions	8	$10,680,953
2021 COVID-19 Health Impacts and Vaccination Schedules	5	$14,994,035
2021 COVID-19 Treatment Access and Public Health Activities	14	$31,514,258
2021 COVID-19 Vaccine-Associated Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome	1	$2,917,087
2021 Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care	18	$25,061,158
2021 Genomics Health Futures Mission	20	$56,665,847
2021 Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mothers and Babies	5	$18,433,672
2021 Indigenous Health Research	11	$11,593,834
2021 Innovative Therapies for Mental Illness	7	$14,787,677
2021 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 21.1)	4	$9,100,845
2021 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 21.2)	3	$4,667,690
2021 Optimising the Clinical Use of Immunoglobulins	4	$9,412,569
2021 Primary Health Care Research	4	$7,564,112
2021 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need	29	$69,044,450

MRFF Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2021 Research Data Infrastructure	5	$12,296,758
2021 Stem Cell Therapies	7	$24,498,169
2021 Traumatic Brain Injury	2	$3,995,946
2022 Models of Care to Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Acute Care	10	$24,000,000
2022-2023	**303**	**$699,255,597**
2021 BioMedTech Incubator	1	$50,000,000
2021 Brain Cancer Research	3	$5,462,647
2021 Chronic Respiratory Conditions	10	$19,032,624
2021 Clinical Trials Activity	31	$71,600,000
2021 Consumer-Led Research	14	$9,779,180
2021 Early to Mid-Career Researchers	23	$42,800,000
2021 Frontier Health and Medical Research	3	$100,000,000
2021 Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles	11	$16,732,463
2021 mRNA Clinical Trial Enabling Infrastructure	5	$25,000,000
2021 Primary Health Care Digital Innovations	6	$10,000,000
2022 Assessment of High-Cost Gene Treatments and Digital Health Interventions	12	$9,769,542
2022 Australian Brain Cancer Research Infrastructure	1	$5,991,219
2022 Cardiovascular Health	14	$23,983,470
2022 Clinician Researchers: Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health	15	$20,300,000
2022 Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care	15	$23,425,464
2022 Effective Treatments and Therapies	16	$12,693,704
2022 Genomics Health Futures	25	$66,000,000
2022 Indigenous Health Research	26	$30,819,652
2022 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 22.1)	3	$5,184,841

MRFF Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2022 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 22.2)	3	$6,013,142
2022 Mental Health Research	10	$8,000,000
2022 Mitochondrial Donation Pilot Program	1	$15,000,000
2022 Multiple Sclerosis Research	4	$7,703,128
2022 National Critical Research Infrastructure	19	$73,000,000
2022 Pancreatic Cancer Research	4	$5,702,735
2022 Quality, Safety and Effectiveness of Medicine Use and Medicine Intervention by Pharmacists	10	$14,973,696
2022 Research Data Infrastructure	4	$9,988,089
2022 Stem Cell Therapies	13	$10,000,000
European Joint Programme on Rare Diseases 2022 MRFF Joint Transnational Call	1	$300,000
2023-2024	**270**	**$662,385,039**
2022 Clinical Trials Activity	26	$62,045,379
2022 Frontier Health and Medical Research (Batch 1)	2	$29,397,435
2022 Multiple Sclerosis Research	2	$3,998,305
2022 Rapid Applied Research Translation	7	$27,511,091
2023 BioMedTech Incubator- Dementia and Cognitive Decline	1	$50,000,000
2023 Cardiovascular Health	11	$22,488,228
2023 Chronic Respiratory Conditions	13	$23,714,338
2023 Clinician Researchers: Applied Research in Health	33	$45,480,069
2023 Consumer-Led Research	15	$9,971,754
2023 Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care	7	$16,681,614
2023 Early to Mid-Career Researchers	25	$42,336,565
2023 Genomics Health Futures	8	$27,087,125
2023 Global Health	3	$5,842,353

