RSO - NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health – Partnership Projects Scheme Summary

Purpose: to support connections, within the Australian context, that will improve the translation of research evidence into health policy and health practice, with the aim of improving health services and processes. Applications which address services and programs for Indigenous health or which investigate the systemic features of health service delivery on health outcomes are encouraged.

For: research agencies and one or more policy/practice agencies

Assessment Criteria:
- Track Records of CIs Relative to Opportunity (25%)
- Scientific Quality of the Proposal and Methodology (25%)
- Relevance and Likelihood to Influence Health and Research Policy and Practice (25%)
- Strength of Partnership (25%)

Applicants should also consider the Category Descriptors for the above Assessment Criteria. Applications are assessed relative to opportunity, taking into account 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

Partner Organisations:
- NHMRC invites applications involving partner organisations whose decisions and actions affect Australians’ health, health policy and health care delivery in ways that improve the health of Australians.
- Organisations that are capable of implementing policy and service delivery are highly valued as partners. They include organisations such as:
  - those working in federal, state, territory or local government - in the health portfolio or in other areas affecting health, such as economic policy, urban planning, education or transport;
  - those working in the private sector, such as employers, private health insurance providers or private hospitals;
  - non-government organisations and charities;
  - community organisations such as consumer groups;
  - health care providers; and
  - professional groups.
- Partnerships with an overseas agency are acceptable provided the objectives of the scheme are met.
- NHMRC Approved Administering Institutions cannot be named as a partner unless they are primarily involved in delivering health policy and/or health services and a waiver has been obtained from NHMRC. AIs can, however, be listed as participating institution but their contributions will not be considered ‘partner funding’ and therefore will not be matched by NHMRC.

Composition of research team:
- up to 10 CIs and up to 10 Associate Investigators (AIs)
Note investigators from the policy and/or practice partner organisation can be included as members of the research team. Partner applicants will be assessed on the basis of their relevant experience to support the partnership and facilitate the translation of the research findings.

Grant Duration: up to five years

Funding limit: up to $1.5 million provided matching funding (in cash and/or in-kind) is provided by the partner organisations. Note NHMRC will not match salary contributions for CIs or AIs.

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

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