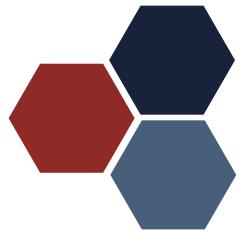




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# Medical Research Future Fund

Financial assistance to support the  
Australian Medical Research and  
Innovation Priorities 2018–2020

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# 1 Background

## 1.1 Purpose of this report

The *Medical Research Future Fund Act 2015* (MRFF Act) requires the Minister for Health to report to Parliament on the financial assistance provided for medical research and medical innovation from the MRFF Special Account during the time the most recent Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities were in force.

Accordingly, this report presents the financial assistance provided from the MRFF Special Account from when the Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities 2018–2020 (2018–2020 Priorities) were in force from 8 November 2018 to 6 November 2020.

As required under the MRFF Act, this report:

- describes how the financial assistance provided was consistent with the 2018–2020 Priorities
- describes the processes for determining the grants of financial assistance
- informs about any other financial assistance provided by the Australian Government for medical research and medical innovation

## 1.2 Australian Medical Research and Innovation Strategy and Priorities

The MRFF Act establishes the independent Australian Medical Research Advisory Board (AMRAB) to determine the:

- Australian Medical Research and Innovation Strategy (the Strategy) every 5 years
- Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities (the Priorities) every 2 years

The MRFF Act requires the Minister to consider the Priorities when making decisions about the financial assistance provided from the MRFF Special Account.

The Strategy is in place for 5 years as required under the MRFF Act. The Strategy intends to:

**Through strategic investment, transform health and medical research and innovation to improve lives, build the economy and contribute to health system sustainability.<sup>1</sup>**

AMRAB developed the Australian Medical Research and Innovation Strategy 2016–2021 (2016–2021 Strategy) in 2016 after extensive public consultation.

The 2016–2021 Strategy identifies 6 strategic platforms that provide a framework for the 2-yearly identification of the Priorities:

- strategic and international horizons
- data and infrastructure
- health services and systems
- capacity and collaboration
- trials and translation
- commercialisation

As required by the MRFF Act, the Priorities must be consistent with the Strategy that is in force.

Both the MRFF Strategy and Priorities are informed by national consultation, as required under the MRFF Act. Appendix A has a list of the 2018–2020 Priorities.

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<sup>1</sup> Australian Medical Research Advisory Board (2016). *Australian Medical Research and Innovation Strategy 2016–2021*, AMRAB, Canberra.

## 1.3 10-year investment plan for the MRFF

As part of the 2019–2020 Budget, the Australian Government announced a \$5 billion,<sup>2</sup> 10-year investment plan for the MRFF that directs MRFF funding into 4 themes:

- **Patients**, which funds innovative treatments, supports clinical trials and delivers more advanced health care and medical technology to improve the health of all Australians
- **Researchers**, which supports our researchers to make breakthrough discoveries, develop their skills and progress their careers in Australia
- **Research missions**, which helps researchers think big to tackle significant health challenges through investment, leadership and collaboration
- **Research translation**, which moves research ideas from the laboratory to the clinic, so that medical discoveries become part of clinical practice for general practitioners, specialists and hospitals

There are 20 initiatives under these themes, funded across 10 years (starting in 2018–2019) to harness innovation, provide vital infrastructure, improve patient outcomes, and generate jobs and economic growth.

The 10-year investment plan provides a framework within which MRFF funding is dispersed in line with the Strategy and Priorities. The Strategy, the Priorities and the 10-year investment plan provide transparency and predictability to researchers and industry about the strategic objectives and scale of MRFF disbursements.

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2 All amounts in this report are in Australian dollars.

## 2 Highlights for 2018–2020

The MRFF demonstrates the Australian Government's commitment to research and innovation. It provides a long-term sustainable funding source to improve health outcomes, qualities of life and health system sustainability. The MRFF also supports researchers to make the next big medical discoveries that benefit all Australians.

From 8 November 2018 to 6 November 2020, the Priorities have provided a wide-ranging platform that has allowed the MRFF to respond to health challenges, while continuing to fund projects aimed at stimulating health and medical research across the entire research pipeline and achieve the MRFF's strategic objectives. An adaptive approach has allowed research investment to remain flexible and meet the needs of the changing health and medical research landscape.

### 2.1 Initiatives

The MRFF initiatives have changed during the past 2 years, and now include a broader range of research areas for investment. There is also increased funding overall through more grant opportunities and programs.

These changes have provided additional funding for research in infrastructure, preventive and public health, emerging priorities, and global health threats, as well as for bushfire relief.

An important MRFF investment was the response to the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Australian health and medical research sector developed innovative measures to undertake research projects in response to COVID-19. At the time this report was written, the government had allocated a total of \$96 million in response to COVID-19. During the reporting period, 16 grant opportunities opened across all MRFF initiatives, and a total of \$58.1 million was invested in 49 projects.

While the MRFF has continued to broaden its scope of research areas funded, during 2018–2020 funding continued for several foundation initiatives related to ongoing clinical trials, workforce capacity, early-stage research support and research translation. Innovative MRFF-funded projects are featured at the MRFF website.

## MRFF initiatives

More initiatives and funding from  
8 November 2018 to 6 November 2020

Grant opportunities and  
funding have increased  
significantly

2018–2020

2016–2018

86 grants

\$125.8 million

366 grants

\$983.1 million



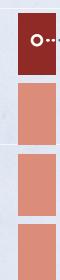
79 grant opportunities were  
open across 20 MRFF initiatives



366 successful  
grants were awarded



\$983.1 million  
provided to the health and  
medical research sector in  
2018–2020



Research missions

represent a quarter of the  
total investments

95 grants valued at  
**\$249.6 million** awarded  
over 2 years

## RESPONSE TO COVID-19



16 grant  
opportunities  
opened across  
all MRFF  
initiatives



49  
projects



**\$58.1 million**  
invested

Includes projects conducted by partner organisations that were funded from a single MRFF grant, as well as grants relinquished and/or withdrawn. The values listed in the 2018–2020 report include indexation, exclude GST and include additional funding awarded at a later date.

## **2.2 Funding**

The MRFF Priorities 2018–2020 provided the foundation for increased funding across more areas of health and medical research than previous years. The increases in MRFF funding have continued to support and promote developments in current and future health and medical research projects. In 2018–2020:

- 79 grant opportunities opened across 20 MRFF initiatives
- 366 grants – with a combined value of \$983.1 million – were awarded; this is a significant increase in funding since the 2016–2018 report

## **2.3 Missions**

Missions are programs of work with ambitious objectives that are only possible through major funding, leadership and collaboration.

Missions are initiatives with specific, ambitious goals; in some instances, missions are designed with the objective to seek significant co-investments.

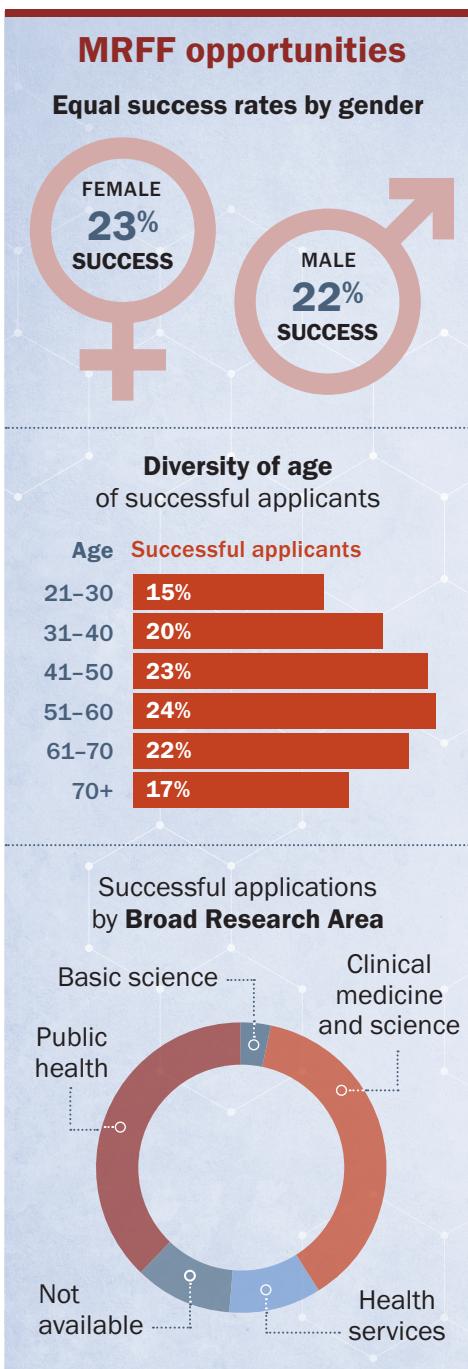
The first 3 missions established were:

- Genomics Health Futures Mission
- Australian Brain Cancer Mission
- Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission

Then, another 5 missions were established:

- Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission
- Indigenous Health Research Fund
- Stem Cell Therapies Mission
- Cardiovascular Health Mission
- Traumatic Brain Injury Mission

The MRFF missions have resulted in 95 grants – with a combined value of \$249.6 million – awarded in 2018–2020. This is about 25% of the total MRFF investment.



These data apply to 2017–2019 only and are from a subset of the MRFF that is administered by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). This does not include all NHMRC-administered MRFF grants. Data refer to gender and age of chief investigators only. Success rates by gender are based on chief investigator data only.

## 2.4 MRFF opportunities

The MRFF Priorities provide other important opportunities for the sector.

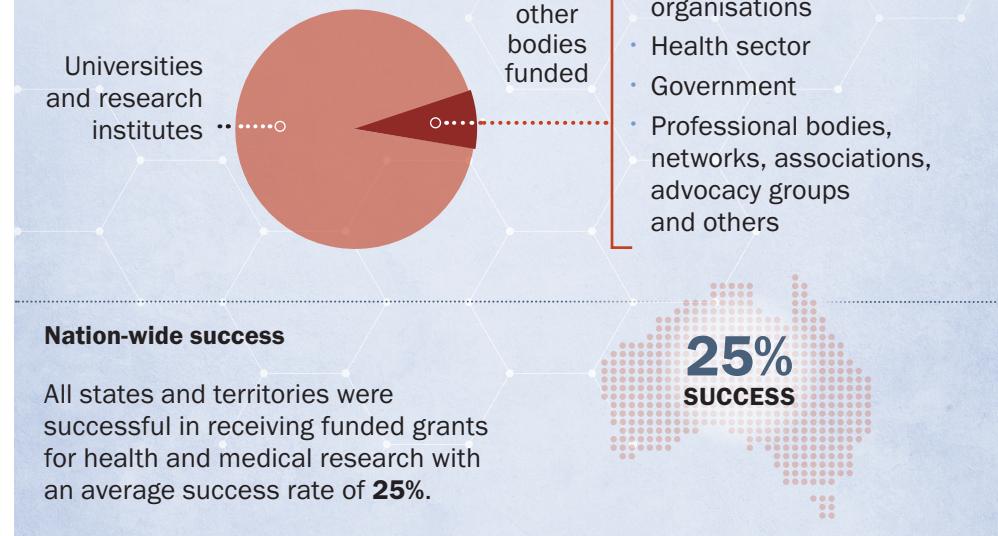
A subset of data from 2017–2019 highlights these opportunities, including:<sup>3</sup>

- equal success rates by gender
- an average success rate nation-wide of 25%
- diversity of ages for successful applicants
- a broad range of research areas for successful applicants
- diversity in the expertise of MRFF grant assessment committee membership, including international experts

<sup>3</sup> Success rates by gender were based on chief investigator data only. The average nation-wide success rate of MRFF grants was based on the number of applications received and the number of grants awarded.