MRFF Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2023 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 23.1)	3	$6,517,013
2023 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 23.2)	2	$5,329,416
2023 Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles	10	$14,228,902
2023 Mental Health Research	8	$14,372,534
2023 Models of Care for Sexuality & Gender Diverse People & People with Innate Variations of Sex Characteristics	13	$21,986,156
2023 National Critical Research Infrastructure	27	$98,277,800
2023 Optimising Screening, Diagnosis and Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea	7	$12,000,000
2023 Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19	12	$14,479,047
2023 Primary Health Care Research	9	$19,598,906
2023 Research Data Infrastructure	4	$9,237,838
2023 Stem Cell Therapies	6	$34,476,430
2023 Targeted Translation Research Accelerator- Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Drugs and Devices	2	$28,500,000
2023 Targeted Translation Research Accelerator- Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Mechanisms	12	$11,504,322
2023 Traumatic Brain Injury	2	$5,322,419
2024-2025	**263**	**$685,606,126**
2022 Frontier Health and Medical Research (Batch 3)	1	$18,700,299
2022 Frontier Health and Medical Research (Batch Two)	3	$49,803,877
2022 Rapid Applied Research Translation	2	$8,709,601
2023 Childhood Mental Health Research	25	$29,645,412
2023 Clinical Trials Activity	24	$64,690,814
2023 Indigenous Health Research	10	$19,539,671
2023 Innovative Trials	12	$22,192,343
2023 Multidisciplinary Models of Primary Care	13	$37,162,144

MRFF Grant Opportunity	Number of grants	Amount of funding
2024 BioMedTech Incubator	3	$98,905,600
2024 Brain Cancer Discovery and Translation	2	$4,572,202
2024 Cardiovascular Health	6	$22,035,914
2024 Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care	11	$19,000,000
2024 Early to Mid-Career Researchers	24	$44,644,352
2024 Enhancing Medical Device Surveillance Through Registries	2	$13,999,912
2024 Genomics Health Futures	30	$50,000,000
2024 Improving Health Outcomes of People with Intellectual Disability	11	$19,576,896
2024 Indigenous Health Research	6	$13,400,000
2024 Infertility, Pregnancy Loss and Menopause	17	$24,999,987
2024 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 24.1)	2	$5,998,489
2024 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (Round 24.2)	2	$4,954,284
2024 Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles (Round 3)	9	$21,806,771
2024 Mental Health Research	7	$19,000,000
2024 Paediatric Brain Cancer Research	4	$19,098,599
2024 Research Data Infrastructure	4	$9,528,576
2024 Stem Cell Therapies	11	$10,000,000
2024 Survivorship Care and Collaborative Research Prioritisation	14	$20,640,383
2024 Traumatic Brain Injury	8	$13,000,000
Total	**1074**	**$2,660,878,133**

Broad Research Area

Table 18: Number of grants and amount of funding by BRA and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

BRA	Number of grants					Amount of funding			
	Fund	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Basic Science Research	NHMRC	287	291	275	289	$353,268,569	$360,129,784	$375,846,035	$416,363,641
	MRFF	24	28	29	30	$44,316,680	$67,269,942	$70,968,202	$72,310,027
Clinical Medicine and Science Research	NHMRC	230	208	202	223	$325,060,443	$282,467,631	$272,481,886	$313,204,555
	MRFF	117	134	104	115	$319,360,750	$351,935,313	$243,657,102	$270,455,333
Health Services Research	NHMRC	72	56	50	79	$84,614,251	$75,115,353	$83,120,392	$115,110,600
	MRFF	67	75	89	69	$196,423,092	$123,938,201	$175,248,363	$155,672,416
Public Health Research	NHMRC	118	100	94	92	$175,618,528	$148,422,228	$152,788,732	$147,717,892
	MRFF	30	57	43	46	$53,530,850	$68,629,297	$89,758,150	$88,262,749
Not Available or Not Applicable	NHMRC	66	67	66	73	$31,481,443	$28,818,583	$27,187,811	$29,802,150
	MRFF	0	9	5	3	$0	$87,482,844	$82,753,223	$98,905,600
Total	NHMRC	773	722	687	756	$970,043,234	$894,953,579	$911,424,855	$1,022,198,838
	MRFF	238	303	270	263	$613,631,372	$699,255,597	$662,385,040	$685,606,125

