NHMRC Project Grants
Project Grant Objective

• support the creation of new knowledge in any area relevant to human health.
NHMRC Assessment/Marking Criteria

50% Scientific Quality
25% Significance of the expected outcomes and/or Innovation of the concept
25% Track Record (CI Team)

Scores of a category 6 and above for Project Grants should be successful. In 2016 all category 7 and 6 were funded as well as 11.96% of category 5.

**NOTE:** Competition for Project Grants is increasing.
Success rate in 2015 was 13.7%
Success rate in 2016 was 15.2%
### NHMRC Assessment Criteria

#### Scientific Quality (50%)

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- is well-defined, highly coherent and strongly developed.  
- has a near flawless study design.  
- is highly feasible with all of the required expertise, research tools and techniques established.  
- would be highly competitive with the best, similar research proposals internationally. |
| 6 **Excellent** | The proposal has a research plan that:  
- is clearly defined, coherent and well developed.  
- has a strong study design.  
- is feasible with all required tools, techniques and expertise established.  
- is likely to be competitive with strong, similar research proposals internationally. |
## NHMRC Assessment Criteria

### Significance and/or Innovation (25%)

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| **6 Excellent** |                                    |
| The planned research:        |                                    |
| • will result in a **significant** advance in knowledge in this field which addresses an issue of **importance** to human health. |                                    |
| • is likely to result in **fundamental outcomes** in the science underpinning human health issues. |                                    |
| • will provide outcomes that represent excellent value for money. |                                    |
| • is likely to **translate** into fundamental or commercialisable outcomes that will transform the practice of clinical medicine, public health or in health policy. |                                    |
| • will **likely** be the subject of invited plenary presentations at national and international meetings. |                                    |
| • will likely result in **influential** publications. |                                    |
| • is **highly** innovative in concept. |                                    |
| • will use **advanced** approaches to enhance outcomes. |                                    |
## NHMRC Assessment Criteria

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| **7 Outstanding by International Standards** | **Relative to opportunity, the applicant team:**  
- has expertise that specifically targets the proposed research both in terms of its depth and/or breadth.  
- has over the last 5 years, a combined record of research achievement that is outstanding by international standards commensurate with their field of research.  
  - research achievement may include contributions to translational outcomes such as patents, commercial outputs, and public policy or implementation of change in practice  
  - research quality as exemplified in the top 5 publications of each CI  
  - research productivity as exemplified by total outputs for the team  
- has senior members with outstanding national and international reputations in the field of research relevant to the application.  
- may involve junior members who are very strong contributors to the overall team quality & capability or will have the capacity to do so due to the availability of very strong mentoring by other members of the team. |
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|                        |            | – Scientific Quality (50% of total score);  
|                        |            | – Significance and/or Innovation (25% of total score)                                   |
| References             | 2 pages    | References relating to the Research Proposal must:  
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- The expertise and productivity of team members relevant to the proposal  
- Their influence in this specific field of research  
- How the team will work together to achieve the project aims  
- How junior members contribute to overall team track record  
Details of this section must relate back to this proposal. |
| CI Track Record                              | 2 pages per CI | This section has two components:  
1. Top 5 publications in the last 5 years; (list and provide reasons for selection)  
2. Overall Track Record in the last 5 years (discuss career summary, research support, contributions to the field, patents, collaborations, community engagement and participation, professional involvement, international standing, supervision and mentoring, peer review involvement and any additional information, including relative to opportunity considerations). |
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Structure of Research Proposal

First Page
- Title
- Introduction
  - Identify the health/medical/scientific problem
  - Explain the gap in knowledge in the area
  - Explain how your project will address the knowledge gap
- Hypothesis
- Aims
Structure of Research Proposal

- Background
- Preliminary Data
- Research Plan
  - make sure it is feasible
  - your research team is equipped to achieve (track record)
- Timeline
- Outcomes and Significance
Budget

• The budget is made up of three sections
  - Salary
  - Direct Research Costs (DCR’s)
  - Equipment

• To be itemised per line item in budget template

• Budget to follow the aims and timelines of the project.
  Note that budgets which do not fully justify each year may find some of your
  Requested funding has been cut (salaries in particular)

• Equipment costs are capped at $80,000

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• Budget justification examples available on the Research Office website
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<td>55,161</td>
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<td>75,738</td>
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<td>PSP5  - Senior experienced postdoctoral researcher (i.e., a researcher who would normally be considered as a named investigator on the research application and is more than 10yrs post-doctoral and/or would be expected to have applied for or held an NHMRC CDF (formerly CDA) or equivalent)</td>
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Chief Investigators (CI), Associate Investigators (AI), Professional Research Person (PRP) and Technical Support Staff (TSS)

- Maximum of 10 CI’s
- Maximum of 10 AI’s
- Justifications of the role should focus on the role and not a person listed.
- Early career researchers are encouraged to be named CI’s
- PhD stipends can no longer be requested for students who are not named as a CI
- Once a grant is awarded MQ can claim a Clinical Research Quantum for any staff entitled to a clinical loading
Assessment Process

PSP1 provides written comments to applicants along with two independent reviewers.