## MRFF opportunities

### A wide range of funded bodies



These data apply to 2017–2019 only and are from a subset of the MRFF that is administered by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). This does not include all MRFF grants that are administered by the NHMRC. The average nation-wide success rate of MRFF grants was based on the number of applications received and the number of grants awarded.

## MRFF grant assessments 2019–2020



Figures were based on data available from 2019–2020.

### 3 Consistency of financial assistance with the 2018–2020 Priorities

The Australian Government considered the 2018–2020 Priorities when the MRFF initiatives were established under the 10-year investment plan for the MRFF. A list of the 2018–2020 Priorities is provided at [Appendix A](#).

Table 1 presents how MRFF initiatives and grant opportunities (as at 6 November 2020) relate to the 2018–2020 Priorities.

**Table 1 MRFF initiatives and grant opportunities mapped to the 2018–2020 Priorities**

MRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Australian Brain Cancer Mission	2019 Innovative Clinical Trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li><li>• Drug Repurposing</li></ul>
	2019 Brain Cancer Survivorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li></ul>
Cardiovascular Health Mission	2019 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
	2020 Strategic Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li><li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li></ul>
	2019 Cardiovascular Health	
	2020 Childhood Stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>

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MRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Clinical Trials Activity	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li></ul>
	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.2)	
	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.3)	
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Childhood Brain Cancers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Reproductive Cancers	
Clinician Researchers	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2021 cohort)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li><li>• One Health – Antimicrobial Resistance</li><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li><li>• Ageing and Aged Care</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
Coronavirus Research Response	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	
	2020 COVID-19 Diagnosis Platform (CovED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
	2020 COVID-19 Diagnostics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li></ul>

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<b>MRFF initiatives</b>	<b>Grant opportunity</b>	<b>2018–2020 Priorities</b>
Coronavirus Research Response <i>continued</i>	2020 Novel Coronavirus Vaccine Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li></ul>
	2020 National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
	2020 COVID-19 PRO-COVER Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Drug Repurposing</li></ul>
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li></ul>
	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Drug Repurposing</li></ul>
	2020 Tracking COVID-19 in Australia Using Genomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
	2020 COVID-19 Vaccine Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li></ul>
	2020 Australasian COVID-19 (ASCOT) Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Drug Repurposing</li></ul>
	2020 Rapid Screening of Approved Drugs in Stem Cell Models for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Drug Repurposing</li></ul>

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MRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Coronavirus Research Response <i>continued</i>	2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
	2020 COVID-19 Immunological Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li></ul>
	2020 COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li></ul>
	2020 Communication Strategies and Approaches during Outbreaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li></ul>
	2020 Rapid Response Digital Health Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Health and Health Security</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission	2019 Accelerated Research – Clem Jones Centre for Ageing Dementia Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ageing and Aged Care</li></ul>
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2019 Accelerated Research – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li></ul>
	2019 Accelerated Research – Leukodystrophy Flagship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
	2019 Accelerated Research – Phenomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li></ul>
	2019 Accelerated Research – Drug Discovery Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li></ul>

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MIRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research <i>continued</i>	2019 Accelerated Research – Stillbirth Research Project – Centre of Research Excellence in Stillbirth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li> <li>• Primary Care Research</li> </ul>
	2019 Accelerated Research – The Australian Parkinson’s Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> <li>• Ageing and Aged Care</li> </ul>
	2019 Accelerated Research – Phenomics Capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> <li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li> </ul>
	2018 Accelerated Research – Prostate Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li> </ul>
	2019 Accelerated Research – Malaria Vaccine Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Global Health and Health Security</li> </ul>
	2019 Women in Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> </ul>
	2019 Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Flagship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>
	2019 Lung Cancer Genomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> <li>• Drug Repurposing</li> </ul>
	2019 Autism Spectrum Disorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>
	2020 RESELECT Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>

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MRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research <i>continued</i>	2020 Bushfire Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
	2019 Endometriosis Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
	2019 Male Infertility Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
	2019 Mental Health Pharmacogenomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
	2020 Australian Health Research Alliance: National Women's Health Research, Translation and Impact Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li></ul>
	2020 ZERO Childhood Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer-Driven Research</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>
Genomics Health Futures Mission	2019 Investigator Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li></ul>
	2019 Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li><li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li></ul>
	2019 Pathogen Genomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Comparative Effectiveness Research</li></ul>

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MIRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Global Health	2019 Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Pacific Island Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Health and Health Security</li> <li>• One Health – Antimicrobial Resistance</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Comparative Effectiveness Research</li> </ul>
Indigenous Health Research Fund	2019 Indigenous Health Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Primary Care Research</li> </ul>
	2019 Accelerated Research – Rheumatic Heart Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> </ul>
Medical Research Commercialisation	2019 BioMedTech Horizons Program (round 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li> </ul>
	2019 BioMedTech Horizons Program (rounds 2 and 3)	
Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission	2019 Suicide Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li> <li>• Primary Care Research</li> <li>• Comparativeness Effectiveness Research</li> </ul>
National Critical Research Infrastructure	2019 Rural, Regional and Remote Clinical Trial Enabling Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care Research</li> <li>• Clinician Researcher Capacity</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>
	2020 Enhancing Clinical Trials Networks Capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinician Researcher Capacity</li> </ul>
	2019 Applied Artificial Intelligence Research in Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>

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**Table 1** *continued*

MRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Preventive and Public Health Research	2019 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital – Preventative Health Research in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care Research</li> </ul>
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital – Preventative Health Research in Rural and Regional Communities (Tasmania)	
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> <li>• Ageing and Aged Care</li> </ul>
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Comparative Effectiveness Research</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care Research</li> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Comparative Effectiveness Research</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li> </ul>
	2020 Targeted Translation Research Accelerator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Interventions</li> <li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li> </ul>
Primary Health Care Research	2019 Primary Health Care Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care Research</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li> <li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li> </ul>

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MRFF initiatives	Grant opportunity	2018–2020 Priorities
Rapid Applied Research Translation	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li><li>• Primary Care Research</li><li>• Public Health Interventions</li><li>• Comparative Effectiveness Research</li><li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</li></ul>
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	
Researcher Exchange and Development Within Industry	2019 Researcher Exchange and Development Within Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li></ul>
Stem Cell Therapies Mission	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drug Repurposing</li><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li><li>• Translational Research Infrastructure</li></ul>
Traumatic Brain Injury Mission	2020 Traumatic Brain Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical Researcher Capacity</li><li>• Digital Health Intelligence</li></ul>

### 3.1 Financial assistance from the MRFF Special Account

Table 2 presents the funding profiles of the MRFF initiatives, since 2016–2017, as at 30 November 2020. See Appendix B for a description of each of these initiatives.

**Table 2** Funding for MRFF initiatives, since 2016-2017, as at 30 November 2020

Theme	Initiative	Actual (\$ million)					Budget (\$ million)			Totals (\$ million)		
		16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	8-year total	Out years (24-25 to 28-29)	Total
Patients	Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	7.0	0.0	63.4	54.0	71.2	80.9	69.5	63.5	409.4	240.0	649.4
	Clinical Trials Activity	1.0	4.8	47.4	68.1	66.5	62.6	62.6	375.6	250.4	626.0	
Researchers	Global Health	0.0	2.5	1.8	3.4	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	19.3	12.0	31.3
	Frontier Health and Medical Research	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.1	60.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	290.1	280.0	570.1
	Researcher Exchange and Development Within Industry	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	4.0	0.0	32.0	0.0	32.0
	Clinician Researchers	0.0	1.8	4.9	19.8	22.6	22.1	20.0	20.0	111.2	80.0	191.2

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**Table 2** *continued*

Theme	Initiative	Actual (\$ million)				Budget (\$ million)				Totals (\$ million)		
		16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	8-year total	Out years (24-25 to 28-29)	Total
Research missions	Australian Brain Cancer Mission	0.0	1.0	4.7	7.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	33.2	15.0	48.2
	Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission	0.0	0.0	6.2	7.0	15.0	15.0	25.0	15.0	83.2	45.0	128.2
	Genomics Health Futures Mission	0.0	0.0	8.8	37.5	86.7	69.9	54.9	50.0	307.8	191.2	499.0
	Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission	0.0	0.0	10.0	13.1	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	93.1	87.5	180.6
	Indigenous Health Research Fund	0.0	0.0	15.0	22.5	22.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	97.5	62.5	160.0
	Stem Cell Therapies Mission	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	78.0	72.0	150.0
	Cardiovascular Health Mission	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.1	24.0	24.0	24.0	25.0	119.1	100.0	219.1
	Traumatic Brain Injury Mission	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	25.0	25.0	50.0

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<b>Theme</b>	<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Actual (\$ million)</b>					<b>Budget (\$ million)</b>			<b>Totals (\$ million)</b>		
		<b>16-17</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>19-20</b>	<b>20-21</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>	<b>8-year total</b>	<b>Out years (24-25 to 28-29)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Research translation	Preventive and Public Health Research	10.0	0.0	11.2	35.2	57.1	33.5	29.5	26.5	<b>202.9</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>265.4</b>
	Primary Health Care Research	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	<b>26.7</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>46.7</b>
	Rapid Applied Research Translation	0.0	10.0	17.6	16.6	20.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	<b>130.3</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>222.3</b>
	Medical Research Commercialisation	0.0	10.0	15.4	15.3	35.3	35.3	35.0	35.0	<b>181.3</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>321.3</b>
	National Critical Research Infrastructure	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	43.8	106.2	75.0	75.0	<b>307.7</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>607.7</b>
	Research Data Infrastructure	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	<b>40.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>
	Total MRFF profile	18.0	30.1	206.4	375.5	597.8	627.5	567.5	540.6	<b>2,963.3</b>	<b>2,115.1</b>	<b>5,078.4</b>
	MRFF budget balance 2018-2019 over forward estimates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	18.5	82.6	109.4	<b>210.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>210.7</b>

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**Table 2 continued**

Theme	Initiative	Actual (\$ million)				Budget (\$ million)				Totals (\$ million)		
		16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	8-year total	Out years (24-25 to 28-29)	Total
Revised MRFF profile due to low RBA cash rate <sup>a</sup>		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-190.9	0.0	0.0	-190.9	0.0	-190.9
MRFF supplementation <sup>b</sup>		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	172.5	0.0	0.0	172.5	0.0	172.5
<b>MRFF budget total</b>		<b>18.0</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>206.4</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>597.9</b>	<b>627.5</b>	<b>650.0</b>	<b>650.0</b>	<b>3,155.7</b>	<b>2,115.1</b>	<b>5,270.5</b>

a The historic low Reserve Bank of Australia cash rate has reduced the amount available from the MRFF in 2021–2022 from \$646.0 million to \$455.0 million.

b To maintain the Australian Government's commitment to the MRFF 10-year investment plan, an additional \$172.5 million was announced at the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2020–2021 to supplement the MRFF, for a total of \$627.5 million in 2021–2022. The \$172.5 million is an annual appropriation under Bill 1, which is separate to the MRFF Special Account.

