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## Research Bulletin: September 2020



### Bringing research and industry engagement news to you

Dear colleagues

We have all been checking the number of COVID-19 cases in Melbourne and regional Victoria recently, as we hope for the easing of restrictions. This year has been a year like no other and has tested us all in different ways. I'm really proud and grateful for the adaptability and commitment you have shown to La Trobe and our research during these times.

In October, we are hosting a series of events called FocusOnResearch. The events are an opportunity to showcase La Trobe's impactful research, collaborations and partnerships. There is a full program of events to choose from, ranging from short researcher interviews to full panel discussions and even a day of workshop of learning. More details about the series and a link to the program is included in this month's Research Bulletin. Please share the program with your colleagues and industry partners. I hope to see you there.

Also in the Research Bulletin this month, you'll find a summary of updates to PRIME, you'll get the details of the upcoming Information Session I am holding for researchers and see a summary of our recent achievements and celebrations.

If you have any stories or ideas for future issues of the Research Bulletin, please [contact my office](#).

I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

All the best

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**Professor Susan Dodds**

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Industry Engagement)**



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## FocusOnResearch

FocusOnResearch is a series of thought-provoking events for curious minds. In these events, you'll learn more about the impactful research happening at La Trobe, our collaborations and partnerships. Many of the events are open to internal and external audiences and we encourage you to invite your collaborators or colleagues to attend.

**In universities we trust:** The role of universities as sites of learning is well understood however the contribution of university research to society is less so. In the age of digital disruption, trust in our public institutions is in trouble. Among the casualties of the emerging trust-deficit in our democracy is the public's confidence in experts. This forum brings together researchers from a range of disciplines and career stages to contemplate what comes next as universities grapple with resetting during and after COVID. Universities have done well at articulating their educational mission, how can we do the same with research?

**Opening opportunities: how partnering with industry can unlock new possibilities:** Forming partnerships and working collaboratively with industry is one of the key enablers to enhancing research impact. We have a host of strategic industry partners that not only to bring value to researchers through benefits such as funding but that are seeking ways to meet community demands and their industry sector interests through research providers. Join panel members from our Industry Engagement team, Medibank and Optus to find out how this triad have joined forces and how we can support you to connect with industry to apply your research in the community.

Specifically aimed at our researchers, we invite you to attend **Creating a 'carer friendly' research culture**, where researchers from a variety of disciplines and career stages will propose solutions to how Universities could better support those with caring responsibilities.

Higher degree researchers and early career researchers are invited to **An Energising Innovation Masterclass**, which will provide a morning of innovation, entrepreneurship and design thinking – followed by an afternoon of applying what has been learnt to a real-life situation.

These is a mini-series of interviews called **Connected**, where you can discover more about our researchers' projects, motivations and passions. Our interviewees include Professor Susan Dodds, Professor Ani Desai, Associate Professor Jodi Oakman, Dr Timothy Jones and Dr Amy Dennett.

And more! Check out the full program [on our webpage](#) and register to attend.



## Update on our research themes consultation

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on our draft research themes recently. Over the two-week consultation period, 88 staff members across all La Trobe campuses provided written responses to the draft themes via the online survey and we received over 30 email submissions from individuals and groups across the University. In addition, 14 in depth discussions were carried out with external partners.

### The themes following consultation

The themes have been substantially revised in light of the consultation and are now incorporated in La Trobe's new Strategic Plan. The themes are:

- *Production of high quality foods and medicines for improved health, reduced environmental impact and enhanced economies*
- *Protection and restoration of vulnerable ecosystems and community resilience in the face of environmental and climate threat*
- *A healthy, safe and equitable life course for everyone*
- *Application of discoveries in the fundamental sciences and developments in technology to understand and prevent disease – especially at the intersection of cancer, immunity, cardiovascular and infectious disease research*
- *More just and equitable societies*

### What you told us

Feedback on the themes revealed both positive and negative sentiment, as well as a number of constructive suggestions to improve the document. While many agreed the themes were pitched at the right level, some queried whether our ambitions were too broad to be distinctive and attractive to partners and others saw them as unnecessarily limited and not reflective of all of our strengths; not every La Trobe researcher could see their area of expertise captured in the document as it was circulated.

