

NHMRC SUPPORT FOR HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

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WORKING TO BUILD A HEALTHY AUSTRALIA

NHMRC Act amended 2006

- (a) To raise the standard of individual and public health throughout Australia**
- (b) To foster the development of consistent health standards between the various States and Territories**
- (c) To foster medical research and training and public health research and training throughout Australia; and**
- (d) To foster consideration of ethical issues relating to health**

NHMRC's Strategic Plan - Parliament

Must contain “the CEO’s assessment of the major national health issues that are likely to arise during the period (of the Strategic Plan)”.

Relevant Funding Schemes

- **Industry Career Development Awards (CDAs)**
- **Development Grants Scheme**
- **NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health**

Industry Career Development Awards (CDAs)

- 1. Up to \$22 million support for Career Development Awards.**
- 2. In 2009 two Industry Awards will receive a total of \$370,000 each over 4 years.**

Aims and focus areas

Industry CDAs are intended to support researchers with a track record of research excellence and commercial interest

to spend between 1 and 2 years of their 4 year CDA award research time in an industry placement (in Australia or overseas)

followed by the residual proportion at a research institution in Australia.



Eligibility Criteria

- **CDA Level 1 applicants will have 2 years to less than 7 years Post-doctoral experience.**
- **CDA Level 2 applicants will have more than 7 years and less than 12 years Post-doctoral experience.**
- **Industry CDAs support research and development work undertaken in human health related fields including diagnostics, medical devices, pharmaceutical product development, biotechnology, bioinformatics, biomaterials, biostatistics, disease management systems, organic synthesis, fermentation technologies, manufacturing technologies, clinical trials, toxicology etc.**

Important dates for 2009

- **Career Development Awards call for applications opens on 13 January 2009**
- **Applications will close on 31 March 2009**
- **Announcement of successful applicants in late 2009**

How to apply?

- **Download the CDA Policy, Advice and Instructions to Applicants and LiveCycle Application Form.**
- **Submit application through your Administering Institute.**

Tips for a successful application

- **Applicants need to provide clear evidence of engagement with their industry partner.**
- **Applicants must demonstrate that they will have access to the facilities needed for the proposed research and will be in a research environment that will support their development in accordance with the aims of this award.**
- **They must have a mentor who can guide their research and the development of their careers.**

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Development Grants Scheme

The NHMRC is committed to the commercial development of health and medical research which has the potential to increase health, economic and social benefits for the Australian community.

\$7.5 million in grants was available in 2008



Aims and focus areas

The aims of the Development Grants Scheme:

- increase, facilitate and expedite the translation of health and medical research outcomes through to commercialisation;
- stimulate technological innovation in the university, hospital and research institute sectors; and
- increase private sector partnerships with the research sector.

What the funding provides:

The Scheme funds:

- research commercialisation activities at the early proof-of-principle stage.
- development work undertaken in a health related field including diagnostics, medical devices, pharmaceutical product development, biotechnology, bioinformatics and biomaterials.



Eligibility criteria

The Scheme is open to:

- **an individual researcher**
- **a group of researchers**
- **health and medical research company in partnership with an eligible researcher/s.**

The proposal must be certified and submitted through an approved NHMRC Administering Institution.



Important dates for 2009

- **The Development Grants Scheme is currently being revised and the next call for applications is expected to be advertised in April 2009.**
- **Applicants will have 2 months to prepare a submission.**

Tips for a successful application

The Scheme is highly competitive.

Typical ingredients of successful applications:

- **propose research that is of high significance**
- **will likely produce definitive answers and demonstrate proof of principle**
- **are feasible by demonstrating the applicants have the skills, experience, scientific track record, commitment and resources to carry out the experimental plan and meet its milestone objectives**



NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health

Designed to improve the availability and integration of research evidence into health policy and practice – a key objective of the NHMRC Strategic Plan (07-09)

Funds partnerships between researchers, policy makers, managers and health service providers

Funds new and existing partnerships working in federal, state, territory or local government - in the health portfolio or in other areas affecting health, such as treasury, urban planning etc.

Aims to influence the health and wellbeing of Australians



NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health

- Comprised of two schemes:
 - *Partnership Projects* opened in July 2008 and closes 19 December 2008
 - Approx. \$37m for this scheme
 - *Partnership Centres for Research Excellence* (likely to open in 2009)
 - Approx. \$70m for this scheme

Further information

www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/cda/index.htm

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/development/index.htm>

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/partnerships/index.htm>