Notes: The table includes all funding since MRFF's inception and is not reflective of the current reporting period. Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding.

# 4 Processes for determining grants of financial assistance

All MRFF grant opportunities are consistent with *Commonwealth grant rules and guidelines 2017* and the MRFF Act.

## 4.1 Determination of MRFF initiatives

The Australian Medical Research Advisory Board (AMRAB) is responsible for developing the MRFF Strategy and Priorities. AMRAB determined the 2016–2021 Strategy and the 2018–2020 Priorities through extensive national consultation with consumers, researchers, health care providers and managers.

The Minister for Health took into account the 2018–2020 Priorities when the MRFF initiatives were established under the 10-year investment plan for the MRFF. This occurred in the context of the 2019–2020 Budget.

## 4.2 Determination of grants of financial assistance

Grant opportunities under MRFF initiatives are supported by grant opportunity guidelines and processes that outline the:

- conduct of the application process
- assessment of applications
- determination of outcomes based on assessment
- awarding of grants to successful applicants

The Department of Health works in partnership with the Business Grants Hub (BGH) within the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to administer grant opportunities under the MRFF. In this relationship, the Department of Health retains responsibility for policy and program oversight to ensure that grants align with the aims and objectives of specific grant opportunities. The grant hub (BGH or NHMRC) is responsible for conducting the grant opportunity, inclusive of the assessment of applications by expert reviewers (such as scientific experts, consumers, industry experts, and health service providers)

and reporting the outcomes of the assessment process, and reporting the outcomes of the assessment process to the program delegate as determined by the Minister for Health.

Grant opportunities can be open and competitive or targeted, depending on the aims and objectives of the specific grant opportunities. The MRFF Funding Principles – endorsed by the government in October 2017 – specify the use of structured contestable processes to ensure that the highest quality ideas, talent and projects are identified for funding, as well as a range of innovative administrative mechanisms to ensure that funding is justified, agile, effective and timely.

The list of MRFF grants with payments commencing during the period when the 2018–2020 Priorities were in force (8 November 2018 to 6 November 2020), is provided at [Appendices C and D](#).

## 5 Other financial assistance provided by the Australian Government

Other financial assistance provided by the Australian Government for medical research and innovation includes funding from:

- the National Health and Medical Research Council, for research grants
- the Biomedical Translation Fund to private sector fund managers to develop and commercialise biomedical discoveries in Australia
- other funding opportunities

Table 3 outlines the financial assistance provided in 2018–2019 and 2019–2020; these are the financial years — that is, the time period is not identical to the period during which the 2018–2020 Priorities were in force.

**Table 3 Australian Government financial support for medical research and innovation, 2018–2019 and 2019–2020**

Funding opportunity	2018–2019 (\$ million)	2019–2020 (\$ million)
NHMRC research grants <sup>a</sup>	889.3	901.4
BTF investments <sup>b</sup>	48.6	29.2
Other initiatives <sup>c</sup>	117.1	98.5

a The actual amounts paid as per the 2018–2019 National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Annual Report (p. 123) and the 2019–2020 NHMRC Annual Report (p. 131).

b Reporting by the Translation and Commercialisation Section managing the Biomedical Translation Fund (BTF) within the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

c The amounts for other initiatives were derived from the Australian Government's Science, Research and Innovation Budget Tables 2019–2020 – research and development investment by program/activity under the Health Portfolio, excluding the MRFF, the NHMRC and the BTF. At the time of tabling, estimated actual figures are available for 2018–2019 and budget estimates for 2019–2020.

# Appendix A Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities 2018–2020

**Table A Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities 2018–2020**

Platform	Priority	Description
Strategic and international horizons	One Health – Antimicrobial Resistance	There are no borders between human and animal health when it comes to antimicrobial resistance. Research into stewardship practices, diagnostic tools, and new antimicrobials and vaccines that spans this divide is critical.
	Global Health and Health Security	Global health challenges – including health emergencies and pandemic preparedness, and the development and implementation of low-technology preventive, diagnostic and treatment solutions – are best addressed through international research collaborations.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Indigenous leadership and Indigenous-led priority setting to drive health-related research to improve the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians and to close the gap on health mortality and morbidity.
	Ageing and Aged Care	Research into the diseases of ageing and the means to prolong quality of life, including tackling cognitive decline and dementia, and compressing the period of intense morbidity in later years through biomedical discovery and health service innovation.
Data and infrastructure	Digital Health Intelligence	The digitalisation of health care will disrupt and transform clinical practice. Data science, informatics, advanced clinical decision-making tools, wearables and artificial intelligence research are the key to realising the benefits of health care digitalisation.

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Platform	Priority	Description
Health services and systems	Comparative Effectiveness Research	Supporting systematic evaluation and demonstration of the comparative value of health interventions to better inform the decisions clinicians and consumers make about health care.
	Primary Care Research	Addressing the capacity and production gap in primary care research, with an emphasis on multidisciplinary, adaptive research methodologies and clinician capability support.
Capacity and collaboration	Clinical Researcher Capacity	Continuing to enhance Australian clinical researcher capacity, with a focus on next-generation fellowships that target multidisciplinary engagement, fields of emerging scientific effort that have health care application potential, and primary care.
	Consumer-Driven Research	Research that is driven by crowdsourcing consumer priorities and purposefully connecting researchers to consumers with the intent of enhancing evidence translation into everyday clinical practice.
Trials and translation	Drug Repurposing	Partnering with industry to foster an enduring partnership to systematically identify drugs with repurposed therapeutic potential for investigative research.
	Public Health Interventions	Targeted research to test innovative public health approaches to addressing modifiable risk factors that are at the heart of the rise of chronic and complex disease prevalence and persistence in Australia.
Commercialisation	Translational Research Infrastructure	Addressing gaps in early biomedical and medical technology product development by supporting access to expertise and infrastructure in partnership with industry that seeks to accelerate rapid pre-clinical work and evaluation.

Source: Medical Research Future Fund (2018). *Australian medical research and innovation priorities 2018–2020*, Australian Government Department of Health, Canberra.

# Appendix B Initiatives under the 2018–2020 Priorities

**Table B MRFF initiatives under the 2018–2020 Priorities**

Funding theme	Initiative	Description
Patients	1. Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	This initiative supports high-quality research that improves patient care, translates new discoveries into practice, and encourages consumers and researchers to work together on emerging priorities. It includes projects previously covered under the Accelerated Research initiative.
	2. Clinical Trial Activity	This initiative helps Australian researchers and patients test new treatments through national and international clinical trials. It includes the Clinical Trials Activity and International Clinical Trial Collaboration initiatives.
	3. Global Health	This initiative will fund projects that improve our understanding of global health threats and how best to tackle them. The initial focus is on tackling antimicrobial resistance and drug-resistant tuberculosis. It includes the National Security Against Pandemic Risk and Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance initiatives.
Researchers	4. Frontier Health and Medical Research	The Australian Government has established a program to support researchers to push the boundaries to develop new health and medical breakthroughs.
	5. Researcher Exchange and Development Within Industry (REDI)	The REDI initiative brings universities and industry together. It will provide researchers with industry placements, mentoring and exchange programs.

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Funding theme	Initiative	Description
Researchers continued	6. Clinician Researchers	The Australian Government is investing in the next generation of talented Australian researchers. This initiative supports health care professionals researching topics important to clinical care.
Research missions	7. Australian Brain Cancer Mission	This mission supports research into brain cancer treatments. It aims to double the survival rate of Australians living with brain cancer over the next 10 years.
	8. Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission	This mission aims to support a million Australians with mental health issues to access new approaches to prevention, diagnosis, treatment and recovery.
	9. Genomics Health Futures Mission	This mission will improve testing and diagnosis for many diseases, help personalise treatment options to better target and improve health outcomes, and reduce unnecessary interventions and health costs.
	10. Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission	This mission is a research program that aims to support older Australians to maintain their health and quality of life as they age, live independently for longer and access quality care when they need it.
	11. Indigenous Health Research Fund	This initiative is investing in Indigenous-led research to tackle health issues facing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
	12. Stem Cell Therapies Mission	This mission is investing in the development of innovative, safe and effective treatments that will be accessible to all Australians who need them.
	13. Cardiovascular Health Mission	This mission will bring together researchers, health professionals, industry and patients to make transformative improvements in heart and vascular health and stroke for all Australians.
	14. Traumatic Brain Injury Mission	This mission will improve patient recovery after brain injury. It will support projects that predict recovery outcomes, or identify the most effective care and treatments.

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Funding theme	Initiative	Description
Research translation	15. Preventative and Public Health Research	<p>This initiative supports targeted research on new ways to address risk factors for chronic and complex diseases in Australia. It includes the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keeping Australians out of Hospital</li><li>• Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research</li><li>• Maternal Health and First 2000 Days</li><li>• Early Childhood, Exercise and Nutrition</li><li>• Targeted Translation Research Accelerator</li><li>• Boosting Preventative Health Research</li></ul>
	16. Primary Health Care Research	<p>This initiative will increase Australia's evidence base in primary health care through research to improve service delivery and patient outcomes, and translate this knowledge into action.</p>
	17. Rapid Applied Research Translation (RART)	<p>This initiative will support the translation of evidence (through research) into clinical practice.</p>
	18. Medical Research Commercialisation	<p>This initiative supports innovative early-stage health and medical research in Australia. It helps researchers transform their ideas into life-saving medicines, devices and treatments to help tomorrow's patients.</p>
	19. National Critical Research Infrastructure	<p>This initiative provides funding for research infrastructure that will be used to conduct world-class health and medical research. It includes funding for facilities in rural and remote areas so that people can participate in clinical trials without the need to travel to a major city.</p>
	20. Research Data Infrastructure	<p>This initiative will fund the creation or extension of national research data infrastructure, with a focus on data registries, biobanks and data linkage platforms to support Australian medical research.</p>

## Appendix C MRFF grants with payments commencing between 8 November 2018 and 6 November 2020

**Table C** MRFF grant recipients with payments commencing between 8 November 2018 and 6 November 2020 inclusive

MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2018 Accelerated Research – Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme – Childhood Cancers of Low Survival	Monash University	The PARC study: A phase I/II study evaluating the safety and activity of Pegylated recombinant human Arginase (BCt-100) Relapsed/refractory Cancers of Children and Young Adults	480,015
	2018 Accelerated Research – Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme – All Cancers	University of Melbourne	Role of the NKp44-PDGF-DD axis in Glioblastoma	573,689
	2018 Accelerated Research – Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme – All Cancers	University of Melbourne	Targeting invadopodia to treat glioblastoma	384,526
	2018 Accelerated Research – Beat Cancer	Cancer Council SA	Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project	3,000,000
	2018 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	The Australian Genomics Cardiovascular Genetic Disorders Flagship	6,000,000

