



MRFF Indigenous Health Research Grants

The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) provides grants to support research projects that aim to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

What are MRFF Indigenous health research grants?

MRFF Indigenous health research grants acknowledge, prioritise and promote Indigenous leadership in research practice, governance, and knowledge translation. The grants recognise that Indigenous leadership, including through research, is best placed to generate evidence-based structural change in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice and outcomes.

How are they different to other grants?

MRFF Indigenous health research grants

- are led by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals, communities and/or organisations from the project's inception through to implementation
- focus on culturally appropriate practices and interventions that are acceptable to the community that the research is intended to benefit
- deliver outcomes that are a priority for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- build the capacity, capability and leadership of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander researchers.

How are MRFF Indigenous health research grant applications assessed?

Four selection criteria are used to assess applications to the MRFF: impact; methodology; capacity, capability and resources; and value and risk. MRFF Indigenous health research grants 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 Indigenous health research grants are assessed by independent Grant Assessment Committees that include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers and health experts. The Grant Assessment Committees are 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 Indigenous health research grants used?

MRFF Indigenous health research grants have been and will be used to:

- develop a novel solution to a critical and/or intractable health issue that will be of value to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities, health service providers, and health system managers
- contribute to a substantial breakthrough in an area of unmet need that could transform outcomes locally, regionally or nationally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- support implementation of study findings into culturally safe practice, programs and/or policy for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, as quickly as possible.

Successful grants:

- focus on culturally appropriate interventions that are acceptable to the community that the research is intended to benefit
- demonstrate leadership of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals, communities and organisations in the conceptualisation, design, and implementation of the research
- demonstrate the team's experience in delivering research that has impacted Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health policies and programs.

Where have MRFF Indigenous health research grants been provided?

Indigenous Health Research Grants have been provided through the MRFF's [Indigenous Health Research Fund](#) and in the [Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mothers and Babies](#) grant opportunity.

Indigenous health research grants may also incorporate other MRFF grant models, such as the [Incubator](#) and/or [Accelerator](#) grant models to further target the grant opportunity.