



NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence (CRE) approved for funding commencing in 2026

About the scheme

The Centres of Research Excellence (CRE) scheme supports research that aims to improve health outcomes and promote or improve translation of research outcomes into policy and/or practice.

CREs awarded in 2026 will provide support for teams of researchers to pursue collaborative research and develop capacity in basic science, clinical, health services and public health research.

The applications listed below were approved for funding by the Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP.

Table 1. CRE in Basic Science Research

App ID	Chief Investigator name(s)	Application title	Administering Institution	Budget \$
2054476	CIA Professor Peter Revill CIB Professor Jane Davies CIC Doctor Margaret Littlejohn CID Professor Damian Purcell CIE Doctor Marcel Doerflinger CIF Doctor Laura McCoullough CIG Doctor Mohamed Fareh CIH Doctor Paula Cevaal CII Doctor Genevieve Martin CIJ Ms Sarah Bukulatjpi	Centre of Research Excellence in CLOSing the gap on Hepatitis B Virus and HTLV-1 cure - CLoVer	University of Melbourne	3,000,000.00



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2054647	CIA Associate Professor Robyn Marsh CIB Associate Professor Michael Binks CIC Associate Professor Kathryn Ramsey CID Professor Simon Phipps CIE Professor Stephanie Yerkovich CIF Doctor John Attack CIG Professor Andre Schultz CIH Professor Tony Parker CII Professor Philip Hugenholtz CIJ Professor Anne Chang	The Centre for Research Excellence in Childhood Lung Disease: Early-life Infection and Mechanistic Pathways to Bronchiectasis (CRE-CLIMB)	Menzies School of Health Research	3,000,000.00
2054831	CIA Professor Stephen Alexander CIB Professor Jean Yang CIC Professor Shane Grey CID Doctor Nicole Mifsud CIE Professor Natasha Rogers CIF Associate Professor Alexandra Sharland CIG Professor Patrick Coates CIH Mr Chris Thomas CII Doctor Jennifer Li CIJ Associate Professor Ellis Patrick	Centre for Research Excellence: Transplantation of Organs for Life (CRE-TOL)	University of Sydney	3,000,000.00
2054940	CIA Associate Professor Angus Johnston CIB Associate Professor Tamas Fischer CIC Doctor Enyuan Cao CID Associate Professor Marian Burr CIE Professor Colin Pouton CIF Professor Thomas Preiss CIG Zhe Chen CIH Doctor Rachel Woodhouse CII Professor John McGhee	Centre of Research Excellence in Precision mRNA Therapeutics	Monash University	3,000,000.00



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2055037	CIA Associate Professor Daniel Buchanan CIB Associate Professor Susan Woods CIC Professor Mark Jenkins CID Doctor Lochlan Fennell CIE Associate Professor Erin Symonds CIF Associate Professor Lisa Mielke CIG Professor Mark Molloy CIH Doctor Danielle Ingle CII Doctor Natalie Diepenhorst CIJ Professor Ingrid Winship	Centre of Research Excellence ARTEMIS - investigating the Aetiology, Risk factors, Tumourigenesis, Exposures, Microbiome, and Immune Susceptibilities underlying Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer	University of Melbourne	3,000,000.00
2055057	CIA Professor Christopher Goodnow CIB Professor Matthew Field CIC Professor Satu Mustjoki CID Professor Jason Tye-Din CIE Doctor Katherine Jackson CIF Doctor Daniel Suan CIG Doctor Kylie James CIH Doctor Mandeep Singh CII Doctor Etienne Masle-Farquhar CIJ Doctor Yogeshraj Jeelall	Centre for somatic mutation drivers and therapy of autoimmune diseases	University of New South Wales	3,000,000.00
			Total	18,000,000.00

