Introduction to the NHMRC Ideas Grants Funding Scheme

28 November 2019
Major Funding Schemes

NHMRC
- Investigator
- Ideas
- Synergy
- Strategic & Leveraging

ARC
- CRE
  - Partnership Projects
  - Partnership Centres
  - CTCS
  - Development Grants
- Targeted Calls for Research
- Int. Collab. Grants
About Ideas Grants

• The objective of the Ideas Grant scheme is to support innovative research projects addressing specific question(s).

The expected outcomes are:
• Innovative and creative research
• Funding of researchers at all career stages, and
• Funding any area of health and medical research from discovery to implementation

It is expected that the CIA will have the scientific leadership and skills to achieve the proposed project aims.
NHMRC Documents

Grant Opportunity Documents - GO2381

Ideas Grants 2019

GO ID: GO2381

The files below make up the document set for this grant opportunity.

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Eligibility

• At the time of acceptance and for the duration of the grant, the CIA must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia.

• Limits apply to the number of NHMRC applications/grants. See NHMRC Eligibility Tool.
NHMRC Ideas
Grant Application

Process
Structure
The Application Process

• Discuss your Ideas Grant research idea and team with MQ staff (E.g. supervisor, HoD, Faculty Research Office)

• Confirm with each of the potential CI’s that they are eligible to be named as a CI on the grant

• Begin working on full application

• Submit full application, via PURE, by the MQ internal deadline (8 April 2020)

• Submit application via RGMS to the NHMRC (6 May 2020)
RGMS

- Synopsis
- Plain English Summary
- Participating Institutions
- Research Classification
- Burden of Disease
- Research Team
- Ethics
- Career Disruption (if applicable)
- Associate Investigators
- Proposed Budget
- Research Proposal (100%)
# Grant Proposal

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NHMRC Ideas
Grant Assessment

Process
Assessment Criteria
Peer Review for Ideas Grants

- Streamline process to reduce peer review burden
  - panel only, no external assessment or rebuttals, discussion by exception
  - shorter process allows separation of open/close dates from Investigator Grants

- Improve confidence in the review process
  - four assessors per application
Assessment Criteria

• Research Quality (35%)
  • 7 page research proposal

• Innovation and Creativity (25%)
  • 1 page innovation and creativity statement

• Significance (20%)
  • Significance statement

• Feasibility (20%)
  • Feasibility statement
## Assessment Criteria Scoring

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<td>- would be extremely competitive with the best, similar research proposals internationally</td>
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Research Support

Advice Toolkit
Workshops
Faculty Contacts
Research Services Staff
Online Successful Grants Library
Advice Toolkit

Version 1 available from:

https://truth.mq.edu.au/share/id/mqu4hepf

Version 2 will be available once the Ideas Grant Guidelines for funding in 2021 are released by the NHMRC
Workshops

Two additional workshops (Room 801, Level 8, 12 Wally’s Walk)

1. Ideas Grant Application
   Thurs 12 March 2020, 12:30 – 13:30

1. Building Your Budget: CTCS and Ideas Grants
   Thurs 26 March 2020, 12:30 – 13:30
Faculty Initiatives

- **Faculty of Human Sciences**
  - Off campus writing retreats
  - Strategic review by FRO and Courtney Bendall
  - Potential external strategic organisation advice

- **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences**
  - EOI disciplinary review
  - Mentoring – FRO working with individual applicants
  - Strategic review by FRO and Courtney Bendall

- **Faculty of Science and Engineering**
  - Strategic review by FRO and Courtney Bendall
# Faculty Contacts

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Research Services Support

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  Ph: x4745
  E: courtney.Bendall@mq.edu.au

• MQ Ideas Grants website

• Successful Grants Library
  https://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-funding-and-grant-opportunities/training-and-support/successful-grants-library
Thank you

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