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<b>MRFF initiative</b>	<b>Grant opportunity</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Project name or description</b>	<b>Amount (\$ ex GST)</b>
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2019 Accelerated Research – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	JDRF Australia	Australian Type 1 Diabetes Clinical Research Network (CRN)	25,000,000
<i>continued</i>				
	2018 Accelerated Research – Sanfilippo Syndrome	Sanfilippo Children's Foundation (NSW)	Personalised medicine approach for Australian children with Sanfilippo Syndrome (MPS III)	2,000,000
	2019 Accelerated Research – Leukodystrophy Flagship	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Massimo's Mission	3,000,000
	2018 Accelerated Research – Microbiome	St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation	Studies on the role of the gut microbiome in health and disease	2,000,000
	2019 Accelerated Research – Phenomics	Murdoch University	Australian National Phenome Centre (Murdoch University) – Support for Establishment and Sustainability of Critical Infrastructure to Provide Transformational Phenomics Capacity for Australian Medical Research	10,000,000
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research <i>continued</i>	2018 Accelerated Research – Rare Cancers	Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute	Expanding access to a phase II trial evaluating combination immunotherapy for treatment of rare gastrointestinal, neuroendocrine and gynaecological cancers for rural/regional and metropolitan patients	1,000,000
	2018 Accelerated Research – Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes	Maddie Riewoldt Holdings Limited	Clinical trials capacity building for patients with Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes in Australia	1,000,000
	2019 Accelerated Research – Drug Discovery Centre	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	National Drug Discovery Centre	25,000,000
	2019 Accelerated Research – Stillbirth Research Project – Centre of Research Excellence in Stillbirth	The University of Queensland	National expansion of the project 'Safer Baby Bundle', which is designed to reduce the rate of stillbirth after 28 weeks' gestation by at least 20%. The 'Safer Baby Bundle' will provide evidence-based information about steps to take to reduce the risk of stillbirth, and an educational program for midwives and doctors on best practice care after stillbirth	3,000,000

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<b>MRFF initiative</b>	<b>Grant opportunity</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Project name or description</b>	<b>Amount (\$ ex GST)</b>
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2019 Accelerated Research – The Australian Parkinson Mission	The Garvan Institute of Medical Research/ University of New South Wales	Integrating genomics, biomarkers and patient cell phenotyping into disease-modifying clinical trials to identify therapeutics to slow or stop Parkinson's disease progression	30,000,000
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	2019 Accelerated Research – Phenomics Capability	Australian National University	Develop Australia's phenomics capability by improving the translation of human genomics to phenomics, and by optimising new discoveries and innovations	10,000,000
	2019 Accelerated Research – Malaria Vaccine Trial	Griffith University	Conduct clinical trials on a new malaria vaccine	500,000
	2019 Women in Sport	Victoria University	Changing Practice: Mental and Physical Health of Girls and Women	1,000,000
	2019 Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Flagship	University of Tasmania	Multiple Sclerosis Medical Research Flagship Program	10,000,000
	2019 Lung Cancer Genomics	Australian Genomic Cancer Medicine Centre Ltd	ASPIRATION: assessing the impact of genomic profiling in lung cancer	5,000,000
	2019 Autism Spectrum Disorder	Monash University	Autism Spectrum Disorders and Comorbid Disorders: Diagnosis and Treatment	2,500,000
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Emerging Priorities and Consumer- Driven Research <i>continued</i>	2020 RESELECT Trial	Maddie Riewoldt Holdings Limited	The RESELECT Trial	1,020,000
	2020 Bushfire Impact	Australian National University	Building community resilience to promote mental health in bushfire-affected communities	295,038
	2020 Bushfire Impact	Australian National University	The short- and long-term impacts of bushfires on children and their carers' mental health: Using the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children to understand the economic, family and community protective factors	135,348
	2020 Bushfire Impact	University of Western Australia	Supporting the ongoing wellbeing and resilience of Australia's first responders after the 2019/20 bushfires	642,196
	2020 Bushfire Impact	University of Canberra	Supporting mental health through building resilience during and after bushfires: lessons from the 2019–20 bushfires in southern NSW and the ACT	322,235
	2020 Bushfire Impact	The University of New England	Enhancing social and emotional wellbeing healing through arts-based storytelling for Aboriginal communities of northern inland NSW bushfire affected areas	624,023
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<b>MRFF initiative</b>	<b>Grant opportunity</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Project name or description</b>	<b>Amount (\$ ex GST)</b>
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2020 Bushfire Impact	Monash University	Physiological impacts of prolonged bushfire smoke exposure on first responders and outdoor workers	556,143
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	2020 Bushfire Impact	The University of Newcastle	Bushfire Impact on Vulnerable Groups: the respiratory burden and effective community solutions	864,480
	2020 Bushfire Impact	University of New South Wales	A randomised controlled trial of mask use in control of respiratory outcomes during bushfire season	473,135
	2020 Bushfire Impact	University of Technology Sydney	Defining and treating the physiological effects of bushfire smoke exposure	1,087,404
	2020 COVID-19 Diagnosis Platform (CovED)	University of Sydney	Transforming recognition and assessment of COVID-19 in Australia using lung CT	1,042,698
	2020 COVID-19 Diagnostics	University of Melbourne	COVID-19 Strategic Planning and Delivery of Testing	2,699,278
	2020 Novel Coronavirus Vaccine Development	The University of Queensland	Molecular Clamp Stabilized Spike Vaccine for Rapid Response	1,965,398
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2019 Endometriosis Research	Deakin University	A Randomised Controlled Trial Comparing Yoga, Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and Education to Improve Quality of Life and Reduce Health Care Costs in Endometriosis	893,981
	2019 Endometriosis Research	Monash University	Creating an evidence base for clinical care: A randomized controlled study examining the efficacy of the low FODMAP diet for the relief of gastrointestinal symptoms in endometriosis	948,618
	2019 Endometriosis Research	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Long STEPP – A Longitudinal Study of Teenagers with Endometriosis, Period and Pelvic Pain in Australia to identify early risk factors, educational and management strategies that will lead to optimal health outcomes and appropriate health utilisation	1,963,118
	2019 Endometriosis Research	University of Melbourne	Improving diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis	3,929,234
	2019 Endometriosis Research	The University of Queensland	Genetic variants, Early Life exposures, and Longitudinal Endometriosis Symptoms study (GELLES)	1,856,540
	2019 Male Infertility Research	University of New South Wales	Men and infertility over the life course	4,600,000
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<b>MRFF initiative</b>	<b>Grant opportunity</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Project name or description</b>	<b>Amount (\$ ex GST)</b>
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2019 Mental Health Pharmacogenomics	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	Australian Pharmacogenomics Diversity Project: Examining the evidence and improving the performance of pharmacogenomics in the Australian context	1,371,571
		University of Melbourne	The PRESIDE (PhaRmacogEconomics In Depression) Trial: an RCT of pharmacogenomically-informed prescribing of antidepressants on depression outcomes in patients with major depressive disorder in primary care	1,390,401
	2019 Mental Health Pharmacogenomics	University of New South Wales	A multifaceted approach to the pharmacogenomic signatures of bipolar disorder for improving treatment outcomes	1,009,768
	2019 Mental Health Pharmacogenomics	University of New South Wales	An Australian Multicentre Double-Blinded Randomised Controlled Trial of Genotype-guided versus Standard Psychotropic Therapy in Moderately-to-Severely Depressed Patients Initiating Pharmacotherapy	2,954,041
	2020 Australian Health Research Alliance: National Women's Health Research, Translation and Impact Network	Monash University	National Women's Health Research, Translation and Impact Network	5,000,000
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research continued	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	Griffith University	A Phase II trial evaluating feasibility, safety and efficacy of an individually tailored exercise intervention during chemotherapy for recurrent ovarian cancer	884,172
	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	Monash University	Measuring adherence to best practice guidelines for the management of ovarian cancer in Australia to determine the extent to which variation in care influences clinical and patient-reported outcomes	3,520,935
	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	Monash University	Towards A New Era in Granulosa Cell Tumour Research: Patient Driven Outcomes, Genomics, Diagnostics & Therapeutics	2,218,870
	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	Ovarian cancer: investigating Variation in care and survival, Aetiology and Risk factors to Improve outcomes in Australia via National data linkage. The OVARIAN study	2,707,035
	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	University of Melbourne	High throughput discovery of synergistic drug combinations for patients with low-grade serous ovarian cancer	1,109,189
	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	The University of Newcastle	Australian Program for Drug Repurposing for Treatment Resistant Ovarian Cancer Treatment	2,693,815
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<b>MRFF initiative</b>	<b>Grant opportunity</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Project name or description</b>	<b>Amount (\$ ex GST)</b>
Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	The University of Queensland	A new radio-imaging agent to guide targeted therapy for epithelial ovarian cancer	1,893,306
<i>continued</i>	2019 Ovarian Cancer Research	The University of Queensland	Ovarian cancer early detection, monitoring and therapeutic intervention using extracellular vesicles	1,213,468
	2020 ZERO Childhood Cancer	University of New South Wales	Zero Childhood Cancer	54,800,000
Clinical Trials Activity	2018 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 18.1)	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	A randomised control trial of positive end-expiratory pressure levels during resuscitation of preterm infants at birth (The POLAR Trial)	1,387,654
	2018 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 18.1)	The George Institute for Global Health	The SAHARA Trial: Understanding the best red cell transfusion practice in patients with intracranial bleeding from a ruptured aneurysm	902,752
	2018 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 18.1)	University of Western Australia	The Early valve replacement in severe ASYmptomatic aortic stenosis (EASY AS) trial	1,827,443
	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.1)	Macquarie University	The Australian-multidomain Approach to Reduce dementia Risk by protecting brain health With lifestyle intervention (AU-ARROW) study	3,115,063
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Clinical Trials Activity continued	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.1) – General	The University of Newcastle	Sunrise Australia – A randomised clinical trial of Single Use Negative pRESSure dressing for Reduction in Surgical site infection following Emergency laparotomy	782,256
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Deakin University	The Candesartan Adjunctive bipolar Depression Trial – CADET	2,428,397
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	La Trobe University	Improving muscle strength in young people with Prader-Willi syndrome	874,179
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Menzies School of Health Research	Improving outcomes of children and young adults with primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD): a multicentre, double-blind, double-dummy, 2x2 factorial, randomised controlled trial (RCT)	2,375,118
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	COZMOS: Phase I/Ib trial of COmboined 5'-azacitidine and carboplatin for recurrent/refractory paediatric brain and solid tumours	125,355
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	Erythropoietin alfa to prevent mortality and reduce severe disability in critically ill TRAUMA patients: a multicentre, stratified, double-blind, placebo randomised controlled trial (the EPO-TRAUMA Trial)	3,509,303