Location of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

Table 19: Number of grants and amount of funding by jurisdiction and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

Jurisdiction	Fund	Numbers of grants				Amount of funding			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
ACT	NHMRC	16	13	9	13	$28,564,299	$19,801,499	$9,621,278	$17,279,620
	MRFF	6	8	5	8	$13,177,255	$16,861,839	$12,810,116	$13,406,098
NSW	NHMRC	230	209	201	209	$279,701,381	$266,057,152	$267,957,151	$271,917,516
	MRFF	60	95	84	74	$149,394,950	$203,450,926	$178,199,249	$219,274,993
NT	NHMRC	7	6	13	13	$12,750,799	$6,736,191	$19,663,948	$16,526,913
	MRFF	7	4	4	7	$25,158,243	$7,278,760	$8,699,241	$21,905,627
QLD	NHMRC	111	103	96	104	$149,783,900	$115,509,709	$124,691,047	$135,996,361
	MRFF	33	45	44	36	$138,502,190	$72,037,045	$121,585,556	$67,471,406
SA	NHMRC	48	44	45	47	$54,932,397	$51,576,692	$53,215,600	$67,526,870
	MRFF	25	34	28	25	$45,256,547	$53,305,369	$41,875,122	$38,862,057
TAS	NHMRC	7	6	8	5	$7,284,919	$5,399,732	$14,886,512	$7,673,335
	MRFF	4	4	0	2	$5,150,112	$6,534,436	$0	$3,660,760
VIC	NHMRC	324	313	285	337	$398,495,570	$400,005,462	$383,247,956	$473,820,137
	MRFF	87	93	94	94	$206,553,181	$305,451,019	$278,697,691	$287,237,686
WA	NHMRC	30	28	30	28	$38,529,969	$29,867,142	$38,141,364	$31,458,085
	MRFF	16	20	11	17	$30,438,892	$34,336,202	$20,518,065	$33,787,498
Total	NHMRC	773	722	687	756	$970,043,234	$894,953,579	$911,424,855	$1,022,198,838
	MRFF	238	303	270	263	$613,631,370	$699,255,596	$662,385,040	$685,606,125

Remoteness of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

Table 20: Number of grants and amount of funding by AI/EO remoteness and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

Remoteness	Fund	Number of grants				Amount of funding			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Metropolitan areas	NHMRC	748	708	658	725	$937,491,484	$882,116,276	$866,824,691	$990,249,046
	MRFF	221	293	258	252	$568,600,202	$682,424,359	$634,136,023	$657,165,691
Regional centres	NHMRC	24	14	28	24	$32,066,615	$12,837,303	$43,630,427	$27,776,221
	MRFF	14	10	9	9	$26,003,517	$16,831,237	$21,159,844	$25,525,012
Large rural towns	NHMRC	1	0	1	7	$485,135	$0	$969,738	$4,173,571
	MRFF	1	0	3	1	$9,067,407	$0	$7,089,172	$1,923,043
Medium rural towns	NHMRC	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	MRFF	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Small rural towns	NHMRC	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	MRFF	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Remote communities	NHMRC	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	MRFF	2	0	0	1	$9,960,245	$0	$0	$992,379
Very remote communities	NHMRC	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	MRFF	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total	NHMRC	773	722	687	756	$970,043,234	$894,953,579	$911,424,855	$1,022,198,838
	MRFF	238	303	270	263	$613,631,371	$699,255,596	$662,385,039	$685,606,125

Sector of Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

Table 21: Number of grants and amount of funding by sector of AI/EO and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

