

MRFF Incubator Grants

Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) incubator grants support researchers to create new solutions for significant health challenges.

What are MRFF incubator grants?

MRFF incubator grants support early stage research projects that test the potential and feasibility of new strategies and approaches for addressing critical or intractable health challenges.

They provide small scale (up to \$1 million) and short-term (6 - 24 months) funding.

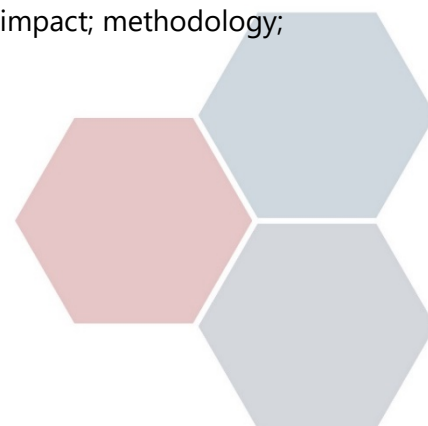
How are they different to other grants?

MRFF incubator grants:

- give researchers time and resources to explore the feasibility, likely impact and broader applicability of new solutions for an area of unmet medical need (emerging or established) in health care or practice
- bring together interdisciplinary researchers to address the needs of patients and communities
- aim to generate findings that will be competitive in attracting further funding to develop or implement the solution.

How are MRFF incubator grant applications assessed?

Four selection criteria are used to assess all applications to the MRFF: impact; methodology; capacity, capability and resources; and overall value and risk.



MRFF incubator grant applications are assessed using the same criteria, however there are some differences in how those criteria are defined.

Please carefully read section 5 of the grant opportunity guidelines so you are aware of the specific criteria that will be used to assess your application.

MRFF incubator grants are assessed by independent Grant Assessment Committees set up by our grant administration hubs, the National Health and Medical Research Council and the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources – Business Grants Hub.

When are MRFF incubator grants used?

MRFF incubator grants have been and will be used to:

- generate new approaches for addressing an area of unmet medical need that is of value to the community, health service providers, and/or health system managers
- explore the feasibility of new approaches and their potential impact on health care practice, policy, or system effectiveness
- establish an evidence base for further research that focuses on implementing the proposed solution.

Successful grants:

- have the potential to contribute to a substantial breakthrough in an area of unmet need that could be applied/implemented nationally and/or internationally
- use novel approaches, methodologies, instrumentation, and/or interventions
- include a national and/or international landscape analysis and use its findings to justify the proposed approach
- encourage collaboration between health researchers, health professionals, the private sector or industry
- demonstrate evidence of community and consumer engagement and participation from the project's inception through to implementation.

Where has the MRFF incubator grant model been used?

The MRFF first used the incubator grant model in 2020 across several [MRFF Missions](#) grant opportunities, including:

- [Cardiovascular Health Mission](#)
- [Indigenous Health Research Fund](#)
- [Stem Cell Therapies Mission](#)
- [Traumatic Brain Injury Mission](#)