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<b>MRFF initiative</b>	<b>Grant opportunity</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Project name or description</b>	<b>Amount (\$ ex GST)</b>
Clinical Trials Activity <i>continued</i>	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	Evaluating the effectiveness and safety of sodium selenate as a disease-modifying treatment for patients with behavioural variant frontotemporal dementia (bvFTD)	1,604,184
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	FaR-RMS: Frontline and Relapse study in RhabdoMyoSarcoma	1,353,514
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	Novel Venetoclax Combinations to Improve Outcomes in Unfit Older Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia	1,380,298
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	SJ-ELIOT: St Jude – Phase 1 Evaluation of LY2606368, Molecularly-Targeted CHK1/2i Therapy, in Combination with Cyclophosphamide or Gemcitabine for Children and Adolescents with Refractory or Recurrent Medulloblastoma Brain Tumours	226,284
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	A Randomised Phase II Trial of Adjuvant Avelumab in Patients with Early Stage Merkel Cell Carcinoma	1,632,096
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	An Open Label, Multicentre, Phase One Study Incorporating Early Application of CAR T cells for Primary Refractory Aggressive Lymphoma	3,596,967
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Clinical Trials Activity continued	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	The TEACH-PD study: a Targeted Education Approach to improve Peritoneal Dialysis outcomes	2,383,207
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Canberra	Evaluation of a bush medicine-based treatment for scabies in Australian Aboriginal children	1,294,542
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Melbourne	The AIM2 Study: Genomically Guided Novel Combination Treatment of Mantle Cell Lymphoma	2,005,391
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of New South Wales	Aldosterone bloCkade for Health Improvement Evaluation in End-stage renal disease (ACHIEVE) study	2,850,898
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of New South Wales	BEAT-Calci (Better Evidence And Translation in Calciphylaxis)	2,201,944
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of New South Wales	Does Withholding Enteral feeds Around blood Transfusion reduce the incidence of necrotising enterocolitis (NEC) in very preterm infants? The international WHEAT Study	1,606,826
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of New South Wales	MEMOIR: A multisite placebo-controlled trial of memantine and graded motor imagery for complex regional pain syndrome	922,314

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Clinical Trials Activity continued	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Sydney	ALS Trials Australia (ALSTA) – to develop precision medicine	1,704,432
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Sydney	MAGMA: Multi-Arm Glioblastoma Australasia Trial	1,273,632
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Sydney	NAVMAN TRIAL: A multi-centre, dynamic, waitlist randomised controlled trial of patient navigators in children with chronic kidney disease	1,093,681
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Sydney	PETReA: Phase 3 evaluation of PET-guided, Response-Adapted therapy in patients with previously untreated, high tumour burden follicular lymphoma	787,069
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Sydney	PICCOG: PARP and Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Combination for relapsed IDH-mutant high-grade Glioma	1,391,472
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Low Survival Cancers and Diseases	La Trobe University	A Basket Study of Low Survival Cancers Treated with EGFR ADCs	1,658,626 <sup>a</sup>
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Clinical Trials Activity continued	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Low Survival Cancers and Diseases	Monash University	Brain Oxygen Neuromonitoring In Australia And New Zealand Assessment (BONANZA) Trial	1,084,852 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Low Survival Cancers and Diseases	Monash University	Frailty-stratified randomised controlled Bayesian adaptive trial of bortezomib versus lenalidomide in transplant-ineligible myeloma: the FRAIL-M Study	1,682,836 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Low Survival Cancers and Diseases	Monash University	Improving survival in myelofibrosis	1,733,327 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Low Survival Cancers and Diseases	University of Melbourne	Combination of Avelumab with Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT) or Conventional Fractionated Radiotherapy (RT) in Metastatic Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC)	1,812,005 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Low Survival Cancers and Diseases	University of Sydney	MFOLFIRINOX and STErerotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) for pancreatic cancer with high-risk and Locally Advanced disease (MASTERPLAN): a multicentre, randomised phase II study of the Australian Gastrointestinal Trials Group (AGITG)	1,512,808 <sup>a</sup>

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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Clinical Trials Activity continued	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.2)	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Pragmatic Paediatric Trial of Balanced versus Normal Saline Fluid in Sepsis (PRoMPT-BOLUS)	3,055,619
	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.2)	University of Sydney	POLEM Trial: Avelumab plus fluoropyrimidine-based chemotherapy as adjuvant treatment for stage III dMMR or POLE exonuclease domain mutant colon cancer: A phase III randomised study	981,313
	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.2)	University of Sydney	Apixaban Twice Daily vs Rivaroxaban Once Daily for the Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism: A randomised controlled trial (COBRRRA)	1,057,840
	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.3)	University of Melbourne	Transfusion Triggers in Cardiac Surgery Australia trial (TRICs-IV)	869,566
	2019 International Clinical Trial Collaborations (round 19.3)	University of Melbourne	Circulating tumour DNA guided Therapy for stage IIb/C BRAF mutant positive mElanoma after surgical resection (DETECTION)	3,230,670
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Childhood Brain Cancers	Monash University	CONNECT 1903: A Pilot and Surgical Study of Larotrectinib for Disease Control in Children with Newly-Diagnosed High-Grade Glioma with NTRK Fusion	323,898
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Clinical Trials Activity continued	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Childhood Brain Cancers	Monash University	MET-MED Trial: A phase III randomised double-blind placebo-controlled trial of metformin for cognitive recovery and white matter growth in paediatric medulloblastoma patients	879,904
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Childhood Brain Cancers	Monash University	The TiNT Trial: A phase II clinical trial of trametinib in paediatric patients with neurofibromatosis type 1 associated progressive optic pathway gliomas	761,210
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Childhood Brain Cancers	University of New South Wales	LOGGIC: a Phase III, randomised international multi-centre trial for Low-Grade Glioma In Children and adolescents	1,128,498
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	Curtin University	A randomised control trial in subjects with early Alzheimer's disease in exploring if probucol supports cognitive function through improved cerebrovascular function	1,720,000
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	Deakin University	Does repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS), compared to sham rTMS, improve social communication in adolescents and young adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)?	1,903,208
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	Monash University	Sodium Selenate as a Disease Modifying Treatment for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (Sodium Selenate for PSP)	2,639,490

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Clinical Trials Activity continued	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	Monash University	Autoimmune Encephalitis – a rare and debilitating neurological illness affecting the Australian population. A study of the Australian Autoimmune Encephalitis Consortium	2,092,825
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	Monash University	The Long-term Outcomes of Lidocaine Infusions for persistent PostOperative Pain in patients undergoing breast surgery (LOLIPOP) Trial	4,334,375
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Study of Neck Injury Imaging in Children (SONIC): Improving the Diagnosis of Spinal Cord, Bone and Ligament Injuries Compared With Current Practice	2,528,026
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	The University of Adelaide	Iodine supplementation in pregnancy to improve early childhood neurodevelopment: how much is enough?	3,235,960
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	University of Melbourne	Endovascular Brain Computer Interface for Independent Communication	1,481,180
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	The University of Newcastle	Reducing debilitating fatigue after stroke to improve Quality of Life	1,006,075

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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Clinical Trials Activity	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Neurological Disorders	University of Sydney	Evaluation of a New Brief Intervention for Childhood Autism Spectrum Disorders	837,447
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	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Reproductive Cancers	The University of Queensland	EnhAnCing treatment oUtcoMes after gynaEcological caNcer (ACUMEN): using exercise to promote health after cancer therapy	2,211,455
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Reproductive Cancers	University of Sydney	PARAGON-II: Phase 2 basket study of an ARomatase inhibitor plus PI3KCA inhibitor or CDK4/6 inhibitor in women with hormone receptor positive recurrent/metastatic Gynaecological Neoplasms	1,995,422
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Reproductive Cancers	University of Sydney	Adjuvant Tisilizumab plus chemotherapy after post-operative pelvic chemoradiation in high risk endometrial cancer: the ADEL study	1,633,241
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – Reproductive Cancers	University of Sydney	HYNOVA - A randomised study comparing Hyperthermic and Normothermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy following interval cytoreductive surgery for stage III epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal cancer	686,674
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	Australasian Resuscitation In Sepsis Evaluation: Fluid or Vasopressors in Emergency Department Sepsis (ARISE:Fluids) Trial	2,335,540
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Clinical Trials Activity continued	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Monash University	Bone Loss Prevention with Zoledronic Acid or Denosumab in Critically Ill Women – A Randomised Controlled Trial (Bone Zone)	1,905,283
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Clinical efficacy of ultrashort (1 dose) intravenous antibiotics compared to traditional duration (3 days) for children with complicated urinary tract infections; a multicentre randomised controlled trial	1,643,670
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Does cannabidiol reduce severe behavioural problems in youth with intellectual disability? A randomised placebo-controlled trial	883,485
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	PRoCESS: Pancreatic cancer Relatives Counselling and Education Support Service trial. Assessing the effect of nurse-led counselling, compared with information alone, on participant-reported outcomes and use of medical services	801,229
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Adelaide	Precision Medicine for Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukaemia: Phase II Trial Studying the Efficacy of Lenzilumab or High Dose Ascorbate plus Azacitidine Based on Molecular Profiling Compared to Risk-matched Historical Cohort	1,619,122
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Clinical Trials Activity continued	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Optimism in IBM: A dbRCT Phase III trial of Sirolimus in patients with Inclusion Body Myositis, to slow or stabilise otherwise relentless disease progression, as measured by the IBM Functional Rating Scale (IBMFRS)	1,883,014
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	Implementation of Metformin therapy to Ease DEcline of kidney function in PKD – the IMPED-E-PKD Trial	2,572,403
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	The TELO-SCOPE study: Attenuating Telomere Attrition with Danazol. Is there Scope to Dramatically Improve Health Outcomes for Adults and Children with Pulmonary Fibrosis?	1,828,446
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	Can intrapartum SildEnafil safely Avert the Risks of Contraction-induced Hypoxia in labour? iSEARCH – a pragmatic Phase 3 Randomised Controlled Trial	3,418,152
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	Targeting the gut microbiome as a treatment for Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis: The Queensland Clinical Network Study	1,631,020
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	The University of Queensland	Ataxia-telangiectasia: treating mitochondrial dysfunction with a novel form of anaplerosis	2,459,666

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Clinical Trials Activity continued	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Melbourne	Evaluation of Fibroblastic Activation Protein Inhibitors (FAP) as a novel radiopharmaceutical targeting cancer-associated fibroblasts for the diagnosis and treatment of patients with Cancer of Unknown Primary: the FAP-CUP trial	2,387,925
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Melbourne	A multicentre randomised controlled trial of polysomnographic titration of non-invasive ventilation in motor neurone disease	3,480,677
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of New South Wales	AZA+: A multi-site phase 1/2 dose escalation/ expansion trial combining azacitidine and defactinib for high-risk myelodysplastic syndrome patients who fail to respond to azacitidine alone	3,328,736
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Sydney	Optimising Q fever vaccination in Australia: Protecting our rural adolescents	1,772,624
	2019 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need – General	University of Sydney	Structured exercise program to reduce fatigue in patients receiving dialysis: a preference-stratified adaptive trial (M-FIT)	1,957,499
Global Health	2019 Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Pacific Island Countries	Burnet Institute	Comprehensive community-based solutions to reduce MDR transmission in a high incidence setting	2,508,423

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Global Health <i>continued</i>	2019 Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Pacific Island Countries	University of Melbourne	Rapid detection of drug-resistant tuberculosis using real-time sequencing	784,967
	2019 Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Pacific Island Countries	University of Melbourne	Preparing Fiji for Pathogens with Critical Antimicrobial Resistance	823,055
	2019 Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Pacific Island Countries	University of Sydney	Pathway to the Elimination of Antibiotic-Resistant Tuberculosis in the Pacific	4,248,555
Frontier Health and Medical Research	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	Australian Lung Health Initiative Pty Ltd	4D Functional diagnosis: a new frontier in lung health for children	1,124,822
	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	Burnet Institute	EVE-M (Enhancing the Vaginal Environment and Microbiome) Initiative	962,458
	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health	Precision Medicine in Epilepsy	1,197,812

