NHMRC PROJECT GRANTS 2019
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<td>Debbie Docherty, Director Research Grants and Contracts</td>
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<td>Craig Shuard Grants Officer, Team Medicine</td>
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<td>2.15 pm</td>
<td>Michelle Bonello, Research Development Manager, Research Strategy Office (RSO)</td>
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<td>Professor Sue Wilson, Stats Central</td>
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<td>Statistical considerations and support available</td>
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<td>Professor Kerry-Anne Rye</td>
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<td>Deputy Head (Research), School of Medical Sciences</td>
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SUPPORT FOR YOUR APPLICATION

Compliance advice

Knowledge of rules and regulations of funding agencies
Eligibility requirements; Budget advice

Strategic advice

Right scheme, right time, right team!
Strategic advice on preparing high quality applications

Peers, School, Faculty provide

Discipline-specific expertise and input
Effective technical writing for high impact communication,
appropriate to the context
## Important Dates

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<td>New Investigator request</td>
<td>Closed (24 Jan 2018)</td>
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<td>Minimum data due in RGMS</td>
<td>5pm 14\textsuperscript{th} February 2018</td>
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<td>UNSW internal deadline</td>
<td>18\textsuperscript{th} February 2018</td>
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<td>NHMRC deadline</td>
<td>14\textsuperscript{th} March 2018</td>
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<td>Assessor reports</td>
<td>1) Released 8\textsuperscript{th} June closing 18\textsuperscript{th} June 2) Released 29\textsuperscript{th} June closing 9\textsuperscript{th} July</td>
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Minimum Data Requirements

This is a mandatory requirement – if this requirement is not met by 5:00pm 14 February 2018 you will not be able to submit an application this round.

Minimum data consists of the following:

- General: Administering Institution, Application Title, Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Research (yes/no), and Synopsis

- A-RC: Research Classification: all sections

- B-GRPN: Grant Review Panel Nomination: all sections including Clinical Trial and Cohort Study.

- Using placeholder text such as "text", "synopsis" or "xx" etc. are not acceptable as minimum data.
HOW DOES THE GMO COMPLIANCE REVIEW WORK?

1. Researcher
   - Request latest snapshot in RGMS and email your compliance advisor to advise them you are ready

2. Compliance Advisor
   - Reviews application for compliance and eligibility issues
   - Contacts you with feedback within 48 hours

3. Researcher
   - Make recommended changes
   - Finalise application and return to Compliance Advisor

4. GMO
   - Certifies and submits to the NHMRC

A Compliance Advisor will be allocated to you after the minimum data deadline or before if you are ready. The Compliance Advisor will work with you one-on-one to ensure your application is fully compliant with the funding rules and eligible for submission.
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Major Change to Project Grants Funding Rules commencing 2019

New application limit (section 5.1.1)

- The maximum number of applications any CI (CIA-CIJ) may submit in the 2018 Project Grant round is **two**.
- The maximum number of Project Grants a CI (CIA-CIJ) can hold and apply for overall remains at **six**
Supplementary Sponsors – Cancer Australia and Cancer Council NSW

- Organisations offering funding through the NHMRC Project Grants funding scheme include Cancer Council and Cancer Australia.

- Submission is through RGMS and additional application forms submitted directly to the sponsors.

- These sponsors have additional submission obligations and their own rules. Review guidelines early as the assessment criteria is stringent.

- Your supplementary applications require compliance review in addition to your main NHMRC application, so this needs to be factored into your timeline.

- Both sponsors have a strong focus on consumer involvement. You must be able to demonstrate consumer involvement in the project or the application will be deemed ineligible.
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Common pitfalls

- Failure to tick the funding source box for the correct supplementary sponsor (eg Cancer Australia)
- Reiterating the costs in the budget justification instead of having well developed justifications based on ‘need and why’, not justifying every single item requested.
- The appropriateness of PSP levels used - detailed justification is required for the level and FTE %, particularly for higher level PSPs.
- GRPs review the direct research costs very closely– provide as much detail as possible and remember that assessors know how much things cost.
- Governance issues not addressed – multicentre sites/ethics issues
- Application includes multiple TBA AIs. Only named persons can be listed against a Chief Investigator or Associate Investigator role
- Poor presentation of the application including line spacing, paragraphs, poor use of available space – remember to include **white space**
PG19 Alerts and Communications

We will issue PG19 Alerts throughout the round via the Grants-News mailing list. These detail important scheme updates, strategic advice, new resources and FAQs.

Subscribe to Grants-News:

Email grantsnews@unsw.edu.au with 'subscribe grantsnews' in the email body.

Subscribe using your UNSW or UNSW-affiliated email address.

Information can also be found at the PG19 Resource Page: https://research.unsw.edu.au/nhmrc-project-grants-2018-resource-page-funding-2019
PG19 Resource Page

One-stop-shop for information, tools & resources:
1. PG19 Alerts
2. Writing an Effective Personnel Support Justification
3. Investigator Endorsement – CIs and AIs
4. Budgeting Resources- Budget Table Example, specific advice for requesting/justifying travel
5. Application Templates
6. RGMS Support
7. NHMRC Documentation
NHMRC re-structure of Funding Program

As part of the new grant program the NHMRC has developed an eligibility tool for 2019 Funding round. The tool is designed to assist researchers in determining their eligibility for funding in for the first round of new grant program.

However, the tool can also be used for researchers when considering their options for 2018 applications


Further information on the new structure can be found at
https://research.unsw.edu.au/nhmrc-re-structure-funding-program-commencing-2019
Any questions or advice required please email mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au