

Funding Opportunities



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Funding Body	Grant Scheme/Type	Details/Conditions	Application Procedures/Closing Dates
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)	Project Grants Scheme (http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/projects/index.htm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHMRC's main avenue of support for individuals and small teams of researchers undertaking biomedical, public health and health services research in Australian universities, medical schools, hospitals and other research institutions. Suitable for investigator initiated research projects between 1 – 5 years duration; no funding limit. Special sub-categories of project grant include new investigator grants (provides avenue for less experienced investigators to access NHMRC funding) as well as special initiative areas. Other funding bodies invite applications through the NHMRC Project Grants scheme, including Cancer Australia and Cancer Councils (see below). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual applications due Feb/Mar for funding commencing in following year. Applications are submitted electronically through Research Grants Management System (RGMS) and must be submitted through recognised research institutions (where internal closing dates may be different).
NHMRC	Fellowship awards (http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/types/granttype/career.htm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHMRC's Fellowship Awards provide support for experienced researchers to undertake research that is both of major importance in its field and of benefit to Australian health. Funding is awarded to the researcher, which can in turn allow individual projects to proceed. Different sub-categories with unique funding periods and limits are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application procedures and closing dates are different for each sub-category of fellowship award, but most have annual applications.
Australian Research Council (ARC)	National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) (http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/default.htm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ARC funds research and researchers under the NCGP; funding for individual clinical trials is less common under this scheme than others (eg. NHMRC Project Grants Scheme) and more likely for large scale projects or research programs encompassing numerous trials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application procedures and closing dates are different for each sub-category of grant.

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Cancer Australia	Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS) (http://www.canceraustralia.gov.au/cancer-australia/research-and-clinical-trials/priority-driven-research)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer Australia (with a number of funding partners) funds individual cancer research projects (up to \$200K/year for up to 3 years), including industry-independent cancer clinical trials. • New/different research priority areas and funding partners are identified each year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are through the NHMRC Project Grants Scheme (see above); it is possible to apply for both NHMRC Project Grant Funding and Cancer Australia PdCCRS funding at the same time, but funding is never awarded by both for same project. • There are some additional application requirements for PdCCRS applications that may need to be submitted directly to Cancer Australia at the time of submission to NHMRC through RGMS; best to check specific requirements with Cancer Australia each year.
Cancer Councils	State/territory Cancer Council Research Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and territory Cancer Councils are the major non-government sponsors of cancer research in Australia. Grants are made following competitive, peer-reviewed assessment of funds derived from donations, bequests and other fundraising. • Individual project grants are available from most Cancer Councils, but funding durations and limits are significantly different between them (see http://www.cancer.org.au/aboutcancer/Research/stateterritorycancercouncilresearchprograms.htm for info. about funding available in each state). • In most cases, funding will only be awarded to an investigator/research institution in the specific state and funding must be spent within the state however multi-state research grants are also available. These grants provide funding for clinical trials (or epidemiological studies that involve participants from at least 2 states and require funding from at least 2 states to be viable). • In addition to project grants, some larger Cancer Councils (eg. NSW, VIC) also offer other types of research funding that might be appropriate for some cancer clinical trial activities (eg. program grants, fellowship awards etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are through the NHMRC Project Grants Scheme (see above); it is possible to apply for both NHMRC Project Grant Funding and Cancer Council funding at the same time, but funding is never awarded by both for same project. • There are some additional application requirements for Cancer Council applications that may need to be submitted directly to Cancer Australia at the time of submission to NHMRC through RGMS; best to check specific requirements with individual Cancer Councils each year.
Cancer Institute NSW (CINSW)	Research Grants and Cancer Services and Education Grants (http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/cancer_institute/grants/)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CINSW offers a range of research and cancer services and education grants that might be appropriate for some cancer clinical trial activities although most are fellowships, researcher awards, etc. • Funding is only awarded to researchers and institutions based in NSW. • Information about individual grant types can be obtained from CINSW directly; best way to obtain up to date information about new grants is to be included on the grants mailing list (send website for details). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application procedures and closing dates are different for each sub-category of grant.

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Victorian Cancer Agency	Various (http://www.victoriancanceragency.org.au/Funding/tabid/105/language/en-US/Default.aspx)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Victorian Cancer Agency offers a range of grants that might be appropriate for some cancer clinical trial activities; information about individual grant types can be obtained from the agency directly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application procedures and closing dates are different for each sub-category of grant.
Other national/state government/non-government bodies	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of other national and state government and non-government bodies, including a range of cancer organisations, offer grants and research funding that may be appropriate for some cancer clinical trial activities. Examples include national and state government departments as well as philanthropic organisations and charities. A useful list of cancer organisations and agencies that might offer funding for research is maintained by Cancer Australia (see http://www.canceraustralia.gov.au/cancer-australia/about-cancer/cancer-agencies-and-organisations) The Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR), maintained by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, lists schemes that provide competitive research grants to Universities on a national scale (see http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Research/Pages/AustralianCompetitiveGrantsRegister(ACGR).aspx). Further information about potential funding opportunities can be obtained from a variety of sources including University research offices, many of which have searchable databases of funding opportunities and/or use regular mailing lists to keep interested researchers informed of new/current funding opportunities. Funding is available from the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation (http://www.cure.org.au) in collaboration with the Cancer Council NSW (http://www.cancercouncil.com.au), the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (http://www.prostate.org.au), the National Breast Cancer Foundation (http://www.nbcf.org.au) and the Leukaemia Foundation (http://www.leukaemia.org.au). Cure Cancer Australia will fund the first year of larger project grants with each of the above organisations through their respective research grants processes. Timeframes vary slightly for each organization, however as a guide, applications generally open in April, close in July and are announced in December. Visit their websites for information on how to apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application procedures and closing dates are different for each funding body and sub-category of grant.

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International funding bodies	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of international bodies offer grants that may be appropriate for some cancer clinical trial activities. For example, the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) awards grants for health-related and behavioural research for terms ranging from one to five years and there is a good history of Australian Investigators receiving funding, although usually only when funding is awarded for large multi-national projects. • Further information about NIH funding can be found at http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application procedures and closing dates are different for each sub-category of grant.