



NHMRC-Network of European Funding for Neuroscience Research (NEURON) applications recommended for funding commencing in 2026

About the scheme

NEURON was established under the Network of European Funding for Neuroscience Research (ERA-NET) scheme of the European Commission. The ERA-NET NEURON aims to coordinate and optimise research efforts and funding programmes of its partner countries in the field of mental, neurological, and sensory disorders.

The intended outcomes of the 2025 NHMRC-NEURON grant opportunity are to support interdisciplinary approaches to pain research that are of significant benefit to Australia and build upon Australia's pain research by sharing knowledge and expertise with participating transnational researchers.

The 2025 NHMRC-NEURON grant opportunity will provide support for the involvement of Australian based researchers in transnational consortia; fund preclinical and clinical research up to proof-of-concept clinical studies addressing the neuroscience of pain; and enhance existing and develop new partnerships between Australia and transnational consortia.

The grants listed in the table below have been approved by the Minister for Health and Aging, the Hon. Mark Butler MP for funding to commence in 2026.

They are listed in application identification number (App ID) order:

App ID	Chief Investigator Name(s)	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget (\$)
2050486	CIA - Dr Yann Quidé CIB - Dr Nell Norman-Nott	Unraveling the neural code of predictive dysfunction in chronic pain and anxiety in humans and mice	University of New South Wales	819,305.00
2050487	CIA - Professor Luke Henderson CIB - Professor Kevin Keay CIC - Professor Richelle Mychasiuk CID - Dr Lewis Crawford CIE - Dr James Kang CIF - Dr Zeynab Alshelh CIG - Dr Mohammad Haskali CIH - Associate Professor Marco Loggia CII - Dr Noemi Meylakh	Translational Pain Discovery: BridGing MicE, Rat, aNd HUMAN Studies	University of Sydney	1,425,272.00
2050500	CIA - Professor Stuart Brierley CIB - Associate Professor Markus Muttenthaler	Collaborative Union of Research Expertise (CURE): Investigating the oxytocin receptor mechanism in chronic visceral pain (CVP) suppression	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	1,304,617.08
			Total	3,549,194.08