

Appendix A: MRFF Indigenous Health Research Fund projects funded as of October 2023

As of October 2023, the Medical Research Future Fund’s [Indigenous Health Research Fund](#) has had five grant opportunities that have awarded funding for research projects. The grant opportunities are:

1. [2019 Accelerated Research - Rheumatic Heart Disease](#)
2. [2019 Indigenous Health Research Grant Opportunity](#)
3. [2020 Indigenous Health Research Grant Opportunity](#)
4. [2021 Indigenous Health Research Grant Opportunity](#)
5. [2022 Indigenous Health Research Grant Opportunity](#)

The below table outlines the projects funded from these grant opportunities, and the ‘Priority area/s for investment’ as outlined in the [Implementation Plan](#) that each project targets. Further information on [MRFF funded grants](#) is available.

Institution	Project Title	Amount (ex GST)	Funded from Grant Opportunity
Implementation Plan Priority Area 1.1			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 1.2			
The University of Adelaide	Working with Aboriginal families and health and social service providers to assess the feasibility of a novel care package to reduce cannabis and alcohol use and social stress in pregnancy	\$675,286.00	3 (Stream 1 – Topic A)

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The Sax Institute	Decolonising lactation care to support the initiation and maintenance of breastfeeding among First Nations women	\$973,863.00	5 (Stream 1 – Topic A)
Murdoch University	Koonjula yipi, jiji and bamili- Building strong mothers, babies and families	\$257,767.00	5 (Stream 1 – Topic A)
The University of Newcastle	The Gomeri Gaaynggal Breastfeeding Study: A Community-Led Program to Enhance Breastfeeding Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families	\$726,149.00	5 (Stream 1 – Topic A)
Curtin University	Development of the Aboriginal Solid Families Program	\$998,089.25	5 (Stream 1 – Topic B)
Implementation Plan Priority Area 1.3			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 1.4			
The University of Queensland	Co-designed sleep health program to achieve better sleep and improved mental health symptoms in Indigenous adolescents	\$586,961.00	2
University of New South Wales	Enabling Dads and Improving Indigenous Adolescent Mental Health	\$1,684,560.00	2
The University of Queensland	IMHIP-Youth: A multi-disciplinary collaboration to embed and evaluate a model of social and emotional wellbeing care for Indigenous adolescents who experience detention	\$1,988,280.32	2

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South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	Ngalaiya Boorai Gabara Budbut - supporting the heads and hearts of children: Responsive mental health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents	\$1,997,344.00	2
Menzies School of Health Research	What Matters to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adolescents' Wellbeing: Developing a wellbeing measure for adolescents (WM2A Project)	\$1,896,841.30	2
The University of Adelaide	A silver fluoride intervention to improve the life trajectories of Indigenous young people and reduce dental disease across the life course	\$3,208,372.40	4 (Stream 1)
Flinders University	Child Protection Services in Health: Fostering community led solutions to minimise trauma and change trajectories of pregnant Aboriginal women, their children and their families.	\$2,297,754.60	4 (Stream 1)
University of South Australia	A bush foods program to facilitate cultural connections and nutrition knowledges for Aboriginal young people	\$550,744.60	5 (Stream 2)
Flinders University	Assessing the impact of a transferable and adaptive health sciences training model in the Northern Territory: An evaluation of the Ramaciotti Regional and Remote Health Sciences Training Centre	\$506,978.40	5 (Stream 2)
University of Sydney	Connecting our Way: Improving the Well Being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 5-12 years	\$908,760.10	5 (Stream 2)

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University of Sydney	Development of the first Culturally-based Social and Emotional Wellbeing program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in prison	\$477,485.90	5 (Stream 2)
Edith Cowan University	Pride Yarns: Development and Trial of an Inter-generational Intervention for Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ Young Peoples' Wellbeing	\$624,242.00	5 (Stream 2)
Implementation Plan Priority Area 2.1			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 2.2			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 2.3			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 2.4			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 2.5			
Monash University	Reducing the burden of chronic kidney disease in the indigenous population - the PROPHECY CKD study	\$1,995,895.00	2

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South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	Co-Designing a Coordinated, Sustainable and Supportive Patient Navigator Program to Improve Kidney Health Outcomes	\$986,773.80	4 (Stream 2 – A)
Flinders University	Knowledge interface co-design of a diabetes and metabolic syndrome intervention with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living on Ngarrindjeri country	\$756,623.00	4 (Stream 2 – A)
James Cook University	Strong Community, Strong Health: Exploring opportunities for chronic disease prevention in the Torres Strait	\$473,642.00	4 (Stream 2 – A)
The University of Queensland	Type 2 diabetes prevalence and management in patients attending an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service in Southeast Queensland over a twelve-year period: factors associated with good management and low risk of hospitalisation	\$392,285.00	4 (Stream 2 – C)
Menzies School of Health Research	Air in East Arnhem: Crowdsourcing Air Quality, Temperature, and Health Data with Yolngu Citizen Scientists	\$856,885.20	5 (Stream 3 – Topic A)
The University of Newcastle	Koori Quit Pack- Mailout smoking cessation support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who smoke	\$999,186.20	5 (Stream 3 – Topic A)
University of Melbourne	Co-design approaches to preventing cardiovascular disease among Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander women	\$987,428.20	5 (Stream 3 – Topic B)

