



Targeted Call for Research into Hearing Health: Evidence based support services

For funding commencing in 2022

NHMRC opened a Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Hearing Health: Evidence based support services on 13 October 2021. Applications closed on 8 December 2021.

The TCR into Hearing Health 2021 aims to develop an evidence base for hearing support services that can adapt to client needs and technological changes as well as develop strategies to improve healthy hearing habits, especially in vulnerable populations. The research will inform future hearing health service delivery, develop interventions for new technology adoption, and improve understanding of the psychosocial and emotional impact of hearing loss.

Applications received during the call were peer reviewed by an expert panel. Following peer review, nine applications were funded by NHMRC. Details of the awarded grants are provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Awarded grants - funding commencing in 2022

App ID	Chief Investigator A	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
2015556	Associate Professor Julia Sarant	Hearing loss, the silent enemy of good health: Effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and potential economic and social impact of interventions to promote treatment to facilitate improved hearing	University of Melbourne	\$541,448.90
2015700	Professor Piers Dawes	Improving access to the hearing services program for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds	The University of Queensland	\$902,757.60
2015711	Associate Professor Christina Bryant	Implementation and Evaluation of a Co-designed Program Targeting the Psychosocial and Emotional Impacts of Hearing Conditions in Adults	University of Melbourne	\$496,103.00



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2015735	Associate Professor Valerie Sung	Building on newborn hearing screening success: towards national standards and data management	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$1,436,994.31
2015748	Associate Professor Melanie Ferguson	Empowering adults with hearing loss by increasing informed choice, accessibility, and uptake of hearing healthcare	Curtin University	\$683,027.43
2015750	Associate Professor Christopher Brennan-Jones	Prevalence of hearing loss in Aboriginal children caused by otitis media from birth to 5 years of age and evidence of the effectiveness of health promotion programs: evidence to inform national policy	Curtin University	\$1,123,133.74
2015793	Dr Jacqueline Stephens	Pathways For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health: The PATHWAY Project	Flinders University	\$1,155,685.70
2015794	Dr Andrew Ford	Hearables and behavioural activation for mental distress and social isolation in hearing impaired older adults	University of Western Australia	\$571,966.00
2015803	Associate Professor Nerina Scarinci	Improving the psychosocial and emotional well-being of adults with hearing loss through co-designed evidence-based services: ACE2.0	The University of Queensland	\$527,012.40