



Targeted Call for Research into depression, anxiety and suicide among elderly Australians

for funding commencing in 2018

NHMRC opened a Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into depression, anxiety and suicide among elderly Australians on 19 April 2017 which closed on 31 May 2017.

This Targeted Call for Research (TCR) is co-funded with beyondblue. The call focuses on exploring ways to prevent depression, anxiety and suicide among elderly Australians and on improving the detection and effective management of these conditions, through new and existing interventions and models of care.

Applications received during the call were peer reviewed by an expert panel of researchers. Following peer review, seven applications were funded by NHMRC. Details of these awarded grants are provided below.

APP ID	Chief Investigator A	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
1150496	Prof Robert Sanson-Fisher	A randomised controlled trial of an online peer support intervention for reducing symptoms of depression among community-dwelling older adults living in rural Australia	University of Newcastle	\$496,233
1150529	Prof Osvaldo Almeida	BAN-Dep: A trial to decrease the prevalence of depression in Australian Nursing Homes	University of Western Australia	\$864,282
1150655	Prof Andrew Page	Evidence for suicide prevention in planning transitions from employment to retirement in older age populations	University of Western Sydney	\$233,914
1150902	A/Prof Sunil Bhar	ELders AT Ease Program (ELATE): A cluster randomised controlled trial of a sustainable and scalable mental health service for Australian residential aged care facilities	Swinburne University of Technology	\$985,751
1151065	Prof Colleen Doyle	The impact of befriending on depression, anxiety, social support and loneliness in older adults living in residential aged care facilities	National Ageing Research Institute	\$652,734
1151138	A/Prof Viviana Wuthrich	Translating Evidence-Based Psychological Interventions for Older Adults with Depression and Anxiety into Public and Private Mental Health Settings Using a Stepped Care Framework	Macquarie University	\$1,022,889
1151186	Prof Ronald Rapee	Improving Mental Health and Social Participation Outcomes in Older Adults with Depression and Anxiety	Macquarie University	\$780,652