

Introduction to the NHMRC Ideas Grants Funding Scheme

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Major Funding Schemes



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.

To open the files, click on the file name. Some web browsers require you to click the right mouse button. You will then see a list of options; choose either 'Save Target As' or 'Save Link As...'

Ideas Grants 2019 Guidelines v3

 [Ideas Grants 2019 Guidelines v3.pdf](#) 405 KB

Funding Partners for Ideas Grants 2019

 [Funding Partners for Ideas Grants 2019.pdf](#) 12 KB

Ideas Grants proposal template 2019

 [Ideas Grants proposal template 2019.docx](#) 18 KB

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2021 Ideas Grant Dates

Activity	Deadline
Grant Guidelines Released	No later than 11 March 2020
Applications Open	11 March 2020
MQ Submission Date <i>Submit complete application for strategic review</i>	8 April 2020
MQ will submit applications to NHMRC	6 May 2020
Outcomes	November 2020
Commence Ideas Grant	1 January 2021

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

Component	Page Limit
Research Proposal	7 Pages
References	2 Pages
Innovation and Creativity	1 Page
Significance Statement	1 Page
Feasibility Statement	1 Pages
Indigenous Research Excellence Criteria (if applicable)	2 Pages
Cancer Australia PdCCRS (if applicable)	1 Page

NHMRC Ideas Grant Assessment

Process
Assessment Criteria

Peer Review for Ideas Grants

Submit application

Discipline Panels:
Four Spokespersons score each application
(all criteria)

NFFC and Rescue

Panel Meeting: All members score applications
(all criteria)

Ranked List based on overall score

- 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

Score	Performance Indicator
7	Exceptional
6	Outstanding
5	Excellent
4	Very Good
3	Good
2	Satisfactory
1	Weak or Limited

Assessment Criteria Scoring

CATEGORY	Research Quality (35%)	Innovation & Creativity (25%)	Significance (20%)	Feasibility (20%)
7 Exceptional	<p>The project aims and proposed research plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are supported by an extremely well justified hypothesis/rationale are focused, well-defined, extremely coherent and have a flawless study design and approach would be extremely competitive with the best, similar research proposals internationally have extremely well identified and managed scientific and technical risks. 	<p>Relative to the research field, the planned research demonstrates extremely innovative project aims, which will result in an extremely substantial shift in the current paradigm, and/or lead to an extremely substantial breakthrough or impact in the research area.</p>	<p>The planned research, relative to the research field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will address an issue of critical importance to advance the research or health area (not prevalence or magnitude of the issue) will result in extremely significant outcomes in the science, knowledge, practice or policy underpinning human health issues will lead to extremely significant research outputs (intellectual property, publications, products, services, conferences, teaching aids, consulting, contract research, spin-offs, licensing etc.). 	<p>The applicant team (Chief Investigators and Associate Investigators):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has a lead Chief Investigator with exceptional scientific leadership and skills to achieve the project aims has access to exceptional technical resources, infrastructure, equipment and facilities and if required, has access to additional support personnel necessary for the project has an extremely appropriate balance of integrated expertise, experience and training that specifically targets all aspects of the proposed research, in terms of both depth and breadth.



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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

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GUIDE FOR COMPLETING YOUR NHMRC IDEAS GRANT APPLICATION

This guide provides strategic advice and guidance on completing your NHMRC Ideas grant through Macquarie University and should be used in conjunction with NHMRC Ideas grant templates and guidelines. This strategic information is additional to and complements information provided on the GrantsConnect NHMRC Ideas Grants [website](#)



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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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- **MQ Ideas Grants website**
<https://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-funding-and-grant-opportunities/fellowship-and-grant-opportunities/nhmrc/nhmrc-ideas-grants>
- **Successful Grants Library**
<https://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-funding-and-grant-opportunities/training-and-support/successful-grants-library>

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