



Factsheet

Genomics Health Futures Mission – Projects Grant Opportunity

This grant opportunity funds researchers at all career stages, including early and mid-career, and will encourage collaboration and multidisciplinary teams to work together to answer complex genomics research questions.

Funded through the Medical Research Future Fund, the Genomics Health Futures Mission (GHFM) will engage with communities to help save or transform the lives of more than 200,000 Australians through research into better testing, diagnosis and treatment.

Under the GHFM, the Australian Government has announced a total of \$156 million over nine years for the Projects Grant stream and \$17.6 million over nine years for the Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Grant stream.

How does it work?

This Project Grants Opportunity combines the first rounds of the Projects Grant and Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Grant streams and will provide up to \$33.7 million over three years to:

- fund innovative and creative genomics research projects in the following research areas:
 - cancers (including lung cancer and mesothelioma) and diseases with high mortality and low survivability¹
 - paediatric acute care genomic research for critically ill children
 - ethical, legal and social issues related to genomics in health care.
- support collaboration of multidisciplinary research into genomics that prioritises health system and commercial needs.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are to expand genomics research effort and reach, allowing researchers and commercial partners to sustain efforts in discovery, build evidence for scaling applications, and build new markets.

The grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs (grant percentage).

The grants available include:

- up to \$15 million over three years for cancers (including lung cancer and mesothelioma) and diseases with high mortality and low survivability rate research projects, with grants ranging from \$0.5 million to \$5 million
- up to \$15 million over three years for paediatric acute care genomic research for critically ill children projects, with grants ranging from \$0.5 million to \$5 million
- up to \$3.7 million over three years for ethical, legal and social issues research projects with grants ranging from \$0.1 million to \$0.5 million.

Who can apply?

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be incorporated in Australia,

¹ Applicants will be required to demonstrate that the cancer or disease which is the subject of the proposed research project is high mortality and low survival

and, in accordance with s24 of the [Medical Research Future Fund Act 2015](#)², you must be one of the following eligible bodies:

- a medical research institute
- a university
- a corporate Commonwealth entity
- a corporation (including businesses and not for profits).

Joint applications are encouraged, provided you have a lead applicant who is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply (see section 9.2 of the Genomics Health Futures Mission - Projects Grant Opportunity [guidelines](#)).

What activities are eligible?

To be eligible your project must:

- be aimed at the purpose of the grant opportunity as outlined in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Genomics Health Futures Mission - Projects Grant Opportunity [guidelines](#)
- include eligible expenditure
- include one or more of the following eligible activities:
 - research and development
 - disease modelling
 - pre-clinical testing
 - clinical trials.

We may also approve other activities.

How do I apply?

You should read the Genomics Health Futures Mission - Projects Grant Opportunity [guidelines](#) before applying.

To apply you must:

- complete the online application form on business.gov.au
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria
- include all necessary attachments:
 - evidence from your board (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that the project is supported, and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding

- letters of support from each project partner
- a project plan, including risk management plan
- a project budget
- an intellectual property plan
- a data management plan
- a trust deed (where applicable).

If you want to apply for a grant for more than one genomics research project in the research areas listed at section 3 of the Genomics Health Futures Mission - Projects Grant Opportunity [guidelines](#), you must submit a separate application for each project.

How will my application be assessed?

We will assess applications for completeness and against all the eligibility and merit criteria.

What will I need to do if successful?

Successful applicants must enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

Where can I find more information?

Visit business.gov.au or call 13 28 46.

² <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2015A00116>