

MRFF Accelerator Grants

Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) accelerator grants support researchers to translate knowledge into practice in order to improve health practice and/or policy.

What are MRFF accelerator grants?

MRFF accelerator grants support large-scale interdisciplinary research to drive implementation of substantial improvements to health care and/or health system effectiveness.

They provide large scale (up to \$5 million) and long-term (up to five years) funding.

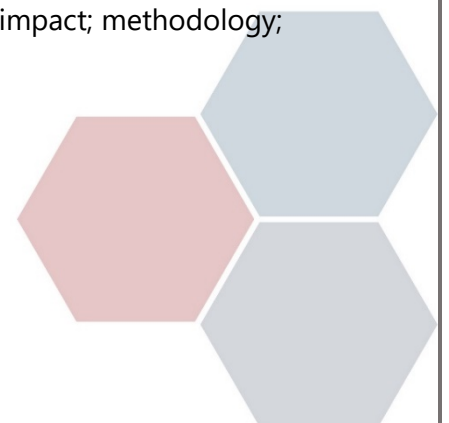
How are they different to other grants?

MRFF accelerator grants:

- focus on a specific 'big question/problem'
- integrate a number of collaborative work programs under a strong governance structure
- facilitate high quality interdisciplinary research that addresses the needs of communities and health consumers
- aim to embed sustainable, systemic improvements to policy and/or practice within health care and/or the health system.

How are MRFF accelerator 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 accelerator 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 accelerator grant applications 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 accelerator grants used?

MRFF accelerator grants have been and will be used to address a systemic and significant health care or health system need:

- that is of value to the community, health service providers, and/or health system managers
- by supporting a program of research that will drive a substantial or transformative shift in health policy and/or practice to address the articulated need
- by strengthening capacity within the health sector for research, innovation and knowledge exchange.

Successful grants:

- demonstrate relevance to national and, where relevant, global health priorities
- apply evidence from foundational or proof of concept research to justify and inform the feasibility of the proposed approach
- facilitate partnerships across the health sector, private sector and industry to establish a broad and inclusive program of research under a strong governance structure
- demonstrate evidence of community and consumer engagement and participation throughout the life of the program
- describe stepwise, measurable benchmarks and indicators for project and program progress to inform ongoing disbursement of funds.

Where has the MRFF accelerator grant model been used?

The MRFF first used the accelerator grant model in 2021 in the [Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mothers and Babies](#) grant opportunity.

