



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) – National Critical Research Infrastructure Initiative

Applications close on Tuesday 14 July 2026, 5.00pm AEST

Funding will be provided through the following streams:

- innovation enablers
- digitisation of health care
- co-investment partnerships
- mRNA technology enablers

Applicants must specify the stream to which they are applying in their application. [Apply here](#)

NHMRC Synergy Grants

Applications close on Wednesday, 1 April 2026 at 17:00 (AEDT).

Synergy Grants support outstanding multidisciplinary teams of investigators to work together to address major problems in human health.

[Apply here](#)

Australian Research Council – Discovery Projects Scheme

Applications close: 22 April 2026

Discovery Projects for funding commencing in 2027 will be run in a two-stage application process, commencing with an Expression of Interest (EOI). Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

Funding between \$30,000 and \$500,000 is available per year for up to five consecutive years. [Apply here](#)



NH Publication Highlights

- Corocher T, Edwards K, Hersusianto Y, Campbell D, Monagle P, Ho P; INHERIT Trial Group. Diagnostic accuracy of self-collected anterior nasal swabs for SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR testing. *Microbiol Spectr*. 2025 Dec 31:e0171125. doi: 10.1128/spectrum.01711-25. Epub ahead of print. PMID: [41474164](#).
- Lawrence J, Boyd JH, Rosier V, Hutton J, Sher L, Semciw AI, Miller SM, Jessup RL, Talevski J. Implementation of a Paediatric Virtual Emergency Department: A Descriptive Analysis. *J Paediatr Child Health*. 2025 Dec 31. doi: 10.1111/jpc.70277. Epub ahead of print. PMID: [41474075](#).
- Al Fathil Y, Salman S, Suleiman M, Morrison F, Maguire O, Rotella JA. CT Brain Utilization After Low-Risk Head Injury in Adults: A Retrospective Cohort Study and Literature Review. *Cureus*. 2026 Jan 17;18(1):e101750. doi: 10.7759/cureus.101750. PMID: 41552745; PMCID: [PMC12812040](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR RESEARCHERS



Submitting Applications to RDGU?

Please ensure you are finalizing your applications in a timely manner.

As per our Research Governance SOP, to avoid ongoing tracking of partially completed applications for extended periods, applications all applications submitted to RDGU will be considered abandoned **two months** following last contact.

For more information- please review the [Research - Governance SOP](#).

Following archiving of your submission, a new application will be required.

Annual Reporting to HREC

Annual reporting to the reviewing Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) is a **mandatory condition** of all ethics approvals.

These reports allow the HREC to maintain appropriate oversight of approved research and ensure ongoing compliance with ethical and regulatory requirements.

Failure to submit an Annual Report will result in the project being considered **non-compliant**, as valid HREC approval cannot be maintained without current reporting. HRECs are increasingly taking a stricter approach to this requirement

In a recent case, a previously approved project was required to submit a **new HREC application** because annual reporting obligations had not been met.

MacHSR Future Leaders Fellowship Program

Applications close: 9am Tuesday 28th April 2026.

Health Services Research training Fellowships for established front-line clinical staff, commencing July 2026.

Applications are encouraged from fully qualified clinicians (Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health professionals) who are keen to use Health Services Research (HSR) to approach practical healthcare problems and take steps towards becoming a leader of innovative care.

[More information here](#)