Sector	Fund	Number of grants				Amount of funding			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
University	NHMRC	629	582	544	633	$797,300,964	$728,266,353	$731,017,919	$854,601,616
	MRFF	208	271	241	231	$421,282,600	$572,837,601	$524,440,632	$492,872,074
Research	NHMRC	137	134	134	118	$170,776,323	$165,478,891	$178,013,869	$167,260,309
	MRFF	19	24	25	26	$46,550,848	$52,564,630	$52,447,121	$73,276,519
Government	NHMRC	0	0	1	0	$0	$0	$796,352	$0
	MRFF	3	0	0	1	$108,774,404	$0	$0	$1,623,307
Health	NHMRC	3	5	7	4	$1,617,262	$1,117,971	$1,564,747	$322,124
	MRFF	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Other	NHMRC	4	1	1	1	$348,685	$90,363	$31,969	$14,789
	MRFF	8	8	4	5	$37,023,519	$73,853,366	$85,497,287	$117,834,226
Total	NHMRC	773	722	687	756	$970,043,234	$894,953,579	$911,424,855	$1,022,198,838
	MRFF	238	303	270	263	$613,631,371	$699,255,597	$662,385,040	$685,606,126

Administering Institutions/Eligible Organisations

Table 22: Summary of grants and amount of funding by AI, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

NHMRC's Administering Institution	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
University of Melbourne	409	$530,690,217	13.9%	14.0%	$1,297,531
University of New South Wales	307	$473,330,785	10.4%	12.5%	$1,541,794
Monash University	351	$471,400,168	11.9%	12.4%	$1,343,020
University of Sydney	325	$431,742,963	11.1%	11.4%	$1,328,440
The University of Queensland	255	$350,813,498	8.7%	9.2%	$1,375,739
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	117	$212,915,175	4.0%	5.6%	$1,819,788
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	93	$141,648,267	3.2%	3.7%	$1,523,100
University of Western Australia	74	$102,727,364	2.5%	2.7%	$1,388,208
The University of Adelaide	71	$102,172,621	2.4%	2.7%	$1,439,051
QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute	55	$74,140,585	1.9%	2.0%	$1,348,011
Australian National University	46	$72,172,979	1.6%	1.9%	$1,568,978
La Trobe University	51	$64,000,770	1.7%	1.7%	$1,254,917
The University of Newcastle	45	$60,695,468	1.5%	1.6%	$1,348,788
Flinders University	54	$58,236,263	1.8%	1.5%	$1,078,449
Burnet Institute	41	$57,255,552	1.4%	1.5%	$1,396,477
Menzies School of Health Research	35	$54,154,798	1.2%	1.4%	$1,547,280
Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute	39	$51,429,044	1.3%	1.4%	$1,318,693
Macquarie University	50	$44,904,736	1.7%	1.2%	$898,095
University of South Australia	38	$43,089,795	1.3%	1.1%	$1,133,942
Deakin University	31	$42,195,218	1.1%	1.1%	$1,361,136
Queensland University of Technology	36	$40,345,474	1.2%	1.1%	$1,120,708
University of Tasmania	26	$35,244,498	0.9%	0.9%	$1,355,558
Griffith University	31	$30,282,223	1.1%	0.8%	$976,846