Researchers overwhelmingly supported linking of the themes with the un-sustainable development goals but some were critical of the way in which research with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was presented. We are grateful for the considered and helpful feedback we received to improve this aspect of the themes in keeping with our institutional values.

Concern was raised with the language of 'challenges' and the formulation "how can we...." – both of which suggested to people a problematic framing of different communities, where genuine partnership better reflects our values and approach. There was also a clear call to reflect our global research ambitions better across the themes – particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. Conversely, our industry partners recognised a need to prioritise research outcomes at the national, rather than a global level. The themes are now articulated as high level goals.

The research outlined in the theme relating to climate resilience and the theme relating to social equity and change, attracted a significant number of recommendations on alternative formulations and new questions on which we might better focus our efforts and engage partners. The revised themes reflect

this helpful discussion. Mental health was identified as a key gap in health themes, and our strengths in history and archaeology were noted as not clearly reflected in the themes. Researchers in the humanities and social sciences identified several opportunities to contribute their expertise across multiple themes and our industry partners and saw plenty of opportunity for research in different themes to intersect.

### **What happens next?**

The high-level goals identified for each proposed research theme will now be included in the revised University Strategic Plan. The rich and enhanced indicative questions for each theme will be engaged when the new programs of work are developed next year.

### **Theme implementation and development**

Researchers and partners have both articulated the need for a flexible, agile approach to theme development over time, with the questions we ask today to be flagged as indicative, rather than prescriptive and set in stone. This is an important point; the key challenges within each theme will continue to evolve. New knowledge gained through discovery research, a changing global, community and regulatory environment, as well as new opportunities to engage with partners and end-users of research will enable our researchers to imagine new research questions over time.

The key to the success of these themes will ultimately be in their implementation. An implementation plan for the strategy and a more detailed transition plan are now being developed. These will address how the themes will work; principles for theme alignment; the relationship with schools and research centres; as well as other key issues. We will work with theme leaders to devise a statement of scope and build a provisional roadmap for delivering on the theme goals. The themes reflect existing research activity at different stages of development and internal collaboration; they will need different, tailored support to build a successful program of research to inspire our researchers to participate in a collective endeavour. Our consultative approach both within and external to the University will continue as the program of work within each theme is developed further.

Please get in touch with [Research Strategy](#) if you have any questions on the research theme development, or any other aspect of this important program of work. There is also more information on our [intranet site](#).

**You can also sign up to receive regular eNewsletter updates: [click here to subscribe](#).**



## **Information session for researchers**

On 30 October at 1pm, Professor Dodds and her Executive team will be hosting an information session and update on Research 2030. This is your opportunity to get the latest update on this important initiative and to ask your questions. A calendar invitation has been sent via Heads of School, Heads of

Department and Directors of Research to forward to their staff. Or you can access the meeting [via this link](#).

## Celebrate our research excellence

The 2020 La Trobe DVC(RIE) Research Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of our high performing researchers. There are many exceptional researchers across our university who undertake high impact research, win competitive grants, produce high quality outputs and enhance the University's research culture. Our Research Awards are an opportunity to honour and celebrate these staff.

The Research Excellence Award applications will open soon. Please keep an eye on the Intranet for more details.



## Our research and initiatives

### See how we're addressing the biggest health problem on our planet

We are using our unique capabilities and expertise to develop research programs which will assist our community in recovering from this unique period in our lives. Our research is vital in our recovery and spans healthcare, industry and community assistance. [Check out our webpage](#) with a selection of our COVID-19 related research projects here.

### NEW global research partnership website

Our new [global research partnerships](#) site is now live. It showcases our key global partnerships explains how students who participate in our global graduate research degrees can expect to engage with our partner organisations, accessing state-of-the-art facilities and supervision from internationally recognised researchers.

### The Practera Challenge: providing our students with hands on entrepreneurship learning

La Trobe Innovation and Entrepreneurship are delivering an exciting project that has brought together researchers and students from La Trobe, industry and start-ups. The La Trobe and Practera Challenge is a 6-week pilot program that provides an entrepreneurship challenge for students. The content is delivered

via Practera's online platform where multidisciplinary, undergraduate and postgraduate students have the opportunity to find innovative solutions to industry challenges. For the pilot, we have chosen to focus on neurodiversity and successfully attracted the Untapped Group, an academic group from La Trobe, passionate about the integration of neurodiverse individuals in the workplace.

