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2021 Research Collaboration Grants

Purpose and aims

This program is aimed at supporting high impact research collaborations (national and international) to deliver tangible research outcomes (e.g. high impact publications and national and international funding). Grants can support an exchange visit to work intensively with a research collaborator (national) or provide direct research costs to support a collaborative project achieve specific outcomes. NOTE: International travel will not be supported in 2021.

The intention of this program is to support an emerging or existing collaboration.

Funding from this program will provide resources to a Flinders CMPH researcher to underpin activities that support a specific international or national collaboration to achieve a defined outcome. This may include direct research costs, travel costs that support a researcher exchange visit or other justifiable costs that will support the proposed outcomes.

Funding

Applicants can seek up to a maximum of \$15,000.

Where an application includes an exchange visit (either to or from Flinders University) travel related costs in the proposed budget should not exceed \$2,000 for a national exchange. Travel related costs must be up to the Reasonable Travel Allowance Rate published by the Australian Taxation Office (standard rates).

Note: While the collaboration must be driven at the research leader level, the exchange should involve the key people needed to deliver the outcomes. This could be a postdoctoral researcher, HDR student, or the group leader, as appropriate.

Eligibility

Applicants must be an academic staff member (or hold full academic status in CMPH*) and research group leader in the College of Medicine and Public Health. Applications from researchers working in rural and remote areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers are encouraged.

*Academic staff members in other Colleges at Flinders with status in CMPH are not eligible to apply. (Note: research group leader would be the person initiating and managing the collaboration at the highest level)

Criteria for the award of funding

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate how the funding will support an emerging or established research collaboration



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- Describe the expected benefits of the collaboration and articulate the explicit immediate research outcomes envisaged
- Provide a clear plan (and timelines) for how the funding will generate a specific outcome of significance to their area of research (e.g. a high impact publication, grant application, data analysis)
- Address the scientific quality, significance and feasibility of the proposed outcome(s) to be achieved by the collaboration
- Provide a summary of their own track record as well as a copy of the proposed collaborator'(s) CV
- Provide justification for the proposed budget
- Provide a summary of the perceived benefit to the College of Medicine and Public Health.

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of research leaders and peers from CMPH. Applications will be assessed in alignment with CMPH's values of equity, excellence and social vision. The Committee reserves the right not to fund in a given round.

Conditions of funding

- The maximum amount of funding available is \$15,000.
- Limit of 1 application per year per staff member
- Funds awarded in the 2021 round MUST be expended by 31 December 2021
- Funds must be used as outlined in the proposed budget
- The collaboration must involve a research/industry team external to Flinders University
- The Research Collaboration Program is not intended to support academic study leave or sabbatical programs, or fund staff salary costs.
- Receipt of a Research Collaboration Program grant does not preclude staff from applying for other research support programs for a different purpose in the same year.
- Recipients will be provided with a reporting template to share the outcomes of their collaboration as part of College communications

Submission of applications

Applicants must complete the Research Collaboration Application Form and ensure the following supporting documentation is provided:

- Applicant CV
- Summary of applicant track record (relative to opportunity and career disruptions) including current and previous appointments (last five years; extend pro rata for career disruption), best publications (last five years; extend pro rata for career disruption) and qualifications
- Copy of proposed collaborator's CV
- Letter of support from research partner(s) outlining a commitment to the collaboration activities and outcomes as proposed in the application.

The completed application form and supporting documentation should be submitted by email to fhmri@flinders.edu.au by the program closing date. Enquiries can be directed to fhmri@flinders.edu.au

Due date for applications: 5pm Monday 15 March 2021