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Frontier Health and Medical Research continued	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	Monash University	An Innovative Public Health Program Against Mosquito-Borne Diseases	1,175,625
	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	Monash University	Cortical Frontiers: Commercialising Brain Machine Interfaces	1,046,625
	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	Saluda Medical Pty Ltd	Cerebral palsy treatment by closed loop electrical stimulation	747,596
	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	The University of Queensland	Therapeutic Ultrasound for the Treatment of Brain Disorders	1,076,891
	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	University of Melbourne	Using disruptive technologies to transform prehospital care for stroke	1,203,125
	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (cohort 1, stage one)	University of Technology Sydney	Disruptive technologies to trace, track and tackle antibiotic resistance	1,166,210
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Frontier Health and Medical Research <i>continued</i>	2018 Frontier Health and Medical Research (Cohort 1, stage one),	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	c-FIND: CRISPR Frontier Infection Diagnostics to Detect infection	1,071,500
	2020 National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce	Monash University	COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce	1,500,000
	2020 COVID-19 PRO-COVER Trial	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	COVID-19 Prophylaxis with Hydroxychloroquine in Front-line Health and Allied-health Care Workers – The COVID-SHIELD Trial	3,000,000
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	Monash University	Inhaled oligonucleotides to generate a decoy receptor for the SARS Coronavirus-2	297,058
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Biologics for the prophylaxis and treatment of COVID-19	1,990,853
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	University of New South Wales	Hyperimmune globulin: a rapid pathway to treatment of COVID-19	2,065,257
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Frontier Health and Medical Research continued	2020 COVID-19 Immunological Studies	University of Melbourne	Defining immune responses in COVID-19 to understand susceptibility and target treatment	999,999
	2020 COVID-19 Immunological Studies	University of New South Wales	Cellular and molecular correlates to SARS CoV2 immunity in convalescent patients	994,584
	2020 COVID-19 Immunological Studies	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	Defining SARS-CoV-2 immune maintenance in the Australian population	998,876
	2020 COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Research	University of Melbourne	A safe, effective, and rapidly tuneable SARS-CoV-2 vaccine	2,999,502
	2020 COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Research	University of Sydney	Novel DNA based COVID-19 vaccine: A phase 1/1b trial for Australia	2,954,760
	2020 Tracking COVID-19 in Australia Using Genomics	University of New South Wales	Tracking COVID-19 using genomics	3,269,102
Clinician Researchers	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Burnet Institute	Advancing diagnostics and vaccines for malaria elimination	437,036 <sup>a</sup>
	2017 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Melbourne	Improving patient management pathways in age-related macular degeneration	179,118 <sup>a</sup>
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Clinician Researchers continued	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Curtin University	Pharmacy Interventions for Naloxone Scale-up (PINS)	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	National Ageing Research Institute	Translating dignity principles into practice in aged care homes	181,066
	2017 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	La Trobe University	Implementing appropriate exercise and education for Australians with knee osteoarthritis	179,118 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	La Trobe University	Translating evidence to improve access to paediatric therapy services	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Monash University	A national cancer outcome strategy	487,893 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Monash University	fungalAI: breaking the mould of the traditional antifungal stewardship paradigm	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Monash University	Next Generation Targeting of DNA-Methylation in Poor Risk Lymphoid Cancer	218,518 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Monash University	Reducing Brain Injury and Improving The Care Of High-Risk Newborn Infants	241,702 <sup>a</sup>
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Clinician Researchers continued	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Implementing evidence-based management for children with dystonic cerebral palsy	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Queensland University of Technology	Embracing digital disruption in hospitals to improve outcomes among vulnerable people	483,404 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	Sydney Local Health District	Implementing fasting guidelines within an acute hospital surgical setting	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	The University of Queensland	Early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer	487,893 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	The University of Queensland	iAx: Instant assessment and personalised feedback in alcohol use disorder	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	The University of Queensland	Improving paediatric critical care outcome	348,495 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	The University of Queensland	Scaling, spreading, and sustaining The Systematised, Interdisciplinary Malnutrition Program for impleMentation and Evaluation (SIMPLE) – a multi-site implementation program	181,066

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Clinician Researchers continued	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Melbourne	Complex depression and anxiety in youth: Innovative e-therapy and biotherapy clinical trials	349,629 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Melbourne	From simulation to translation: A new quality improvement program for antibiotic prescribing in general practice	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Sydney	Optimising Respiratory Therapies to Improve Outcomes for Preterm Infants	305,925 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Sydney	Clinical Trials To Improve Outcome of Cancer Patients	483,404 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Sydney	New approaches for treatment of alcohol use disorder	418,050 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Sydney	The role of cortical dysfunction in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) pathophysiology	585,270 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Tasmania	Exercise is medicine so why don't General Practitioners prescribe it?	181,066
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Western Australia	Community-based studies of diabetes and infectious diseases	585,270 <sup>a</sup>
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Clinician Researchers continued	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	University of Western Australia	Maximising health for older Australians	585,270 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Translational research to drive improved diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory diseases	418,050 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 Next Generation Clinical Researchers	La Trobe University	Closing the evidence-practice gap in occupational health practices to prevent musculoskeletal disorders	179,118
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	Deakin University	Improving outcomes for children and adolescents with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and their carers	1,544,073
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	The University of Queensland	Supporting adults to sit less and move more for chronic disease prevention and management	1,487,455
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	University of Sydney	Innovative regenerative therapies for heart repair	1,562,250
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Clinician Researchers continued	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Keeping children out of hospital by being smarter with antibiotics	1,281,125
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	University of Melbourne	Minimising infective complications in the era of immune-based cancer therapies through precision, prediction and prevention	1,165,633
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	University of New South Wales	Investigating novel therapies for heart failure with preserved ejection fraction	387,123
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	University of Melbourne	Putting 3D printing into the reality of surgery: an approach for regenerating joint cartilage within the body using one-step surgery	447,603
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	The University of Queensland	Immuno-genetic biomarkers of response in a prospective study of immune checkpoint therapy in primary CNS lymphoma	1,393,575
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Clinician Researchers <i>continued</i>	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	The University of Adelaide	Understanding molecular pathogenesis of therapy-related myeloid neoplasm	620,205
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	University of Melbourne	Developing a coherent national approach to the clinical and public health management of invasive Strep A disease	1,449,800
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	University of Melbourne	Blood based detection and monitoring of pre-malignant clonal haematopoiesis to predict clinical outcomes in the immunocompromised	620,735
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	The University of Newcastle	A big problem needs a big solution: Advancing the science of scaling up chronic disease prevention interventions	1,562,250
	2019 Investigator Grants: Medical Research Future Fund Priority Round (2020 cohort)	University of Melbourne	The male experience of eating and body image disorders	1,562,250
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Researcher Exchange and Development Within Industry	2019 Researcher Exchange and Development Within Industry	MTPConnect	The MTPConnect REIDI Program	32,000,000
Australian Brain Cancer Mission	2019 Innovative Clinical Trials	La Trobe University	Prospective, multicentre trial evaluating FET-PET in high-grade glioma (FIG Study)	1,246,612 <sup>a</sup>
	2019 Innovative Clinical Trials	University of Sydney	LUMOS (Low & Intermediate Grade Glioma Umbrella Study of Molecular Guided Therapies)	502,558
	2019 Brain Cancer Survivorship	University of Sydney	Brain cancer Rehabilitation, Assessment, Intervention of survivor Needs	4,973,026
	2019 Brain Cancer Survivorship	University of New South Wales	A new nurse-led intervention to re-engage childhood brain cancer survivors	1,941,576
Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission	2018 Million Minds Mission	Curtin University	Our Journey, Our Story: Building bridges to improve Aboriginal youth mental health and wellbeing	2,459,030
	2018 Million Minds Mission	Deakin University	Leveraging digital technology to reduce the prevalence and severity of eating disorders in Australia	1,342,548
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Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission <i>continued</i>	2018 Million Minds Mission	Monash University	The Kids are Not Okay: Emergency Department management of acute mental health crises in children and young people	4,996,127
	2018 Million Minds Mission	University of Melbourne	Bringing family, community, culture and country to the centre of health care: culturally appropriate models for improving mental health and wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people	4,998,864
	2018 Million Minds Mission	University of Southern Queensland	Translating evidence-based interventions into population-level digital models of care for child and adolescent mental health	4,996,351
	2018 Million Minds Mission	University of Sydney	MAINSTREAM Centre for Health System Research & Translation in Eating Disorders: detection and intervention system-focused knowledge to drive better outcomes in mainstream care for eating disorders	3,670,400
	2018 Million Minds Mission	University of Western Australia	Generating Indigenous patient-centred, clinically and culturally capable models of mental health care	4,991,608
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Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission <i>continued</i>	2019 Suicide Prevention	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Suicide prevention among men in early fatherhood: Determining the effectiveness of Working Out Dads, a group-based peer support intervention to reduce fathers' mental health difficulties compared to usual care	951,918
	2019 Suicide Prevention	University of Melbourne	Preventing suicide in boys and men	5,623,083
	2019 Suicide Prevention	University of New South Wales	Developing a Comprehensive Care Pathway For those at Risk of Suicide But Not in Care: The Under the Radar Project	3,729,421
	2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research	University of Canberra	Implementing Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance Lifeline's crisis support service capacity in response to COVID-19 and emerging crises	218,140
	2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research	Monash University	Mobilising and empowering parents in the COVID-19 mental health response: A single-arm trial of an enhanced online parenting intervention to improve parent risk and protective factors for adolescent mental health	610,923
	2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research	University of Technology Sydney	Identifying the mental health effects and support needs of people bereaved during and following COVID-19: A Mixed Methods Project	748,750