NHMRC's Administering Institution	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
University of Technology Sydney	25	$26,843,198	0.9%	0.7%	$1,073,728
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	23	$26,002,586	0.8%	0.7%	$1,130,547
South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute	20	$22,951,359	0.7%	0.6%	$1,147,568
Curtin University	21	$22,305,178	0.7%	0.6%	$1,062,151
James Cook University	17	$20,632,865	0.6%	0.5%	$1,213,698
RMIT University	18	$19,317,118	0.6%	0.5%	$1,073,173
University of Wollongong	19	$12,903,223	0.6%	0.3%	$679,117
Swinburne University of Technology	10	$9,002,984	0.3%	0.2%	$900,298
Western Sydney University	12	$7,385,289	0.4%	0.2%	$615,441
Centre for Eye Research Australia	14	$7,302,301	0.5%	0.2%	$521,593
Edith Cowan University	10	$7,265,851	0.3%	0.2%	$726,585
The Heart Research Institute	4	$6,452,897	0.1%	0.2%	$1,613,224
Institute for Breathing and Sleep	8	$4,527,242	0.3%	0.1%	$565,905
Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health	8	$4,282,368	0.3%	0.1%	$535,296
Bionics Institute	10	$4,065,473	0.3%	0.1%	$406,547
The George Institute for Global Health	10	$4,051,183	0.3%	0.1%	$405,118
Victoria University	7	$3,728,446	0.2%	0.1%	$532,635
Central Queensland University	6	$3,616,155	0.2%	0.1%	$602,692
Bond University	6	$3,606,348	0.2%	0.1%	$601,058
The University of Notre Dame Australia	5	$3,106,232	0.2%	0.1%	$621,246
Murdoch University	6	$2,591,934	0.2%	0.1%	$431,989
National Ageing Research Institute	9	$2,521,682	0.3%	0.1%	$280,187
Charles Sturt University	4	$2,478,159	0.1%	0.1%	$619,540
University of Canberra	4	$2,297,367	0.1%	0.1%	$574,342
Australian Catholic University	3	$2,125,434	0.1%	0.1%	$708,478

NHMRC's Administering Institution	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
The University of New England	3	$1,808,971	0.1%	0.0%	$602,990
Garvan Institute of Medical Research	7	$1,797,971	0.2%	0.0%	$256,853
National Acoustic Laboratories	2	$1,604,428	0.1%	0.0%	$802,214
Children's Medical Research Institute	5	$1,555,381	0.2%	0.0%	$311,076
Charles Darwin University	4	$1,523,052	0.1%	0.0%	$380,763
VCS Foundation Limited	4	$1,515,604	0.1%	0.0%	$378,901
Family Planning NSW	3	$1,484,369	0.1%	0.0%	$494,790
Southern Cross University	2	$1,341,315	0.1%	0.0%	$670,657
University of the Sunshine Coast	3	$1,321,978	0.1%	0.0%	$440,659
University of Southern Queensland	2	$1,139,197	0.1%	0.0%	$569,599
Melanoma Institute Australia	4	$1,134,829	0.1%	0.0%	$283,707
Melbourne Health	8	$961,027	0.3%	0.0%	$120,128
The Sax Institute	5	$840,114	0.2%	0.0%	$168,023
Torrens University Australia	1	$801,519	0.0%	0.0%	$801,519
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	1	$796,352	0.0%	0.0%	$796,352
Centenary Institute	8	$619,165	0.3%	0.0%	$77,396
Cabrini Health	3	$489,586	0.1%	0.0%	$163,195
ANZAC Research Institute	4	$365,815	0.1%	0.0%	$91,454
Cancer Council Victoria	5	$318,297	0.2%	0.0%	$63,659
Cancer Council NSW	2	$167,509	0.1%	0.0%	$83,754
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation	3	$82,695	0.1%	0.0%	$27,565
Total	2938	$3,798,620,506	100.0%	100.0%	$1,292,927

Table 23: Summary of grants and amount of funding by EO, 2021-22 to 2024-25 pooled