Table 2. CRE in Clinical Research

App ID	Chief Investigator name(s)	Application title	Administering Institution	Budget \$
2054448	CIA Professor Kelvin Kong CIB Professor Amanda Leach CIC Professor Hasantha Gunasekera CID Nathan Towney CIE Ms Amanda Wingett CIF Professor Catherine McMahon CIG Doctor Guy Cameron CIH Doctor Ruth Thornton CII Professor Penelope Abbott CIJ Mr Dennis Conlon	Centre of Research Excellence for Healthy Muku for Kids (CRE-HM4K)	University of Newcastle	3,000,000.00
2054600	CIA Professor Anne Chang CIB Professor Maree Toombs CIC Professor Shyamali Dharmage CID Professor Julie Marchant CIE Emeritus Professor Keith Grimwood CIF Professor Andre Schultz CIG Professor Stephanie Yerkovich CIH Professor Steven McPhail CII Mrs Lesley Versteegh CIJ Professor Hiran Selvadurai	Centre of Research Excellence in Optimising Lung Health in Children through Novel and Implementable Interventions, especially for First Nations Children	Menzies School of Health Research	3,000,000.00
2054827	CIA Professor Perminder Sachdev CIB Professor Jason Kovacic CIC Professor Fatemeh Vafaee CID Professor Christopher Levi CIE Associate Professor Wei Wen CIF Professor Aletta Schutte CIG Doctor Adam Bentvelzen CIH Doctor Pratishtha Chatterjee CII Doctor Karen Mather CIJ Doctor Matthew Lennon	Vascular Contributions to Dementia CRE (VCD-CRE) - transforming diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Vascular Cognitive Impairment and Dementia	University of New South Wales	3,000,000.00



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2054843	CIA Professor Gemma Figtree CIB Professor Peter Psaltis CIC Professor Stuart Grieve CID Professor Clara Chow CIE Professor Peter Meikle CIF Professor Ray Mahoney CIG Professor Jean Yang CIH Professor Zanfina Ademi CII Professor Joseph Powell CIJ Professor Laurent Billot	Centre for Research Excellence to Detect and Treat Silent Coronary Artery Disease	University of Sydney	3,000,000.00
2054908	CIA Professor Trisha Peel CIB Professor Paul Myles CIC Professor Wendy Brown CID Professor Brett Mitchell CIE Professor Steve Webb CIF Doctor Elizabeth Ryan CIG Associate Professor Darshini Ayton CIH Professor Tomas Corcoran CII Professor Tracey Bucknall CIJ Doctor Sophie Wallace	Perioperative Infection Prevention Centre of Research Excellence: Building Clinician and Consumer-Involvement Capacity in Surgical Infection Research Programs	Monash University	3,000,000.00
			Total	15,000,000.00

Table 3. CRE in Health Services Research

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2054453	CIA Professor Julie Redfern CIB Professor Thomas Briffa CIC Professor Robyn Gallagher CID Professor Andrew Maiorana CIE Professor Gemma Figtree CIF Doctor Dion Candelaria CIG Professor Rod Taylor CIH Professor Adrienne O'Neil CII Professor Nicholas Zwar CIJ Doctor Emma Thomas	Heart Disease Survivorship Research Centre	Bond University	3,000,000.00
2054467	CIA Professor Raymond Chan CIB Associate Professor Carolyn Ee CIC Professor Michael Jefford CID Professor Nicolas Hart CIE Associate Professor Ashley Hopkins CIF Professor Richard De Abreu Lourenco CIG Professor Catherine Paterson CIH Professor Gillian Harvey CII Professor David Currow CIJ Professor Larissa Nekhlyudov	Maximising the System's Potential to Optimise Living Well with Cancer	Flinders University	3,000,000.00
2054837	CIA Professor Raina MacIntyre CIB Doctor Charitha de Silva CIC Professor Christopher Poulos CID Professor Con Doolan CIE Doctor David O'Connor CIF Mr Robert Monaghan CIG Professor Flora Salim CIH Doctor Aye Moa CII Doctor Ashley Quigley CIJ Doctor Mohana Kunasekaran	Prevention of Epidemics in Aged Care with Carers, Consumers and Community (PEACCCC)	University of New South Wales	3,000,000.00