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Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission <i>continued</i>	2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research	Deakin University	Evaluating the effectiveness of lifestyle therapy versus standard psychotherapy for reducing depression in adults with COVID-19 related distress: The CALM Trial	885,303
	2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research	The University of Wollongong	Narratives of Recovery – Practices supporting community mental health and well being post bush fires and COVID 19	425,803
	2020 COVID-19 Mental Health Research	University of New South Wales	A novel text mining and data linkage approach to investigate the mental health needs of the population during the COVID-19 period	232,159
Genomics Health Futures Mission	2018 Mackenzie's Mission	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Mackenzie's Mission: the Australian Reproductive Carrier Screening Project	19,982,540 <sup>a</sup>
	2018 ProCan	University of Sydney	ProCan: The human cancer proteome project	20,400,000 <sup>a</sup>
	2019 Investigator Grants	University of New South Wales	Developing synthetic DNA reference standards (sequins) to ensure accuracy in emerging genomic techniques	1,443,588
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Genomics Health Futures Mission <i>continued</i>	2019 Investigator Grants	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Statistical methods for analysing next generation sequencing data	639,750
	2019 Investigator Grants	The University of Queensland	The history of the human genome and the mechanisms of genomic disease	1,554,485
	2019 Projects	Macquarie University	Cascade testing in intellectual disability: social and economic impact	486,897
	2019 Projects	Monash University	Preventing mitochondrial disease using genomics	499,417
	2019 Projects	Monash University	Moratorium on Genetic Testing and Life Insurance: Monitoring the impact	500,000
	2019 Projects	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	A Centre for Ethics of Paediatric Genomics to Improve Paediatric Care	463,471
	2019 Projects	Swinburne University of Technology	Towards a trusted genomic repository: tackling commercialisation fears	484,000
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Genomics Health Futures Mission <i>continued</i>	2019 Projects	University of Melbourne	Achieving Equity in Genomic Health for Indigenous Australians	499,990
	2019 Projects	The University of Queensland	We need to talk: Genomics and disability	497,213
2019 Projects		University of Tasmania	Genome Editing: Formulating an Australian Community Response	460,631
		University of Tasmania	Returning Raw Genomic Data: Patient Autonomy or Legal Minefield?	388,026
2019 Projects		Queensland University of Technology	Genomic architecture of chronic disease in Australia's First Peoples	1,368,256
		University of Melbourne	SUPER-NEXT: Complete genome profiling for cancer of unknown primary	4,993,323
2019 Projects		University of Melbourne	Precision Medicine for a Life-Threatening Infantile Epilepsy	4,079,947
		The University of Queensland	Whole Genome Sequencing in high-risk breast cancer patients	2,801,185
2019 Projects		University of South Australia	Genomic autopsy of perinatal death	3,401,790
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Genomics Health Futures Mission <i>continued</i>	2019 Projects	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	National rapid genomic diagnosis program for critically ill children	4,848,331
	2019 Projects	The University of Queensland	Host gene expression signatures to diagnose sepsis in children	2,406,970
	2019 Projects	University of New South Wales	PreGen: Filling the Gap – antenatal genomics and newborn care	4,828,094
Cardiovascular Health Mission	2019 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	Queensland University of Technology	CHD LIFE+ family-centred care models supporting long-term neurodevelopment	2,997,256
	2019 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	The University of Adelaide	Maternal exposures, congenital heart defects, and child development	3,037,417
	2019 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	The University of Queensland	Gene Expression to Predict Long-Term Outcome in Infants After Heart Surgery	3,068,742
	2019 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	University of Sydney	An Australian Study of the Outcomes and Burden of Congenital Heart Disease	3,994,175
	2019 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	University of Sydney	Congenital Heart Fitness Intervention Trial: CH-FIT	3,328,569
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Cardiovascular Health Mission continued	2019 Accelerated Research – Congenital Heart Disease	University of Sydney	Personalised Pulmonary Valved Conduits: reducing re-operations in CHD	2,081,761
	2020 Strategic Research	National Heart Foundation of Australia	2020 Strategic Research Grants	4,000,000
	2020 Childhood Stroke	National Stroke Foundation	The Australian Paediatric Acute Code Stroke (PACS) study	4,000,000
	2019 Cardiovascular Health	Monash University	Using Polygenic Risk Scores to Target Statin Therapy in Primary Prevention	1,416,095
	2019 Cardiovascular Health	University of Melbourne	A randomised controlled trial of ultra-early, minimally invasive surgery for intracerebral haemorrhage (EVACUATE)	2,138,226
	2019 Cardiovascular Health	University of New South Wales	Novel deep learning methods for large-scale cardiovascular risk screening using Australian digital health data	1,467,091
	2019 Cardiovascular Health	University of New South Wales	Total Cardiac Care – STROKE: A randomised controlled trial of a comprehensive smartphone application-centric model of care to improve outcomes in stroke patients	1,629,905
	2019 Cardiovascular Health	University of New South Wales	The SaltSwitch Online Grocery Shopping (OGS) Trial: A Novel Method for Reducing Blood Pressure among Individuals with Hypertension	1,687,990
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Cardiovascular Health Mission <i>continued</i>	2019 Cardiovascular Health	University of Sydney	Colchicine After Stroke to Prevent Event Recurrence (CASPER) Study	2,997,908
Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission	2019 Accelerated Research — Clem Jones Centre for Ageing Dementia Research	The University of Queensland	Breaking through dementia – the Clem Jones Centre for Ageing Dementia Research	10,000,000
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	Burnet Institute	Novel inhibitors of SARS coronaviruses targeting ACE2	296,957
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	Griffith University	Targeting SARS-CoV-2 using Stealth nanoparticles loaded with gene silencing siRNAs	317,694
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	Monash University	Convalescent Plasma for COVID-19	371,606
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	Monash University	Ivermectin as an antiviral against SARS-CoV-2	344,459
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	University of New South Wales	Monoclonal antibody therapy of COVID-19	594,420
	2020 Antiviral Development for COVID-19	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Targeting the deubiquitinase activity of Coronaviruses: the VirDUB programme	1,055,208

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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission <i>continued</i>	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	Queensland University of Technology	Use of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM) optimise oral/enteral Hydroxychloroquine dosing in critically ill patients with COVID-19	170,020
	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	Precision antibiotic strategies to reduce invasive mechanical ventilation and mortality in COVID-19	535,291
	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	Tocilizumab for tREATment of COVID-19 in intensive cARE patients ('TROCAR')	279,107
	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	University of Melbourne	ProTreat: an adaptive and rapid implementation trial of novel therapies to prevent and treat COVID19 infection in high-risk cancer patients	2,169,932
	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	The University of Queensland	Reducing acute severe respiratory events in health care workers during the Covid-19 pandemic with OM85	1,250,284
	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	University of Sydney	IMPACT-ICO: Trials of Immuno-Modulatory Particles and Colchicine To Improve COVID-19 Outcomes	980,415
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Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission <i>continued</i>	2020 Respiratory Medicine Clinical Trials Research on COVID-19	University of New South Wales	Repurposing existing medications to reduce severe acute respiratory distress in patients with COVID-19: the CLARITY trial	1,406,587
	2020 COVID-19 Vaccine Research	The University of Queensland	Rapid Acceleration of the UQ COVID-19 Vaccine Program	2,999,990
	2020 Australasian COVID-19 (ASCOT) Trial	The University of Queensland	The Australasian COVID-19 Trial (ASCOT)	350,000
Indigenous Health Research Fund	2019 Accelerated Research – Rheumatic Heart Disease	University of Western Australia	Vaccine to combat Rheumatic Heart Disease	35,000,000
	2019 Indigenous Health Research	Flinders University	Aboriginal Community-Led Diabetic Retinopathy Prevention: An Innovative Model of Eye Care for Understanding Risk and Early Detection	1,436,871
	2019 Indigenous Health Research	Macquarie University	Improving care pathways for Otitis Media in Aboriginal children (0-12); A case study approach	1,961,474
	2019 Indigenous Health Research	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
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Indigenous Health Research Fund continued	2019 Indigenous Health Research	Monash University	Reducing the burden of chronic kidney disease in the indigenous population – the PROPHETY CKD study	1,995,895
	2019 Indigenous Health Research	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
	2019 Indigenous Health Research	University of Sydney	ACCESS: Aboriginal Community Controlled Early health Support System: developing, embedding and evaluating best practice models of care	887,186
	2019 Indigenous Health Research	University of New South Wales	Enabling Dads and Improving Indigenous Adolescent Mental Health	1,684,560
	2019 Indigenous Health Research	The University of Queensland	IMHHP-Youth: A multidisciplinary collaboration to embed and evaluate a model of social and emotional wellbeing care for Indigenous adolescents who experience detention	1,988,280
Stem Cell Therapies Mission	2019 Indigenous Health Research	The University of Queensland	Co-designed sleep health program to achieve better sleep and improved mental health symptoms in Indigenous adolescents	586,961
	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	University of Melbourne	Translating patient stem cells into personalised screens for age-related macular degeneration	881,907
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Stem Cell Therapies Mission	2020 Rapid Screening of Approved Drugs in Stem Cell Models for COVID-19	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	Preventing Cardiac Injury in Patients with COVID-19	389,999
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	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	University of Melbourne	Identifying novel therapeutic targets in leukaemia stem cells	894,180
	2020 Rapid Screening of Approved Drugs in Stem Cell Models for COVID-19	University of Melbourne	Stem cell-derived human tissue models for the identification of drugs to treat COVID-19	610,000
	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	University of Melbourne	Next generation stem cell therapy for Parkinson's disease	952,874
	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	Curtin University	Optimizing a pre-clinical model for bioprinting skin aimed at repairing skin loss in patients	737,690
	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	Monash University	Discovering new drugs for epilepsy using personalised medicine	556,461
	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	Monash University	Developing novel cellular therapies and tissue engineering approaches for the treatment of muscle injury and wasting disorders using tissue resident muscle stem cells	824,480
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Stem Cell Therapies Mission continued	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	Monash University	Human Amniotic Epithelial Stem Cells as Novel Treatment for Autoimmune Vasculitis	588,396
	2020 Stem Cell Therapies	Monash University	Engineering a solution to non-alcoholic steatohepatitis through tuning substrate stiffness	472,680
Traumatic Brain Injury Mission	2020 Traumatic Brain Injury	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Can predictive markers assist in early detection of children at risk for persisting symptoms and their response to prevention and intervention?	1,975,723
	2020 Traumatic Brain Injury	The University of Adelaide	Forecasting Impairment and Neurodegenerative Disease risk following Traumatic Brain Injury (FIND-TBI): A computational neurology-driven method to predict long-term prognosis	1,987,160
	2020 Traumatic Brain Injury	The University of Queensland	PREDICT-TBI – PREDiction and Diagnosis using Imaging and Clinical biomarkers Trial in Traumatic Brain Injury: the value of Magnetic Resonance Imaging	1,765,000
Preventive and Public Health Research	2019 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital – Preventative Health Research in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT)	University of Canberra	Environmental and social determinants of health in the Australian Capital Territory: program interventions aimed at reducing the burden of disease and avoidable hospital admissions	4,000,000
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Preventive and Public Health Research continued	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital – Preventative Health Research in Rural and Regional Communities (Tasmania)	University of Tasmania	Risk Reduction for Dementia Intervention – North West (RREDI-NOW) – an initiative of the Wicking Centre 'Island Study Linking Ageing and Neurodegenerative Disease (ISLAND)' & CAPITOL project	2,400,000
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute	Reduction of Heart Failure Readmission in Resource-Constrained Environments: Supporting Nurse-led Disease Management by Risk-Guidance and eHealth	287,663
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	La Trobe University	Reducing inappropriate knee joint replacement surgery and hospital burden	1,337,750
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	Monash University	Transforming pulmonary rehabilitation to reduce hospital admissions in COPD	1,220,668
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	Macquarie University	Harnessing implementation science, complexity science and evidence-based care to Keep Australians Out of Hospital: leveraging seven natural experiments in New South Wales	1,505,612
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	Queensland University of Technology	An early detection program to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions of aged care residents	1,898,519
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Preventive and Public Health Research continued	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	Queensland University of Technology	LOCAL Assessment and Triage Evaluation of NAFLD (LOCATE-NAFLD)	969,193
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	University of Melbourne	The Care Plus Study: multi-site implementation of early palliative care in routine practice to improve health outcomes and reduce hospital admissions for people with advanced cancer	1,061,522
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	University of Melbourne	The REsilience to Seasonal ILness and Increased Emergency admissions CarE (RESILIENCE) Study	1,284,327
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	University of Melbourne	There's no place like home: national scale up of the paediatric low risk febrile neutropenia program	1,237,016
	2018 Keeping Australians Out of Hospital	University of Technology Sydney	Translation of best practice osteoporosis fracture prevention: stopping fragility fractures to keep Australians out of hospital	897,730
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 2)	The University of Adelaide	Mobile X-ray services provided within residential aged care facilities	1,970,000
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MRFF initiative	Grant opportunity	Institution	Project name or description	Amount (\$ ex GST)
Preventive and Public Health Research continued	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 2)	University of Tasmania	ANCHOR Project: heALTH ecoNomics and epidemiology of myalgic encephalomyelitis/ chronic fatigue syndrome	155,000
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 1)	Monash University	Assessing diagnostic accuracy for melanoma with compared to without access to Melanoma Surveillance Photography in high-risk individuals	2,416,998
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 1)	University of Western Australia	Evaluation of clinical pathways and patient outcomes for breast MRI in preoperative assessment and staging of breast cancer: Establishing when MRI improves patient outcomes and when it does not	2,072,217
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	Deakin University	TeleFFIT – a personalized, telehealth exercise and lifestyle risk factor management program to reduce falls and fracture risk in older adults: A 12-month hybrid effectiveness-implementation trial	1,393,505
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	Edith Cowan University	Developing a novel approach to improve diet and lifestyle	295,804
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Preventive and Public Health Research	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	La Trobe University	Exploring the impact of caseload midwifery on preterm birth among vulnerable and disadvantaged women: a multicentre randomised controlled trial	1,598,496
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	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	Menzies School of Health Research	A life course approach to reduce intergenerational diabetes risk in remote Northern Australia through improved systems of care and consumer engagement	2,923,325
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	Monash University	Healthy lifestyle in Preconception, Pregnancy and Postpartum HiPP – Personalised Medicine meets Public Health	2,551,476
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	Queensland University of Technology	Effectiveness of an early childhood intervention to promote healthy child development and prevent chronic disease in families attending community playgroups: A multicentre cluster randomised trial	870,950
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	The University of Adelaide	The Begin Better Randomised Trial	2,790,917
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	The University of Adelaide	A pragmatic randomised controlled trial to test whether incentives and carbon monoxide monitoring help pregnant women quit smoking	987,208
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Preventive and Public Health Research	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	The University of Adelaide	Time-Restricted EATING to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes (TREAT)	1,012,420
continued	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Melbourne	Prenatal environments, offspring neurodevelopment and epigenetic programming	748,010
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Melbourne	Telerehabilitation for early intervention to improve neurodevelopmental outcomes of infants born preterm and their parents' wellbeing: a randomised controlled trial	1,819,842
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Melbourne	A Precision Medicine approach to improving developmental outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	945,267
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	The University of Newcastle	Building the capacity of community mental health services to provide preventive care to people with a mental health condition	1,365,093
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Sydney	Can a preconception weight loss program improve maternal and infant outcomes for women with overweight or obesity? A pragmatic randomised controlled trial	1,920,566
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Preventive and Public Health Research <i>continued</i>	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Sydney	Physical activity promotion by health professionals to increase physical activity: two hybrid type II implementation-effectiveness cluster randomised waitlist controlled trials in hospital outpatient settings	480,078
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Sydney	Developing and evaluating an interactive web-based Healthy Beginnings program for preventing obesity in the first years of life	670,031
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Canberra	A good start in life for young children: reducing vulnerability and health inequity	868,846
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of South Australia	Healthy Choices: Co-designed community programs to enhance healthy lifestyle choices for people with chronic conditions	780,670
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Tasmania	Developing benchmarks and a smart online tool for assessing walkability in regional and rural communities: Supporting rural Australians to live healthy, active lives	570,969
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	University of Technology Sydney	The impact of neonatal care on long-term health care needs and outcomes	163,840
	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	The University of Wollongong	Peer support for breastfeeding for Aboriginal women	1,530,350
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Preventive and Public Health Research continued	2019 Preventive and Public Health Research	Victoria University	Optimising the dose of exercise to promote improvements of cerebrovascular function and health in middle-aged adults	847,130
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 3)	Australian National University	Tools to value health change in paediatric populations	2,215,268
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 3)	The Cancer Council NSW	Modelling 5-year patterns in cancer incidence, staging and related health services	3,585,390
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 3)	University of Melbourne	Predicting the population health economic IMpact of current and new CANcer Treatments (PRIMCAT)	2,322,795
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 3)	University of Melbourne	Measuring and valuing changes in child health to facilitate robust decision making	2,352,350
	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 3)	University of Sydney	Evidence on the clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of digital breast tomosynthesis in identifying breast cancer compared to standard imaging in populations at risk of breast cancer	1,422,683