MRFF's Eligible Organisation	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
Monash University	123	$347,228,952	11.5%	13.0%	$2,823,000
University of Sydney	130	$281,634,408	12.1%	10.6%	$2,166,419
University of Melbourne	129	$281,477,936	12.0%	10.6%	$2,182,000
University of New South Wales	96	$220,568,223	8.9%	8.3%	$2,297,586
The University of Queensland	94	$212,487,352	8.8%	8.0%	$2,260,504
MRCF Pty Ltd	3	$133,000,000	0.3%	5.0%	$44,333,333
The University of Newcastle	35	$75,972,289	3.3%	2.9%	$2,170,637
Department of Health, Queensland	1	$75,240,166	0.1%	2.8%	$75,240,166
Flinders University	43	$66,184,215	4.0%	2.5%	$1,539,168
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	26	$65,194,406	2.4%	2.5%	$2,507,477
University of Western Australia	31	$61,063,121	2.9%	2.3%	$1,969,778
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	16	$60,236,708	1.50%	2.30%	$3,764,794
The University of Adelaide	34	$53,865,117	3.2%	2.0%	$1,584,268
Deakin University	30	$45,028,246	2.8%	1.7%	$1,500,942
Menzies School of Health Research	17	$42,091,823	1.60%	1.60%	$2,475,990
Curtin University	22	$41,349,884	2.00%	1.60%	$1,879,540
Australian National University	20	$39,921,341	1.90%	1.50%	$1,996,067
ANDHealth Limited	1	$33,000,000	0.10%	1.20%	$33,000,000
Biointelect Pty Ltd	1	$32,905,600	0.10%	1.20%	$32,905,600
Macquarie University	18	$32,806,620	1.70%	1.20%	$1,822,590
Ministry of Health, NSW	1	$30,548,184	0.10%	1.10%	$30,548,184
University of South Australia	21	$29,346,892	2.00%	1.10%	$1,397,471
MTPConnect	2	$28,500,000	0.20%	1.10%	$14,250,000
Griffith University	15	$28,211,927	1.40%	1.10%	$1,880,795

MRFF's Eligible Organisation	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
Queensland University of Technology	18	$27,736,204	1.70%	1.00%	$1,540,900
Advancell Isotopes Pty Limited	2	$27,719,372	0.20%	1.00%	$13,859,686
South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	10	$21,876,174	0.90%	0.80%	$2,187,617
The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	11	$18,243,152	1.00%	0.70%	$1,658,468
La Trobe University	9	$16,477,285	0.80%	0.60%	$1,830,809
University of Tasmania	9	$14,329,487	0.80%	0.50%	$1,592,165
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	8	$12,702,738	0.70%	0.50%	$1,587,842
James Cook University	9	$12,191,944	0.80%	0.50%	$1,354,660
Bond University Limited	5	$10,033,284	0.50%	0.40%	$2,006,657
Charles Darwin University	2	$9,997,424	0.20%	0.40%	$4,998,712
Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health	1	$9,932,108	0.10%	0.40%	$9,932,108
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	1	$9,760,245	0.10%	0.40%	$9,760,245
Western Alliance Health Research Ltd	1	$9,067,407	0.10%	0.30%	$9,067,407
The University of New England	4	$9,012,215	0.40%	0.30%	$2,253,054
University of Technology Sydney	7	$8,375,602	0.70%	0.30%	$1,196,515
Magellan Stem Cells	1	$6,997,287	0.10%	0.30%	$6,997,287
The Garvan Institute of Medical Research	2	$6,785,232	0.20%	0.30%	$3,392,616
COVIU Global Pty Ltd	1	$6,499,695	0.10%	0.20%	$6,499,695
Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute	5	$6,414,661	0.50%	0.20%	$1,282,932
Murdoch University	4	$6,186,025	0.40%	0.20%	$1,546,506
Western Sydney University	6	$6,059,786	0.60%	0.20%	$1,009,964
Edith Cowan University	6	$5,943,081	0.60%	0.20%	$990,513
Cartherics Pty Ltd	1	$5,376,696	0.10%	0.20%	$5,376,696
Biocina Pty Ltd	1	$5,000,000	0.10%	0.20%	$5,000,000
Southern RNA Pty Ltd	1	$5,000,000	0.10%	0.20%	$5,000,000