Both PSP1 and PSP2 score. Not the independent reviewers.

Applications with a category score of five or above will receive a full discussion of their budget (see Project Grants Peer Review Guidelines for additional detail).

Once PRPs have assessed and ranked all non-NFFC applications, NHMRC will seek advice from its Research Committee and Council on the total number of applications to be awarded. NHMRC and its committees do not challenge the category or the ranking of individual grants.
## Success Rates

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- The majority of applications submitted are 3-5 years in length
- There are four broad research areas:
  - Basic Science
  - Clinical Medicine and Science
  - Health Services Research
  - Public Health
Characteristics of Strong Applications

• Be of a high scientific quality

• Well written and engaging

• Doesn’t have any contingent aims

• Address issues which are of national or regional significance

• Are led by researchers with strong established records of achievement

• Have a demonstrated successful pilot/preliminary data

• Be of sufficient scope to achieve significant outcomes

• Have a demonstrably high chance of success
## Timelines

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<td>Grant Opens</td>
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Minimum Data Requirement

A-PA: Administering Institution; Application Title; Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Research; Synopsis

A-RC: Research Classification (all sections)

B-GRPN: Grant Review Panel Nominations
Grant Review Panel Nominations

Panel Nomination

Nominate the peer review panel that may provide the best possible peer review for the research proposal. Refer to the Advice to Applicants on Choosing Their Peer Review Area on the NHMRC website at https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants-funding/apply-funding/project-grants for further guidance. NHMRC reserves the right to relocate an application to the 'best-fit' GRP grouping.

[ --Select-- ]

= Required

- Biochemistry + Cell Biology + Regenerative Medicine + Developmental Biology
- Cancer Biology + Oncology (incl Haematological Tumours)
- Cardiovascular Disease + Nephrology (incl Haematology)
- Clinical Trials + Cohort Studies
- Dentistry + Surgery + Med. Tech. + Primary Care + Nutrition + Nursing Midwifery
- Endocrinology + Diabetes + Gastroenterology + Musculoskeletal + Obesity
- Epidemiology + Population Health
- Genetics + Molecular Biology + Bioinformatics & Computational Biology
- Health Services + Health Promotion + Ageing + Allied Health
- Immunology + Inflammation + Rheumatology
- Indigenous Health
- Mental Health + Psychology + Psychiatry
- Microbiology + Virology
- Neuroscience (incl Vision Science & Audiology) + Dementia
- Pharmacology + Respiratory Medicine + Sleep Disorders
- Reproductive Medicine + Obstetrics & Gynaecology + Paediatrics
NHMRC Guides

1. Project Grant Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2018

2. Advice and Instructions to applicants for funding commencing in 2018

3. Research Proposal Template
Key Reference Websites

Project Grant Funding Rules

Project Grant Advice and Instructions to Applicants

Project Grant Home Page
https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants-funding/apply-funding/project-grants

MQ Resources
http://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-opportunities-at-macquarie/funding-fellowships-and-partnerships/nhmrc/nhmrc-project-grants
Helpful documents

• Guide for completing your NHMRC project grant application
  https://truth.mq.edu.au/share/id/mqu39iex

• CI Requirements
  https://truth.mq.edu.au/share/id/mqu39htq

• Career Disruption Example
  https://truth.mq.edu.au/share/id/mqu39htp

• Quick Guide to Justifying Budget
  https://truth.mq.edu.au/share/id/mqu39hts

• Guide to writing the Team Quality and Capability Statement
  https://truth.mq.edu.au/share/id/mqu39htr
NHMRC Project Grants – New Investigator
New Investigator

• less than 10 years from the date of the letter advising them that their doctoral thesis was passed, unless career disruptions exist;

• not named CI on a funded NHMRC Project Grant and/or an ARC Discovery Grant. However you can still have held a salary-only award (Scholarship or Fellowship);

• not have been a named CI (or equivalent) on a funded research grant from any other agency listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register or an equivalent national or international competitive funding programme totalling $AUD 250,000 or more. Note the $250 000 limit is not cumulative.
New Investigator

• NHMRC request confirmation of eligibility to apply through the RGMS. The date for this confirmation is usually 4-6 weeks prior to grant close date.

• A career disruption can add additional time to the 10 years since your doctoral thesis

• New Investigators can submit as one CI or two CI’s with a strong AI to round out the project.

• For the Team Quality and Capability you can only focus on the CI’s. AI’s are not mentioned in this one page.

• AI contributions will be made in the nine page research plan
New Investigator

New Investigator grants are scored and assessed with all Project Grant applications.

