



Medical Research Future Fund 10-year plan

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

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

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


Funding themes


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

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

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

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


Research missions	\$1,384.0 million										
 Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission ¹	10.0	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	\$167.5 million
Australian Brain Cancer Mission ²	9.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	–	\$49.0 million
Cardiovascular Health Mission ³	–	23.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	\$200.0 million
Genomics Health Futures Mission	8.8	56.6	68.7	69.9	54.9	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	41.2	\$500.0 million
Indigenous Health Research Fund ⁴	15.0	22.5	22.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	\$147.5 million
Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission	5.0	5.0	15.0	15.0	25.0	15.0	20.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	\$125.0 million
Stem Cell Therapies Mission	–	6.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	\$150.0 million
Traumatic Brain Injury Mission	–	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	\$45.0 million

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

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

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

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

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Researchers	Researchers theme total	4.3	49.8	92.6	102.1	94.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	\$792.8 million
	 Clinician Researchers	4.3	21.8	22.6	22.1	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	\$190.8 million
	Frontier Health and Medical Research	–	20.0	60.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	\$570.0 million
	Researcher Exchange and Development within Industry	–	8.0	10.0	10.0	4.0	–	–	–	–	–	\$32.0 million
Research translation	Translation theme total	54.2	77.8	171.2	212.0	176.5	173.5	163.5	163.5	163.8	163.8	\$1,519.7 million
	 Medical Research Commercialisation	15.4	15.3	35.3	35.3	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	\$311.3 million
	National Critical Research Infrastructure	–	5.0	43.8	106.2	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	\$605.0 million
	Preventive and Public Health Research	18.8	32.5	57.1	33.5	29.5	26.5	15.5	15.5	15.8	15.8	\$260.4 million
	Primary Health Care Research	–	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	\$45.0 million
	Rapid Applied Research Translation	20.0	20.0	20.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	\$218.0 million
	Research Data Infrastructure	–	–	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	\$80.0 million
Total	All	204.1	392.5	579.8	627.5	567.5	540.6	527.1	517.1	517.4	498.6	\$5.1 billion total funding over 10 years
	Balance over the forward estimates	18.3	3.5	0.1	18.5	82.6						
		222.4	396.0	579.9	646.0	650.0						