



Medical Research Future Fund 10-year plan

The Australian Government announced a \$5 billion, 10-year investment plan for the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) as part of the 2019–20 Budget. The 10-year plan provides secure funding to support lifesaving research, create jobs, strengthen industry, and reaffirm Australia’s reputation as a world leader in medical research.

Developing new drugs, devices, treatments and cures may take more than a decade. This 10-year investment plan gives researchers and industry certainty and direction, supporting them to tackle areas of unmet need and excel in collaborative and transformative research.

MRFF activities are based on areas of national priority identified by an expert advisory board and widespread consultation. Activities put patients at the core and focus on translating research into practice so that all Australians can benefit. MRFF funding is directed into 4 themes.

Funding themes

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|  Patients | Funding innovative treatments, supporting clinical trials, and delivering more advanced health care and medical technology to improve the health of all Australians |
|  Researchers | Supporting our researchers to make breakthrough discoveries, develop their skills and progress their careers in Australia |
|  Research missions | Helping researchers think big to tackle significant health challenges through investment, leadership and collaboration |
|  Research translation | Moving research ideas from the lab to the clinic, so that medical discoveries become part of clinical practice for GPs, specialists and hospitals |

There are 20 initiatives under these themes, funded over 10 years to harness innovation, provide vital infrastructure, improve patient outcomes, and generate jobs and economic growth.

Today’s research is tomorrow’s health care. There is no better way to ensure Australians receive the highest quality health care than by investing in medical research.

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| Patients | 2018-2019 | | 2019-2020 | | 2020-2021 | | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | | 2024-2025 | | 2025-2026 | | 2026-2027 | | 2027-2028 | | Total over 10 years | |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | | |
| Patients theme total | 97.8 | 124.4 | 140.3 | 146.5 | 135.1 | 129.1 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | \$1,275.6 million | |
| Clinical Trials Activity | 42.3 | 67.1 | 66.5 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 | \$614.2 million |
| Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research | 53.7 | 54.3 | 71.2 | 80.9 | 69.5 | 63.5 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | \$633.0 million |
| Global Health | 1.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | \$28.4 million |

Research missions



| Missions theme total | 47.8 | 140.6 | 175.7 | 166.9 | 161.9 | 148.0 | 148.0 | 138.0 | 138.0 | 119.2 | 119.2 | 138.0 | 138.0 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | \$1,384.0 million |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission ¹ | 10.0 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | \$167.5 million |
| Australian Brain Cancer Mission ² | 9.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | \$49.0 million |
| Cardiovascular Health Mission ³ | - | 23.0 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 25.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 24.0 | 25.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | \$200.0 million |
| Genomics Health Futures Mission | 8.8 | 56.6 | 68.7 | 69.9 | 54.9 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 54.9 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 41.2 | 41.2 | \$500.0 million |
| Indigenous Health Research Fund ⁴ | 15.0 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | \$147.5 million |
| Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission | 5.0 | 5.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 25.0 | 15.0 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 25.0 | 15.0 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | \$125.0 million |
| Stem Cell Therapies Mission | - | 6.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | \$150.0 million |
| Traumatic Brain Injury Mission | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | \$45.0 million |

1 Total is \$185 million (including \$17.5 million in 2028-29)

2 Total is \$124.7 million (including \$66.35 million in philanthropic contributions and \$9.35 million from other MRFF initiatives)

3 Total is \$220 million (including \$20 million in 2028-29)

4 Total is \$160 million (including \$12.5 million in 2028-29)

| | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 | 2025-2026 | 2026-2027 | 2027-2028 | Total over 10 years |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | |
| Researchers | 4.3 | 49.8 | 92.6 | 102.1 | 94.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | \$792.8 million |
| Researchers theme total | 4.3 | 49.8 | 92.6 | 102.1 | 94.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 | \$792.8 million |
| Clinician Researchers | 4.3 | 21.8 | 22.6 | 22.1 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | \$190.8 million |
| Frontier Health and Medical Research | - | 20.0 | 60.0 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 70.0 | \$570.0 million |
| Researcher Exchange and Development within Industry | - | 8.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 4.0 | - | - | - | - | - | \$32.0 million |



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| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | |
| Research translation | 54.2 | 77.8 | 171.2 | 212.0 | 176.5 | 173.5 | 163.5 | 163.5 | 163.8 | 163.8 | \$1,519.7 million |
| Translation theme total | 54.2 | 77.8 | 171.2 | 212.0 | 176.5 | 173.5 | 163.5 | 163.5 | 163.8 | 163.8 | \$1,519.7 million |
| Medical Research Commercialisation | 15.4 | 15.3 | 35.3 | 35.3 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 | \$311.3 million |
| National Critical Research Infrastructure | - | 5.0 | 43.8 | 106.2 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 | \$605.0 million |
| Preventive and Public Health Research | 18.8 | 32.5 | 57.1 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 26.5 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 15.8 | 15.8 | \$260.4 million |
| Primary Health Care Research | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | \$45.0 million |
| Rapid Applied Research Translation | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 | \$218.0 million |
| Research Data Infrastructure | - | - | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | \$80.0 million |



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| Total | All | 204.1 | 392.5 | 579.8 | 627.5 | 567.5 | 527.1 | 517.1 | 517.4 | 498.6 | \$5.1 billion |
| Balance over the forward estimates | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 18.3 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 18.5 | 82.6 | | | | | total funding over 10 years |
| | | 222.4 | 396.0 | 579.9 | 646.0 | 650.0 | | | | | |