

NHMRC Peer Review – Guidance for Self-nominations

When selecting peer reviewers, NHMRC takes into consideration the [Guiding principles for peer reviewer nomination and appointments](#). In addition to these principles, researchers with different levels of expertise and experience are required by different NHMRC funding schemes.

Researchers should reflect on their level of expertise and experience and select the scheme that is most appropriate for their skillset. This will assist NHMRC in selecting the most appropriate peer reviewers for each scheme. Additionally, NHMRC recommends that researchers consult the [NHMRC funding calendar](#) to ensure their availability over the relevant peer review period.

Investigator Grant Peer Reviewers

Applicants to the Investigator Grant scheme are reviewed by peers that reflect the expertise and career stage/experience of the level applied for. As such, nominees are asked to consider their career stage and nominate to peer review for a level (Emerging Leader or Leader) commensurate with their experience and profile. The *Statement of Expectations* provided in the Investigator Grant Guidelines provide a broad benchmark for each Investigator Grant level and may be of use to potential nominees.

To assist researchers, guidance for considering which funding scheme is most appropriate for self-nomination is provided below

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- Are you establishing yourself as an independent, self-directed researcher in your field?
 - Do you have a high quality, recent record of achievement with an upward trajectory relative to opportunity?
 - Have you had some experience with peer review (e.g. scholarly or grant peer review)?

You may wish to self-nominate for:

- Postgraduate Scholarships

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- Have you established yourself as an independent, self-directed researcher in a research program or as part of a research team?
 - Do you have a high quality, recent record of achievement relative to opportunity?
 - Are you developing as an internationally competitive researcher in your field?
 - Have you had experience with peer review for NHMRC or equivalent funding agencies?

You may wish to self-nominate for:

- Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants
- Development Grants
- Investigator Grants (Emerging Leadership and/or Leadership category)
- Ideas Grants
- Partnership Project scheme
- Postgraduate Scholarships
- Synergy Grants
- Targeted Call for Research into End of Life Care

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- Are you an internationally respected researcher in your field?
 - Do you have an outstanding, recent record of achievement relative to opportunity?
 - Do you have a strong record of achievement in competitive peer reviewed research or industry supported research?
 - Do you have extensive experience with peer review for NHMRC or equivalent Australian or

international funding agencies?

You may wish to self-nominate for:

- Centres of Research Excellence
 - Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants
 - Development Grants
 - Ideas Grants
 - Investigator Grants (Leadership category)
 - Partnership Project scheme
 - Synergy Grants
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- Do you have a high quality recent record of achievement in health economics, preventative health research or translation of research into health policy and practice?
- Do you have a record of achievement in competitive peer reviewed research in the health system?
- Have you had experience with peer review for NHMRC or equivalent funding agencies?

You may wish to self-nominate for:

- Centres of Research Excellence
 - Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants
 - Development Grants
 - Ideas Grants
 - Investigator Grants (Emerging Leadership and/or Leadership category)
 - Partnership Project scheme
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- Are you a clinical researcher, biostatistician, or health economist?
- Are you a clinician with a professional interest and experience in clinical trials and/or cohort studies research?
- Are you a researcher with experience in clinical trials and/or cohort studies research?
- Do you have a strong record of achievement in clinical trials and/or cohort studies research?
- Do you want to contribute to assessment processes that guide investment in high quality clinical trials and/or cohort studies research?

You may wish to self-nominate for:

- Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants
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- Do you have at least five years of direct experience in product development within a biotechnology, pharmacology or technology based industry?
- Do you have experience determining if proposed research can be translated to a successful commercial outcome?

You may wish to self-nominate for:

- Development Grants
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- Is your research expertise in Indigenous health and medical research? and
- Do you have experience in carrying out or reviewing Indigenous health and medical research? and/or
- Do you identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (see information on

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies [website](#))?

You may wish to self-nominate for:

- Indigenous Research Excellence Criteria (IREC) assessment

Please note that as Indigenous health encompasses all areas of health and wellbeing, you may be called upon to review applications for multiple grant opportunities in all areas of health depending on your expertise. As such, please ensure that your *Peer Review unavailability* entry is up to date within your Sapphire profile.