There are no special considerations or separate GRP for New Investigator grants.

**HOWEVER**, New Investigator grants are funded

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Development Grant Objectives

• Increase, facilitate and expedite the translation of health and medical research outcomes through to commercialisation, within a foreseeable timeframe.

• Support proof-of-concept research with a feasible commercialisation pathway and a high likelihood of resulting in protected Intellectual Property (IP).

• Provide a potential mechanism through which research outcomes can be progressed to a stage that makes them competitive to receive industry investment through other government schemes or from the private sector.

• Encourage collaboration between health research, the private sector and industry (domestic and international).

Note: Early stage research or knowledge creation research will not be funded through the Development Grants scheme.
NHMRC Assessment/Marking Criteria

40% Scientific Merit of Proposal  (quality of research)
20% Record of Commercial Achievements  (relative to opportunity)
40% Commercial Potential
## NHMRC Assessment Criteria

### Scientific Merit of the Proposal (scientific assessor)

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  - is well-defined, highly coherent and strongly developed  
  - will successfully achieve proof-of-concept  
  - is a near flawless design  
  - is without question highly feasible and thus almost certain to be successfully completed  
  - is consistent with the objectives of the Development Grants scheme.  

**The scientific research team:**  
- has, overall, an outstanding record of research achievements in the field of the proposed research  
- brings together all of the expertise needed for success. |
### NHMRC Assessment Criteria

#### Record of Commercial Achievement (commercialisation assessor)

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- has proven successful national and international involvement in commercialisation of research including for example, granted patents, industry consultation, licensing of IP, has had direct involvement in industry placements and/or involvement with establishing spin off companies  
- has a record of commercial achievements which is outstanding by international standards  
- is highly likely to achieve a very significant commercial outcome. |
### NHMRC Assessment Criteria

**Commercial Potential** *(commercialisation assessor)*

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• is linked to a human health issue where the size and/or impact for the potential market is extremely large  
• provides a clear description of a highly feasible commercial/development pathway should the product, process or technology prove successful  
• will be conducted in an environment with excellent institutional commercial advice and development support structures such as a commercialisation office or equivalent, which will increase the likelihood of arriving at a commercial outcome within a foreseeable timeframe  
• clearly outlines how the proposed research meets the scheme objectives.  

**The product, process or technology:**  
• is unique or provides an internationally competitive edge  
• is linked to a very strong IP position.  

**Funding the project:**  
• would significantly increase the probability of successful commercialisation, usually by adding substantial value to the concept and/or supporting a critical proof of concept and/or creation of a commercialisable prototype that will enrich the Australian life sciences industry sector and bring economic benefit to Australia. |
Exclusion Criteria

• Focus on the early stage or knowledge creation stages of research

• Contain significant clinical trial component/s

• Are, in view of the NHMRC, the same or similar to any application submitted to any NHMRC scheme in that funding year

• Are beyond proof-of-concept stage, and therefore more appropriate to receive support from other government agencies or commercial organisation
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## Record of Commercial Achievement

1 page per investigator

**Record of Commercial Achievement (20%) – relative to opportunity.** Provide evidence of CI achievements of:
- Inventorship of approved patents
- Industry consulting
- Involvement in sponsored research programs
- Licensing of their IP
- Direct involvement in industry placements

### Indigenous Research Excellence Criteria (if applicable)

2 pages

Demonstrate at least 20% of the research effort and/or capacity building relates to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health, and address all six elements of The Indigenous Criteria:
- Community Engagement
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<td>NHMRC collates and ranks applications based on scores</td>
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<td>GRP members review ranked list</td>
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## Success Rates

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Characteristics of a Strong Application

- Strong proof-of-concept
- Have a commercial outcome in the grant timeframe
- Comprehensive evidence of strategies to commercialise product and bring to market
- Commenced partnerships with industry/commercial partners
- Strong CI team all/most with records of commercial achievement
- Well written and easy to follow
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<td>Grant Closes</td>
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Minimum Data Requirement

A-PA: Administering Institution; Application Title; Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Research; Plain English Summary

A-RC: Research Classification (all sections)
1. Development Grant Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2018

2. Advice and Instructions to applicants for funding commencing in 2018

3. Research Proposal Template
Key Reference Websites

Development Grant Funding Rules

Development Grant Advice and Instructions to Applicants

Development Grant Home Page
Research Office Pre-Award Team

The main objectives of the Pre-Award Team are to:
• Help researchers to identify appropriate funding opportunities and collaborative partners
• Assist in the development of high-quality, competitive research proposals
• Manage submission processes on behalf of Macquarie University

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Carly Evans
MQ Grant Library

• A Library of successful grants are located in the Research Office

• Contact Courtney Bendall to access

• Valuable resource for gaining insight into fundable grants.

• Grants are to be viewed in the Research Office and cannot be photocopied or Removed.
Thank you