RSO - NHMRC Development Grants Scheme Summary

**Purpose:** to support health and medical research within Australia at the proof-of-principle or pre-seed stage that specifically drives towards a commercial outcome *within a five-year timeframe.*

Applicants are encouraged to source industry/commercial partners for the proposed research and evidence of domestic and/or international private sector engagement will be viewed favorably in assessing the commercial potential of an application.

**For:** individual researchers and/or research teams

**Assessment Criteria:**
- Scientific merit of the proposal (quality of the scientific research) (40%)
- Record of commercial achievements (relative to opportunity) (20%)
- Commercial potential (40%)

Applicants should also consider the Category Descriptors.

Applications are assessed relative to opportunity; taking into consideration any career disruptions.

Indigenous Health applications must also address the Indigenous Research Excellence Criteria.

**Eligibility:**

*CIA:*
- must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, a permanent resident of Australia or have an appropriate work visa (at the time of acceptance and for the grant duration)
- be Australian based for at least 80% of the funding period
- be employed by or be appointed to an academic position by the Administering Institution (AI). Where CIA is employed by more than one AI, then the grant must be administered by the AI with the more substantial employment contract.

All Chief Investigator (CIs):
- must have fulfilled obligations from previous NHMRC grants

**Scheme requirements:**
Research supported by this scheme must have:
- experimental data that supports a demonstrated proof of principle or pre-send concept; and
- a detailed feasible commercialisation strategy that takes into account the regulatory pathway, protectable IP, commercial barriers and potential routes to market.

**Exclusion criteria:**
The following types of applications will not be funded. Applications that:
- have a focus on the early stage or knowledge creation stages of research (e.g. research that is fundable through the NHMRC Project Grants scheme);
- contain significant clinical trial component(s);
- are the same or similar to any application submitted to other NHMRC funding schemes in the same funding year (excluding any re-submissions to Development Grants); and
- are beyond the proof of concept stage, and therefore likely to receive support in the form of a research and development grant from other government agencies, or the private sector to successfully achieve a commercial outcome.

**Grant Duration:** up to three years

**Funding limit:** no limit specified

**Funding for:** Salaries (but not for AIs or overseas based CIs), Other Direct Research Costs, Equipment ($80K limit)

**Success rates:**

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