

GMO Guide: How Do I Find Grant Funding?

Part 1: Where do I start?

Visit the Current Funding Opportunities page

The Grants Management Office (GMO) updates the [Current Funding Opportunities Page](#) as soon as information on schemes opening becomes available.

Subscribe to Grants News - the UNSW fortnightly bulletin on research funding opportunities

Grant News Bulletins contain information on a range of funding opportunities, including:

- New funding schemes for all disciplines
- Internal schemes and travel grants
- Research prizes and awards

You will also receive Alerts detailing important information and changes to funding rules for Australian Research Council and National Health and Medical Research Council major schemes.

To subscribe, email grantsnews@unsw.edu.au with 'subscribe grant-news' in the body of the message.

Review Recent Editions of the Grants News Bulletin

Recent editions of Grant News are available at the [Grant News Page](#). See the “Related Documents” column on the right-hand side of the page.

Stay informed with the Researcher Training & Development Bulletin

Take advantage of the range of research workshops, training and development opportunities held at UNSW specifically for researchers. This bulletin also details relevant opportunities such as invitations to apply for conference support or attend networking events. [Subscribe to the Training and Development Bulletin](#).

Use the SPIN Database

SPIN is a search engine database which allows researchers to access details about potential funding sources, both local and overseas. You can tailor the SPIN Database search to your specific needs in order to obtain relevant results.

Access the SPIN Research Grant Database via InfoEd

1. Log into [InfoEd](#) using your zID and zPass.
2. On the top bar, click the 'Find Funding' icon. This will take you directly to SPIN, you do not need to log in again.

Keep apprised of ARC and NHMRC developments

The Australian Research Council (ARC) and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) are a significant source of funding for Australian researchers. The GMO tracks **key dates for ARC and NHMRC major rounds** via funding timetables on the Gateway. You can also visit the ARC (<http://www.arc.gov.au/>) and NHMRC (<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/>) websites for information on major schemes.

Converse with members of your School, Faculty or Centre

Asking for advice or discussing your situation and needs with colleagues in your area of expertise can uncover new leads for funding opportunities.

Talk to colleagues at conferences or workshops

Networking is a valuable source of information and insight- investigate the experiences of other researchers and invite their suggestions where possible. As well as taking advantage of external

professional development opportunities, a wide range of internal workshops are at your fingertips- see suggestions below.

Attend UNSW workshops and information sessions

The Researcher Development Unit hosts a comprehensive (and popular) series of programs and activities for both experienced and early career UNSW Researchers over the course of each year. These include:

Building your Research Profile

- Planning to publish for impact
- Tracking research impact
- Using social media to promote your research
- Writing for publication in academic journals
- Starting a conversation about your research with impact
- Planning and building your research profile

Research Projects

- Application principles & strategic considerations
- Getting started with an external research partner
- Principles in preparing a budget application
- Managing your grant- utilising the GMO and finance tools
- Structuring a plan for your research project

Find full details and yearly workshop schedule at the [Researcher Development Unit Page](#).

Subscribe to newsletters from both national and international sponsors

A number of Sponsors produce their own alerts. Below are some subscriptions to get you started:

– **NHMRC Research Tracker:**

Register at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/subscription-service> to receive NHMRC progress updates, notifications and grant calls.

– **Heart Foundation Research Programs E-newsletter:**

Register at <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/information-for-professionals/Pages/heart-health-network.aspx>.

– **Ian Potter Foundation Newsletter:**

Register at <http://www.ianpotter.org.au/contact>.

– **Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (USA):**

Email help@cdmrp.org and request to be added to the database for notifications of CDMRP Program Announcement Releases.

– **National Institute of Health (USA):**

Send an e-mail to listserv@list.nih.gov with the below text in the message body (NOT the "Subject" line). Your e-mail address will be automatically obtained from the e-mail message and you will be subscribed:

subscribe NIHTOC-L your name

(Example: subscribe NIHTOC-L Bill Jones)

– **Cell Bank Australia Newsletter (operated by Children's Medical Research Institute):**

Register at <http://www.vision6.com.au/em/forms/subscribe.php?db=385891&s=105081&a=26303&k=427f514>.

– **Inspiring Australia**

Visit <http://inspiringaustralia.net.au/> and enter your details in the 'newsletter sign-up' box at the right of the page.

– **Cooperative Research Centres**

Visit <http://crca.asn.au/> and click the “subscribe to receive CRCA news button on the right of the page. This will take you to a mail-list subscription page where you can enter your details.

– **Spinal Cord injury Network**

Visit <http://www.spinalnetwork.org.au/> and click the envelope icon on the far right of the toolbar at the top of the page. This will take you to the “contact us” page. At the bottom of the page, there is a “subscribe to receive Our Network monthly eNewsletter” banner, next to which you can enter your email address to subscribe.