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Curtin University	Connecting with Country: promoting healthy eating and bush tucker for chronic disease prevention	\$999,536.40	5 (Stream 3 – Topic B)
University of Melbourne	Dhirrabuu Maaruma-li -“Excellent Healing” (Gamilaraay)	\$967,563.80	5 (Stream 3 – Topic B)
University of Melbourne	Walking together to reduce blood sugar in the community: Innovative and culturally appropriate strategies to reduce diabetes and chronic disease in Indigenous Australians living in a remote community in Arnhem Land	\$998,263.45	5 (Stream 3 – Topic B)
Implementation Plan Priority Area 3.1			
La Trobe University	Healing the Past by Nurturing the Future: Trauma-integrated perinatal care to improve health outcomes for Indigenous parents and infants in a rural setting	\$1,499,041.20	3 (Stream 2)
The Sax Institute	Indigenous Led Evaluation of Aboriginal Programs (ILEAP)	\$1,499,251.70	3 (Stream 2)
University of Sydney	VOICE - Validating Outcomes by Including Consumer Experience. Developing a Patient Reported Experience Measure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing primary health care	\$1,430,917.85	3 (Stream 2)

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University of Sydney	Creating Mental Health Safe Spaces in Pharmacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consumers: Educating the primary care workforce in Mental Health First Aid (The MH-SPACE Trial)	\$1,862,639.00	5 (Stream 4 – Topic A)
Menzies School of Health Research	A multi-pronged approach to enhance type 2 diabetes management among First Nations youth in remote Northern Australia through improved systems of culturally-safe and clinically-effective care	\$2,593,360.65	5 (Stream 4 – Topic B)
University of New South Wales	Gaawaadhi Gadudha: A stepped-wedge cluster randomised implementation trial and evaluation of an Aboriginal cultural health and traditional healing program	\$2,902,798.39	5 (Stream 4 – Topic B)
Flinders University	Optimizing screening and surveillance models of care for liver disease in remote Indigenous Australian communities	\$2,960,917.80	5 (Stream 4 – Topic B)
South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	Towards a culturally appropriate coordination, rehabilitation and secondary prevention model in primary care for Aboriginal people hospitalised with chronic disease	\$2,388,524.70	5 (Stream 4 – Topic B)
Implementation Plan Priority Area 3.2			
University of Western Australia	Accelerating Development of a Group A Streptococcal Vaccine	\$35,000,000.00	1

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Flinders University	Aboriginal Community-Led Diabetic Retinopathy Prevention: An Innovative Model of Eye Care for Understanding Risk and Early Detection	\$1,436,870.80	2
University of Sydney	ACCESS: Aboriginal Community Controlled Ear health Support System: developing, embedding and evaluating best practice models of care	\$887,186.00	2
Macquarie University	Improving care pathways for Otitis Media in Aboriginal children (0-12): A case study approach	\$1,961,473.90	2
University of New South Wales	Improving social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children through contemporary Indigenous/cultural dance	\$978,478.70	5 (Stream 5)
University of Western Australia	Understanding Hearing Loss to address the health needs of Older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People- A life course approach	\$2,049,800.60	5 (Stream 5)
Implementation Plan Priority Area 4.1			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 4.2			
Implementation Plan Priority Area 4.3			

Institution	Project Title	Amount (ex GST)	Funded from Grant Opportunity
Implementation Plan Priority Area 4.4			
University of New South Wales	Understanding how cultural resilience impacts Aboriginal health & quality of life	\$560,209.30	3 (Stream 1 – Topic C)
University of Sydney	Understanding the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and wellbeing to health: Implementation of the What Matters 2 Adults wellbeing measure	\$998,036.60	3 (Stream 1 – Topic C)
Menzies School of Health Research	Examining the impact of extreme temperature on primary healthcare services utilisation in remote Central Australia to inform adaptation strategies	\$480,027.60	4 (Stream 3 – Topic A)
University of Western Australia	Building a Culturally Safe Mental Health System for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People	\$713,520.00	4 (Stream 3 – Topic C)
Curtin University	Improving coverage, confidence and knowledge about COVID-19 vaccination among Aboriginal Women of child-bearing age in Western Australia	\$805,458.80	4 (Stream 3 – Topic C)
The University of Queensland	Multidisciplinary co-design of innovative, client-centred models for Indigenous mental health services in South East Queensland	\$999,912.20	4 (Stream 3 – Topic C)

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University of New South Wales	Our Wisdom, Our Ways supporting Aboriginal Women carers using a strengths based approach to the development of carer and clinician resources that support the carer to continue to care.	\$479,465.00	4 (Stream 3 – Topic C)
The University of Adelaide	An Australian Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy informed Racism Reduction Model	\$627,255.30	5 (Stream 6)
The University of Queensland	Implementation of anti-racism strategies to improve health outcomes for First Nations peoples in a large urban hospital	\$980,279.00	5 (Stream 6)
Macquarie University	Systematically and Together Overcoming Racism Model (STORM) – co-designing a robust framework to reduce racism across the hearing health sector	\$744,026.50	5 (Stream 6)
The University of Adelaide	The mouth as an expression of racial injustice: Building the evidence to foster an anti-racist dental health system in Australia	\$898,629.25	5 (Stream 6)