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Investigator Grants

About the Scheme

The Investigator Grant scheme is to support the health and medical research program of outstanding investigators at all career stages. It will consolidate separate salary and research support into a single grant scheme by offering a salary component (if required) and a research support package (RSP).

To support its objective, the Investigator Grant scheme comprises two categories – Emerging Leadership (EL) and Leadership (L).

Emerging Leadership

The EL Category is restricted to researchers who are ≤10 years post-PhD or equivalent and comprises two salary levels, EL1 and EL2, with corresponding RSPs.

Leadership

The L Category comprises three salary levels (L1, L2 and L3) with an RSP of \$400,000 p.a.

An Investigator Grants 2023 (for funding commencing 2024) grant opportunity is awarded for a five-year term and may be awarded as either a full-time or a part-time grant.

Please note that all NHMRC documentation relating to this scheme can be found via [Grant Connect \(GO6014\)](#). If you don't already have one, you will need to create log in details for Grant Connect.

Further information on the Investigator Grant scheme can be found on the [NHMRC website](#).

Critical Dates

Wednesday, 13 September 2023 - Applications open in NHMRC Granting system
11am Friday, 22 September 2023 - UoM RIC Scheme Information Session (via Zoom)
5pm Wednesday, 11 October 2023 - Minimum data due in NHMRC Granting system
10am Monday, 16 October 2023 - Internal date for review by RIC
10am Monday, 30 October 2023 - Supporting evidence documents due to RIC
10am Monday, 6 November 2023 - Final submission due to RIC

NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence

The purpose of the NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence (CRE) scheme is to support research that aims to improve health outcomes and promote/or improve translation of research outcomes into policy and/or practice. The CRE scheme will also support researchers in capacity building activities, including in specific areas of need identified by the NHMRC.

The intended outcomes of the CRE scheme are to:

1. Support the conduct and development of innovative, high quality, collaborative research
2. Promote effective translation of research into health policy and/or practice
3. Foster and build capacity in the health and medical research workforce
4. Provide opportunities to expand and improve collaborations between research teams.

CREs will provide support for teams of researchers to pursue collaborative research and develop capacity in clinical research, health services research and public health research. Grants are valued at \$2.5M each over 5 years.

Critical Dates

April-August 2023 - NOI Completion
Tuesday, 1 August 2023 - 4 page CRE summary submission due to RIC
18 October 2023* - Round opens in Sapphire
10-13 November 2023 - Deadline for peer and RIC review
15 November 2023* - Minimum Data Due in Sapphire
23 November 2023* - Final Submission due to RIC
Wednesday, 28 August 2024 - Anticipated date for outcomes

*Dates are estimates and are subject to change

Call for nominations: MMS Award for Outstanding Graduate Research Supervision by Honorary Staff

The Melbourne Medical School (MMS) recognises the important role of honorary staff in the supervision and development of graduate research (GR) candidates. Within MMS, honorary staff are primary supervisors to almost half of our PhD cohort and so their contribution to the School's graduate research is vital.

The **MMS Award for Outstanding Graduate Research Supervision by Honorary Staff** complements the existing MDHS staff excellence award scheme to acknowledge and reward excellence in supervision of MMS graduate researchers by honorary staff in the School.

As Head of Department, we are seeking your support in **nominating up to five candidates** in your department who:

1. Have been principal supervisor of at least one GR candidate enrolled in an MMS department who has submitted their thesis
2. Have completed mandatory supervisor training and registration as per University guidelines
3. Demonstrate commitment to the Faculty's Advancing Health 2030 strategic priorities

A list of GR supervisors in your department who satisfy criteria 1 and 2 is attached for your reference. We ask that nominations be provided to mms-research@unimelb.edu.au by **Tuesday 5 September**.

Nominees will be invited to complete a short application form detailing their response to the award criteria. There are two award categories: Emerging Leaders (Level A-C) and Leaders (Level D and E), with winners in each receiving a \$5,000 award. The Awards will be announced at the MMS Research Symposium on Wednesday 15 November 2023.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the MMS Research team.

Reminder - Parkville Precinct - RMH Honours and Masters Expo 2023

You are invited to take part as an exhibitor in the upcoming **Parkville Precinct - RMH Honours and Masters Expo 2023**

- Thursday, 31 August 2023
- 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- **Ground Floor Foyer – Kenneth Myer Building**

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, 23 August**: <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/q4ts>

You will be provided with more information closer to the day, however, all exhibitors will have access to a shared poster board and table (if needed) and light refreshments will be served.

If you have any prospective students that wish to attend, please direct them to register via the student link: <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/hx4s>

Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance – Get Your Pitch On!

Genivate 23 is here to help our members to streamline and scale up genomic testing. It's all about testing innovative ideas, with funding to create workable prototypes.

Get your idea in by Wednesday 13 September!

Missed our Idea Generation Workshops? No problem – you can still send us your idea (and reply to this email if you'd like a one-on-one chat first).

What happens next?

- Ideas are reviewed by the Melbourne Genomics Innovation and Prioritisation Committee
- Ideas accepted to the next stage can get up to \$10k to develop into a full pitch. We have a number of vendors and experts who can help
- Project pitches are due on 24 October. Winning pitches get up to \$80k to develop a prototype or MVP

Here's everything you need to know.

