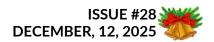
# NH RESEARCH DIGEST





**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** 

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**CLOSES ON 2 MARCH 2026** 

We have implemented several **new updates** to this grant program. The application process will now follow a **two-step** process, and we have also introduced **new grant categories**.

Please read the information on the website carefully and review the GUIDELINES prior to applying.



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#### NH RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS 💛



Congratulations to Belinda Baines, Podiatry Research and Quality Lead and renal podiatrist at Northern Health, for being selected for the 2026 MACH-Track future leaders' program.

MACH-Track provides clinicians with dedicated research training as they work towards their PhD alongside clinical practice to foster the next generation of clinician researchers. Through MACH-Track, Belinda hopes to evaluate digital health pathways for patients and build research skills to develop projects highlighting the need for better resources and access to care, especially for rural and high-risk populations.

👉 Click <u>here</u> for more information.

A reminder that RDGU has now closed to new non-HREC, SSA & QA submissions. Processing resumes 19 January 2026. Urgent trials may be reviewed by request.

#### **New for MRFF and NHMRC Grant Processes**

Historically, sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics or sexual orientation has not been considered in health and medical research. As a result, research does not represent the needs of all Australians.

From 2026, the Statement on Sex, Gender, Variations of Sex Characteristics and Sexual Orientation in Health and Medical Research will be embedded in MRFF and NHMRC grant processes.

Grant opportunities that open after 1 January 2026 will require applicants to:

- consider sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics or sexual orientation in every stage of their research project
- describe how they have done this in their applications for funding.
- Click here for further information

RDGU would like to extend a huge thank you to our research community at Northern Health. We are incredibly proud of the depth and breadth of research activity across NH, which would not be possible without your enthusiasm, dedication, and participation.

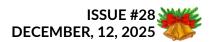
As research activity at Northern Health continues to grow, RDGU remains committed to supporting our researchers every step of the way.

We wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing festive season and look forward to a continued period of strong and thriving research in 2026.





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