MRFF's Eligible Organisation	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
RMIT University	1	$4,999,856	0.10%	0.20%	$4,999,856
Institute for Urban Indigenous Health Ltd	1	$4,999,156	0.10%	0.20%	$4,999,156
Central Queensland University	1	$4,988,655	0.10%	0.20%	$4,988,655
Charles Sturt University	1	$4,391,311	0.10%	0.20%	$4,391,311
University of Wollongong	2	$4,258,650	0.20%	0.20%	$2,129,325
The George Institute for Global Health	2	$4,185,946	0.20%	0.20%	$2,092,973
The Bionics Institute of Australia	2	$3,542,210	0.20%	0.10%	$1,771,105
University of Western Australia (Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Limited)	1	$3,236,071	0.10%	0.10%	$3,236,071
The University of Notre Dame Australia	2	$3,113,303	0.20%	0.10%	$1,556,651
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	1	$2,986,054	0.10%	0.10%	$2,986,054
University of Canberra	3	$2,656,562	0.30%	0.10%	$885,521
The Sax Institute	2	$2,467,857	0.20%	0.10%	$1,233,928
Hudson Institute of Medical Research	1	$2,410,704	0.10%	0.10%	$2,410,704
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	1	$1,623,307	0.10%	0.10%	$1,623,307
Avondale University Limited	1	$1,493,004	0.10%	0.10%	$1,493,004
Australasian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group	1	$1,285,405	0.10%	0.00%	$1,285,405
Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group	1	$1,271,472	0.10%	0.00%	$1,271,472
Institute for Breathing and Sleep	1	$1,268,155	0.10%	0.00%	$1,268,155
Centre for Eye Research Australia Limited	2	$1,185,962	0.20%	0.00%	$592,981
Esfam Biotech Pty Ltd	1	$1,000,000	0.10%	0.00%	$1,000,000
Southern Cross University	1	$999,534	0.10%	0.00%	$999,534
Swinburne University of Technology	1	$996,286	0.10%	0.00%	$996,286
Batchelor institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	1	$992,379	0.10%	0.00%	$992,379
The Westerman Jilya Institute for Mental Health	1	$974,250	0.10%	0.00%	$974,250
The Heart Research Institute Ltd	1	$945,546	0.10%	0.00%	$945,546

MRFF's Eligible Organisation	Number of grants	Amount of funding	Proportion of grants	Proportion of funding	Average grant size
Rural Medical Education Australia	1	$938,007	0.10%	0.00%	$938,007
Torrens University Australia Ltd	1	$584,430	0.10%	0.00%	$584,430
University of the Sunshine Coast	1	$584,291	0.10%	0.00%	$584,291
Cancer Council Victoria	1	$349,042	0.10%	0.00%	$349,042
Burnet Institute	1	$249,893	0.10%	0.00%	$249,893
Children's Ground Limited	1	$200,000	0.10%	0.00%	$200,000
Queensland Rural Medical Education Limited	1	$120,320	0.10%	0.00%	$120,320
Total	1,074	$2,660,878,133	100.00%	100.00%	$2,477,540

Gender of CIA

Table 24: Number of grants and amount of funding by CIA gender and financial year, 2021-22 to 2024-25

Gender	Fund	Number of grants				Amount of funding			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Man	NHMRC	372	323	309	323	$520,428,645	$454,335,349	$430,282,465	$491,443,901
	MRFF	111	136	108	78	$223,271,154	$284,523,620	$316,823,313	$203,475,720
Woman	NHMRC	328	326	308	352	$409,791,330	$408,226,522	$444,304,490	$488,088,028
	MRFF	97	161	156	111	$175,784,956	$258,205,351	$305,873,340	$263,429,103
Non-binary	NHMRC	2	1	2	1	$4,900,060	$749,920	$5,850,205	$726,837
	MRFF	0	0	0	1	$0	$0	$0	$4,512,788
Not stated	NHMRC	5	5	2	7	$3,441,755	$2,823,206	$3,799,884	$12,137,922
	MRFF	2	1	4	69	$3,623,706	$4,256,244	$10,290,951	$145,684,339
Not collected	NHMRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MRFF	28	5	2	4	$210,951,555	$152,270,382	$29,397,435	$68,504,176
Total	NHMRC	707	655	621	683	$938,561,791	$866,134,996	$884,237,044	$992,396,688
	MRFF	238	303	270	263	$613,631,371	$699,255,597	$662,385,039	$685,606,126