



## Factsheet

# Medical Research Future Fund Frontier Health and Medical Research Program Stage One – Research Plan grant opportunity

*This Stage One grant opportunity funds the development of detailed research plans for significant and globally innovative health and medical research projects of great potential for transformative impact on health care.*

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$240 million over five years for the Frontier Health and Medical Research Program. The Stage One grant opportunity will provide up to \$10 million.

### How does it work?

The program will create opportunities for researcher collaborations to explore bold and innovative ideas and/or make discoveries of great potential and global impact.

The program will operate using a two-stage process. Stage One will fund development of detailed research plans over one year for cutting-edge research projects. The research plan will cover up to five years of activity to take your idea from concept to outcome. Stage Two will fund the implementation of selected research projects.

Successful applicants from the Stage One grant opportunity will be invited to apply for Stage Two. We will issue separate grant opportunity guidelines for Stage Two in 2019.

The Stage One grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs (grant percentage).

If you are successful you must enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth in order to receive the grant funding.

### Who can apply?

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be incorporated in Australia, and, in accordance with s24 of the [Medical Research Future Fund Act 2015](#)<sup>1</sup>, you must be one of the following eligible bodies:
  - a medical research institute
  - a university
  - a corporate Commonwealth entity
  - a corporation (including businesses and not for profits).

Joint applications are encouraged, provided you have a lead applicant who is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply (see section 7.2 of the Frontier Health and Medical Research Program Stage One – Research Plan [grant opportunity guidelines](#)).

### What activities are eligible?

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and can include:

- developing a detailed research plan
- generation of data supporting the feasibility of the proposed project.

We may also approve other activities.

### How do I apply?

You should read the Frontier Health and Medical Research Program Stage One –

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2015A00116>

Research Plan [grant opportunity guidelines](#) before applying.

To apply you must:

- identify a Chief Investigator
- complete the online application form on [business.gov.au](#)
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria
- include all necessary attachments:
  - evidence from your board (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that the project is supported, and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding
  - letters of support from each project partner
  - a project plan
  - a project budget
  - details of intellectual property (IP) arrangements as an attachment if this is not included within the written content of the application
  - a trust deed (where applicable).

### **How will my application be assessed?**

We will assess applications for completeness and against all the eligibility and merit criteria.

### **What will I need to do if successful?**

Successful applicants must enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

### **Where can I find more information?**

Visit [business.gov.au](#) or call 13 28 46.