In the challenge, students engage with a La Trobe research project around neurodiversity and its benefits for industry. NAB, Bankwest and a medical devices start-up are the industries that have been quickly attracted by the project and proposed their challenges, cooperation and help.

There are 40 La Trobe students are participating, complemented by a team of external staff members from the CathWest Innovation College, NSW. Over the 6-weeks, the students complete an entrepreneurship module, and in the final week, students will post their ideas pitch on YouTube - the winner will be the team that succeeds in gathering the highest number of 'likes'.



### Looking for volunteer participants

Dr Sianan Healy is seeking volunteer participants to be interviewed for a historical study of the ways in which women's experiences of infertility have changed since the post-war period. This research will form the basis for the first history of infertility in Australia. Sianan is seeking participants of any age who would like to be interviewed about their experiences, **including but not limited to** those who:

- have experienced infertility, difficulty conceiving, recurrent miscarriage or secondary infertility (focusing on the period from the 1950s to 2010)
- have undertaken treatments including IVF, IUIs, acupuncture, Chinese medicine
- have chosen not to undertake, or have been unable to access, fertility treatments
- live in metropolitan, regional or rural Australia
- have Indigenous or migrant backgrounds
- identify as LGBTQI

If you would like more information or are interested in being interviewed, please contact [Sianan](#) on 9479 2386. *La Trobe University Ethics Approval Number: HEC20263*

## Courses and opportunities

### Workshops for graduate research supervisors and Progress Committee Members

Professional development opportunities for graduate research supervisors and progress committee members continue through October. The next Chairing Progress Committees workshop will be on 5 October, followed by a workshop for supervisors on managing expectations in graduate research supervision on 6 October. The fourth and final workshop in our Supervisor Development Program will be on October 14, focusing on the path to submission and examination.

[Details and bookings are here.](#)



### **Want your research to reach a wider audience?**

The 'Communicating your research: Audio/visual' intensive on 30 September is open for registrations!

Sharing your research can take many forms that require an array of skills and knowledge. It could mean being interviewed for radio, presenting a conference poster, building your public scholar profile through social media, or other media-savvy aspects. All this can be a bit daunting. Why would you do it, what does it involve, and how do you get started?

All these questions will be addressed during the intensive! The program includes:

- Becoming media savvy, with A/Prof Cameron Webb (Uni of Sydney / NSW Health) - [Register now](#)
- Taking control of media interviews, with Dr Merryn Sherwood (Journalism, HuSS) - [Register now](#)
- Getting on air: Researchers on the radio, with A/Prof Andrea Carson (Journalism, HuSS) and Jake Franklin (ARCSHS) - [Register now](#)
- Building better conference posters / Research illustrations 101, with Dr Wade Kelly (Research Impact team) and Dr Thomas Shafee (Library) - [Register now Here's the flyer with the full details.](#) Note that some sessions are capped in numbers so make sure you get in quick!



### **New Biosafety and Biosecurity Awareness Training program**

The La Trobe Institutional Biosafety Committee (LTIBC) is delighted to announce the launch of the new **Biosafety and Biosecurity Awareness Training** program. This replaces the out of date 'Working with Recombinant DNA' training previously required with LTIBC approvals.

Biosafety and Biosecurity Awareness Training is a mandatory requirement for anyone undertaking teaching or research that involves the use of gene technology or items subject to biosecurity measures. The new training program is now available on LMS and provides all relevant information required to comply with biosafety and biosecurity legislation as well as a suite of resources that support research excellence. Content will be regularly updated and available to you for ongoing reference.

All teaching and research personnel working under an existing LTIBC approval must also undertake this new training, please register and complete it over the next few months. To access training follow the instructions outlined on the Ethics, Integrity and Biosafety website under the tab [FAQs and Guidelines](#). If you have any questions or feedback, contact us at: [biosafety@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:biosafety@latrobe.edu.au).

## Researcher support



### PRIME Product Extensions and Fixes

We're continuously improving PRIME in response to feedback from Researcher Portal users and extensions and fixes to issues are now available as part of PRIME Phase 2 releases. The following extensions and fixes are the highlights of the current releases on 3 and 10 September, 2020.

For the extensive list and access to other support resources, go to [prime.la.trobe.edu.au/support](https://prime.la.trobe.edu.au/support). For other queries please contact [Prime Support](#).