– **Patient-Centred Outcomes Research Institute**

Visit <http://www.pcori.org/> and click the “subscribe” tab at the very top of the page. This will take you to the “Subscribe to email Alerts” page, where you can enter your details to receive newsletters.

– **MS Research Australia Monthly E-Newsletter**

Visit <http://www.msra.org.au/> and enter your email address in the “sign up to eNewsletter” box.

– **Research Career E-Bulletin**

Visit <http://www.researchcareer.com.au/> and click “subscribe to e-Bulletin”. You can either subscribe to a weekly digest, or create a customised feed for jobs, news, conferences and events in your area if interest.

Consider joining a research project team in a supporting role

Whilst the goal of finding research funding is often related to performing in a leadership capacity, many researchers have found that involvement in a research project team is a way to learn about navigating the research funding environment, and helps to build contacts for future funding opportunities.

Broaden your horizons to include international funding

There are a number of international funding opportunities available to Australian researchers including US Government Funding programs (National Institutes of Health, US Department of Defence, Research Office of the US Army, etc.) and the EU Seventh Framework Programme for Research. Get started by visiting the [International Funding Page](#) on the Research Gateway.

Undertake some Contract/Consulting Research

Working with a partner (industry, government, and not-for-profit) to complete contract or consulting research can be just as rewarding as securing grant funding, and can often lead to further research opportunities. It can also help establish a track record in managing and leading a research project or lay the ground work to help support a grant funding proposal. If you have a partner in mind, contact the [Research Strategy and Partnerships Office](#) for assistance.

Part 2: I think I've found a funding opportunity- what comes next?

Talk to the Research Strategy and Partnerships Office (RSPO)

RSPO staff can advise you on applying for funding from competitive sources. They work with the philosophy of “right scheme, right project”, and will counsel you regarding the suitability of your application for your proposed scheme, fellowship or prize. The RSPO will also provide a “lay review” of your application.

Visit the GMO Successful Grants Library

The Grants Management Office houses a digital library of successful applications. Consult the GMO Successful Grants Library for ideas on structuring your proposal and for a better understanding of the level at which your proposal should be pitched.

The Grants Library contains applications from all schemes where UNSW has had successful applications and the Primary Investigator has granted permission for inclusion.

<p>ARC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Centres of Excellence ■ Discovery Indigenous ■ Discovery Early Career Researcher Award ■ Discovery Projects ■ Future Fellowships ■ Industrial Transformation Training Centres ■ Linkage, Infrastructure, Equipment & Facilities ■ Linkage Projects 	<p>NHMRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Career Development Fellowships ■ Centres of Research Excellence ■ Dementia Collaborative Research Centres ■ Development Grants ■ Early Career Fellowships ■ Equipment Grants ■ NHMRC-EU Collaborative Research Grants ■ Partnership Projects ■ Postgraduate Scholarships ■ Practitioner Fellowships ■ Program Grants ■ Project Grants ■ Research Fellowships
<p>And grants from a wide range of other Sponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alzheimer's Australia ■ ANZ Charitable Trust Australia/Mason Foundation ■ Australian Academy of Science ■ Australian Renewable Energy (ARENA) ■ Australian Rotary Health Research Fund ■ Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) ■ Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute ■ BUPA Health Foundation ■ Cancer Australia ■ Cancer Council NSW ■ Cancer Institute NSW ■ Centre of Excellence for International Finance and Regulation ■ Department of Industry ■ Department of the Environment ■ Diabetes Australia ■ Ian Potter Foundation ■ National Heart Foundation ■ NSW Health ■ Science & Industry Endowment Fund 	

Access to the GMO Library is restricted to UNSW employees and students. The applications may only be viewed at the Grants Management Office. Grants will be viewed digitally, but no part of the application is permitted to be printed, digitally copied nor photographed. You may take notes.

To make an appointment to visit the library, email your request to mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au, including the following information:

- Name, position and school/Faculty (e.g. your UNSW email signature)
- The scheme(s) you would like to view (e.g. "ARC Discovery and Linkage Projects")
- Scheduling requirements, if any (e.g. "I am available Tuesday Wednesdays or Friday mornings")

Talk to the Grants Management Office (GMO)

If you decide to go ahead with a grant funding proposal, tell the GMO as soon as possible. The GMO can assist with compliance and eligibility review of your proposal, review of your proposed budget; provide official University sign-off and submission to the funding body. Please note that many funding schemes have an internal deadline which is 2 weeks before the Sponsor deadline. Please talk to the GMO before the internal deadline to ensure you get the benefit of all of our services.