MRFF – NHMRC Lifting Clinical Trials and Registries Capacity Grant Opportunity – Open for applications

Applications for the Lifting Clinical Trials and Registries Capacity (LCTRC) Grant Opportunity are now open. The Australian Government has announced a total of $13 million for the LCTRC grant opportunity with funding provided from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF). Grants of up to five years duration will be considered, with funding to commence from January 2018.

The targeted call will stimulate clinical trial and registry activity with priority to be given to under-researched health priorities, such as rare cancers and rare diseases. Novel and innovative trial designs and recruitment strategies and the application of precision medicine will also be encouraged under this grant opportunity.

Applicants may be named as a Chief Investigator (CIA-CIJ) on only one application in the LCTRC.

The NHMRC will administer applications for this funding opportunity on behalf of the Department of Health, and applications are to be prepared using RGMS. Further scheme-related information and the grant guidelines are available from Grant Connect, which will also be the source of any updates on this grant opportunity - as log in is required you may prefer to contact UQR&I for a copy of the documentation. Additional information can also be found on the NHMRC website.

For UQ researchers involved in LCTRC applications administered by another university, a summary outline of the developing bid and the nature of UQ’s involvement is to be provided to UQR&I so that the University is fully briefed on non-lead bids in which we will potentially be involved and can undertake appropriate eligibility checks for investigators. UQ certification and Funding Coversheet processes for non-lead bids will need to be accompanied by a copy of the LCTRC proposal.

Important dates:

- **Minimum Data due in RGMS**: 5pm AEST Wednesday 20 September 2017
- **UQR&I internal close for full application**: Wednesday 20 September 2017
- **NHMRC external deadline**: 4pm (5pm AEDT) Wednesday 4 October 2017

Review Process
Once completed applications are submitted internally, UQR&I undertakes a review of all proposals and provides applicant teams with feedback before finalising applications for submission to the NHMRC by its external deadline on (4pm Qld) Wednesday 4 October 2017. Queries on the schemes may be directed to nhmrc@research.uq.edu.au.

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