#### Product Extensions

- **Researchers can now submit their New Applications and Post-Approval ethics requests** via the self-serve function in PRIME. This replaces emailing these requests to the Ethics, Integrity and Biosafety.
- **Automation of Ethics milestones** Milestones such as annual and final reports and expiry of ethics applications have been automated in PRIME, providing researchers with a timely reminder which includes calendar invites for when milestones are due. Researchers will also receive email notifications 30 days prior to the due date
- **Ethics for Committee members** Ethics Committee Members will now use PRIME to review and approval all ethics requests.
- Research personnel will now receive an automatic email notification 5 months prior to and on the day of Ethics/Institutional Biosafety Committee expiry dates

Fixes:

- Prime Portal will now show all approved ethics projects for all research personnel
- Approval notification link for Heads of Schools and other approvers now directs to the approval screen
- An Active tick box is now available for External Contacts for external project team members
- Email notifications to researchers for the Notice of Intention process have been disabled

## Congratulations and Celebrations

### Letter of support from the Prime Minister

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship team were honoured and delighted to receive a letter from Prime Minister Scott Morrison, supporting the Bendigo Invention and Innovation Festival – and specifically mentioning our Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programs.

It is great to see our commitment to fostering the start-up and innovation ecosystem being recognised nationally.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

BENDIGO INVENTION + INNOVATION FESTIVAL 2020

As a vibrant hub for creativity, Bendigo is well placed to host a festival celebrating and promoting modern innovation.

Bendigo's identity as a creative city is tied to Australia's rich history of regional ingenuity: of solving problems by working together.

When I look to the entries of past festivals, inventions with bound, even life-changing applications, I know that the spirit of having a go is strong in regional Australia.

In a city with extraordinary resources – in mining and industry, in technology and development, and in business and education – some wonderful partnerships have come from this commitment to innovation. I congratulate the festival particularly on its relationship with La Trobe University's Innovation and Entrepreneurship programs.

During this time of pandemic, the Festival's theme 'Optimism through innovation' is apt. This year we are all being challenged to innovate – to adapt during a health and economic crisis, and to make our businesses, workplaces and homes COVID safe.

My commitment during this pandemic is clear: Australia will remain an outward-looking, open and sovereign trading economy. We will not retreat into the downward spiral of protectionism. Our focus must be to deliver the prosperity we rely on to create jobs, support incomes and build our businesses. That is achieved by ensuring our industries are highly competitive, resilient and able to succeed in a global market.

I congratulate the Festival organisers for its efforts in adapting the event to meet the challenges of our time and wish you a successful Festival.



The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

### 3MT champion

The 3MT University Championship, was held online in September, with 10 finalists from across the university.

Congratulations to runner up and people's choice winner, Stevie Browne with Do ask, do tell: A narrative study of teachers' lived experiences of childhood adversity

And our winner Sam Harvey: Personalising treatment to optimise aphasia recovery. Sam will go on to represent La Trobe amongst more than 60 regional universities in the Asia-Pacific 3MT competition hosted by the University of Queensland, and we wish him all the best.

Sam's entry and those of the other universities can be [viewed here](#).



*1 - Sam Harvey, our 3MT winner*

### **Visualise Your Thesis winner**

Congratulations to Jordyn Thomas who took out first place in the 2020 La Trobe Visualise Your Thesis competition with her entry Defining the role of IL-18 in the renal inflammation leading to hypertension. Jordyn will go on to compete in the international competition hosted by Melbourne Uni.

You can relive the magic of the competition on the [Visualise Your Thesis page](#).

### **The Australian's Research magazine**

The Australian published their annual Research magazine recently, which celebrates academic excellence and showcases Australia's top researchers. La Trobe featured in the publication, across many disciplines with our established researchers, as well as early and mid-career researchers and teams.

You can read the [publication online](#). Congratulations to all of our researchers and research teams who were mentioned.



### Winner of WSC19: Wildlife and Nature

Congratulations to Christina Lipka, a La Trobe PhD student who won the [Wildlife and Nature category](#) of the largest international science photography competition. Christina's image shows us what a drone sees when it explores the canopies of a dense rain forest of Christmas Island for potential nesting sites for the endangered Abbott's Booby.

A special mention also to Gene Drendal who was a runner up in the international microscopy category



2 - Christina Lipka's winning image.