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Preventive and Public Health Research continued	2019 Targeted Health System and Community Organisation Research (round 3)	Monash University	Epidemiological modelling to deliver better care for Australian patients with myeloma	459,847
Rapid Applied Research Translation	2020 Targeted Translation Research Accelerator	MTPConnect	MTPConnect Diabetes and Cardiovascular Accelerator initiative	47,000,000
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	Monash University	Monash Partners Advanced Health Translation Centre – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,131,439
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	The University of Queensland	Brisbane Diamantina Health Partners – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,110,000
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	University of Melbourne	Melbourne Academic Centre for Health – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,431,900
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	University of Sydney	Sydney Health Partners – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,118,000
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	University of Western Australia	Western Australian Health Translation Network – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,138,000
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Rapid Applied Research Translation continued	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	The University of Newcastle	NSW Regional Health Partners – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,110,000
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	Health Translation SA – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,110,000
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	University of New South Wales	Maridulu Budyari Gumal Sydney Partnership for Health Education Research and Enterprise (SPHERE) – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage Two	4,110,000
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	Monash University	Monash Partners Advanced Health Translation Centre – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	1,978,561 <sup>b</sup>
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	The University of Queensland	Brisbane Diamantina Health Partners – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	2,000,000 <sup>b</sup>
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	University of Melbourne	Melbourne Academic Centre for Health – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	1,678,100 <sup>b</sup>
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Rapid Applied Research Translation	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	University of Sydney	Sydney Health Partners – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	1,992,000 <sup>b</sup>
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	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	University of Western Australia	Western Australian Health Translation Network – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	1,972,000 <sup>b</sup>
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress	Researcherente Wappayalawangka Central Australia Academic Health Science Network – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	2,000,000 <sup>b</sup>
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	The University of Newcastle	NSW Regional Health Partners – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	2,000,000 <sup>b</sup>
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1)	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited	Health Translation SA – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	2,000,000 <sup>b</sup>
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Rapid Applied Research Translation continued	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.1.)	University of New South Wales	Maridulu Budyari Gumal Sydney Partnership for Health Education Research and Enterprise (SPHERE) – MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation, Stage 2.1	2,000,000 <sup>b</sup>
	2018 Rapid Applied Research Translation (round 2.2)	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation	Researchereny Wappayalawangka Central Australia Academic Health Science Network	4,000,000
Primary Health Care Research	2019 Primary Health Care Research	Monash University	The ORIENT study: imprOVing Rural and regional access to long acting reversible contraceptioN and medical abortion through nurse-led models of care, Tasksharing and telehealth	1,928,519
	2019 Primary Health Care Research	The University of Adelaide	Translation of culturally informed diabetes training for Aboriginal Health Practitioners on Aboriginal patient outcomes: a cluster randomised trial of effectiveness	1,299,036
	2019 Primary Health Care Research	The University of Newcastle	Addressing the evidence gap on medical nutrition therapy for primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease in regional and rural communities	1,028,236
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Primary Health Care Research <i>continued</i>	2019 Primary Health Care Research	The University of Queensland	Transforming access, relational care, and primary health care in an urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population through patient-centred medical homes: a prospective observational cohort study using mixed methods	1,209,748
	2019 Primary Health Care Research	University of South Australia	Using big data to create evidence-based primary health care service delivery and policy for the Australian aged care sector – a nationwide study	1,435,801
National Critical Research Infrastructure	2019 Applied Artificial Intelligence Research in Health	Centre for Eye Research Australia Limited	Artificial intelligence to detect eye and cardiovascular diseases	4,988,487
	2019 Applied Artificial Intelligence Research in Health	St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	Transforming Breast Cancer Screening with Artificial Intelligence	2,260,100
	2019 Applied Artificial Intelligence Research in Health	University of Sydney	Explainable machine learning to improve youth mental health care	3,107,627
	2019 Applied Artificial Intelligence Research in Health	University of Sydney	Translating AI to Support Clinical Excellence in Neuro Diseases	4,016,415

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National Critical Research Infrastructure continued	2019 Applied Artificial Intelligence Research in Health	University of New South Wales	Optimising treatments in mental health using AI	4,995,434
	2020 Enhancing Clinical Trials Networks Capabilities	Australian Clinical Trials Alliance	Embedding clinical trials for ‘Better health through best evidence’	5,000,000
Medical Research Commercialisation	2018 Biomedical Translation Bridge	MTPConnect	MTPConnect Biomedical Translation Bridge: Catalytic Partnerships Unlocking Commercialisation	22,300,000 <sup>a</sup>
	2019 BioMedTech Horizons Program (rounds 2 & 3)	MTPConnect	BioMedTech Horizons Program (rounds 2 & 3)	35,000,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>983,090,240</b>

a Grants included in the 2016–2018 reporting period, but with payments commencing during the 2018–2020 reporting period.

b Round 2.1 grants are captured in both the 2016–2018 report and the 2018–2020 report.

Note: Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding

# Appendix D MRFF funding with payments commencing between 8 November 2018 and 6 November 2020

**Table D Total funding by MRFF initiative, with payments commencing between 8 November 2018 and 6 November 2020**

Funding theme	MRFF initiative	Funding amount (\$)
Patients	Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research	250,123,668.97
	Clinical Trials Activity	132,623,108.95
	Global Health	8,365,000.00
Researchers	Frontier Health and Medical Research	31,842,655.15
	Researcher Exchange and Development Within Industry	32,000,000.00
	Clinician Researchers	23,867,900.12
Research missions	Australian Brain Cancer Mission	8,663,771.80
	Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission	40,880,425.89
	Genomics Health Futures Mission	77,027,904.00
	Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission	23,121,969.08
	Indigenous Health Research Fund	49,435,412.32

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**Table D** *continued*

Funding theme	MRFF initiative	Funding amount (\$)
Research missions <i>continued</i>	Stem Cell Therapies Mission	6,908,664.70
	Cardiovascular Health Mission	37,845,135.19
	Traumatic Brain Injury Mission	5,727,883.00
Research translation	Preventive and Public Health Research	111,207,338.75
	Primary Health Care Research	6,901,339.53
	Rapid Applied Research Translation	54,880,000.00
	Medical Research Commercialisation	57,300,000.00
	National Critical Research Infrastructure	24,368,063.00
<b>Total</b>	Research Data Infrastructure	0.00
		<b>983,090,240.00</b>