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2054868	CIA Professor Catherine Bell CIB Professor Tammy Hoffmann CIC Professor Denise O'Connor CID Professor Kirsten McCaffery CIE Professor Rachelle Buchbinder CIF Professor Chris Maher CIG Professor Nehmat Houssami CIH Associate Professor Adrian Traeger CII Doctor Brooke Nickel CIJ Assistant Professor Loai Albarqouni	A CRE to Strengthen Health System Sustainability & Resilience: Better care for patients, practitioners, the public, and the planet	University of Sydney	3,000,000.00
2055066	CIA Professor Linda Ford CIB Doctor Mara West CIC Professor Anne Poelina CID Doctor Noel Nannup CIE Professor Elaine Maypilama CIF Mr Francis Nona CIG Doctor Alana Gall CIH Doctor Cassandra Sedran-Price CII Doctor Tamara Riley CIJ Doctor Theoni Whyman	Country is a Healing and Resilience Pathway (CHiRP) - CRE in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health where Country speaks, We listen.	Charles Darwin University	3,000,000.00
2055084	CIA Professor Stephen Goodall CIB Professor Richard De Abreu Lourenco CIC Professor Kirsten Howard CID Professor Tracy Merlin CIE Professor Joshua Byrnes CIF Ms Jo Watson CIG Associate Professor Sarah Norris CIH Doctor Hansoo Kim CII Ms Camille Schubert CIJ Doctor Ray Parkin	ANTHEM: A National Research Network to Advance Australia's Health Technology Assessment Capabilities	University of Technology Sydney	3,000,000.00

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**CRE in Public Health Research**

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2054503	CIA Professor James Smith CIB Professor Murray Drummond CIC Professor John Oliffe CID Professor Derek Griffith CIE Associate Professor Zac Seidler CIF Doctor Jacob Prehn CIG Associate Professor Jacqui Macdonald CIH Associate Professor Amanda Neil CII Professor Ben Wadham CIJ Professor Svetlana Bogomolova	WellMen: Centre for the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Boys and Men	Flinders University	3,000,000.00
2054857	CIA Professor Fiona Russell CIB Professor Catherine Satzke CIC Associate Professor Paul Licciardi CID Associate Professor Natalie Carvalho CIE Professor Stephen Bentley CIF Professor Stefan Flasche CIG Professor Mark Jit CIH Associate Professor Claire von Mollendorf CII Doctor Cattram Nguyen CIJ Doctor Eleanor Neal	Policy, Equity and Impact- Innovative Solutions for Pneumococcal Vaccines	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	3,000,000.00



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2054886	CIA Associate Professor Jessica Howell CIB Associate Professor Nick Scott CIC Professor Alexander Thompson CID Doctor Jack Wallace CIE Associate Professor Thomas Tu CIF Professor Jacob George CIG Professor Jane Davies CIH Professor Gail Matthews CII Mr Troy Combo CIJ Professor Benjamin Cowie	End Hepatitis B Centre for Research Excellence: END-B CRE	Burnet Institute	3,000,000.00
2054930	CIA Associate Professor Courtney Ryder CIB Associate Professor Julieann Coombes CIC Professor Rebecca Ivers CID Professor Sandra Eades CIE Doctor Brett Shannon CIF Doctor Claudia Paul CIG Doctor Rhiannon Pilkington CIH Associate Professor Kathleen Falster CII Professor Bep Uink CIJ Doctor Andrew Goodman	Centre of Research Excellence (CRE) in First Nations Injury (STRONG): Strengthening Transformative Responses to Overcome National Gaps in injury for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	Flinders University	3,000,000.00
2055036	CIA Professor Sandra Eades CIB Associate Professor Melissa O'Donnell CIC Professor Marcia Langton CID Professor Lena Sanci CIE Doctor Robyn Williams CIF Doctor Alison Gibberd CIG Professor Catherine Chamberlain CIH Doctor Wendy Hermeston CII Doctor Belinda Newton CIJ Doctor Tabassum Rahman	Centre for research excellence in Aboriginal Child Removals	University of Melbourne	3,000,000.00



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