### Celebrating and supporting women in science

Congratulations to Dr Jen Wood who has been shortlisted for the [Nature Research Awards](#) for Inspiring and Innovating Science. The aim of the Nature Research awards is to celebrate and support the achievements of women in science, and of all those who work to encourage girls and young women to engage and stay in STEM careers around the world. Jen has is one of six to be shortlisted for scientific achievement. The winner will be announced in October.

## From the Grants team

### **VicHealth Reimagining Health Grants**

[VicHealth](#) is offering grants of up to \$3K, \$10K or \$50K for local organisations who can support young people (aged 0-25 years) or Victorians experiencing disadvantage, by creating meaningful social connection, providing opportunities for physical activity or by addressing food security issues.

While applications close on Tuesday 27 October (11:59pm), if you apply earlier than this, your application could be assessed and notified early. This means you could receive funding ahead of those who wait until the closing date.

Please contact [Dr Leah Kivivali](#) on if you are interested in applying for this opportunity.

### **Major Grants Development Support Program**

The Notice of Intent (NOI) stage of the **Major Grants Development Support Program** has now closed for the ARC Discovery Projects and Discovery Indigenous schemes and NHMRC Ideas Grants.

Pitching sessions have been taking place during September for those who submitted a NOI for the ARC Discovery Projects and Discovery Indigenous schemes.

The Grants Team is now meeting with researchers who submitted a NOI for NHMRC Ideas Grants to discuss their proposals and the support program. The Team is also working with School Research Directors to plan pitching sessions that will take place in early December.

Researchers who are planning on submitting a new application to the ARC Discovery Projects or Discovery Indigenous schemes or NHMRC Ideas Grants but did not submit an NOI are encouraged to contact the [Grants Team](#).

### **ARC Linkage Grants**

The deadline for submission of ARC Linkage Projects for 2020 is 17 December with the La Trobe submission deadline on 15 December. Researchers who would like feedback on their proposals should submit them to the Grants Team by 2 November and the compliance deadline is 16 November 16. Any queries regarding Linkage Grants submissions in December should be addressed to [Jarrad Cogle](#)

### **Fellowship Support Program**

ARC DECRA and Future Fellowship applicants in the Fellowship Support Program have participated in three workshops ('The architecture of your proposal', 'How to write your ROPE' and 'FoR codes and the Medical Research Policy') featuring La Trobe members of the ARC College of Experts and researchers who have been successful in these schemes. A further workshop on the budget and budget justification sections will be held shortly. Weekly 'time to write your grant' sessions have been scheduled for participants to focus on specific sections of the application throughout October.

Workshops for NHMRC Investigator Grant applicants have been scheduled on 7 and 15 October and details circulated to participants.

Anyone who hasn't nominated for the program and intends to submit an ARC DECRA, Future Fellowship or NHMRC Investigator Grant this year should contact the Grants Team as soon as possible. Any queries

regarding the Fellowship Support Program should be addressed to [Catherine Hayden](#) or [Sonja Tesanovic](#).

### Grants Team outreach

We are happy to come along to Centre/Department/Discipline meetings to speak about the services and support the Grants Team offers researchers at La Trobe. Please feel free to contact us to organise a time if you are interested.

### September Grants Table

School/Centre	Funder & Scheme	Total funding applied
<b>College of Science, Health, and Engineering</b>		
<b>La Trobe Rural Health School</b>	Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy & Resources - Australia-China Science and Research Fund Joint Research Centres	\$999,681
	Australian and New Zealand Musculoskeletal Clinical Trials Network	\$8,157
<b>School of Allied Health, Human &amp; Sport</b>	Dementia Australia	\$181,852
	Stroke Foundation – Career Researcher Seed Grants	\$99,567
	HCF Foundation – Health Services Research Grants	\$412,606
	Australian and New Zealand Musculoskeletal Clinical Trials Network	\$19,600
<b>School of Cancer Medicine</b>	US Department of Defense - Pancreatic Cancer Research Program - Idea Development Award	1 Pre-application
	Victorian Cancer Agency – Early Career Research Fellowship	\$1,463,379
	Victorian Cancer Agency – Mid Career Research Fellowship	\$1,509,295
<b>School of Engineering and Mathematical Science</b>	-	-
<b>School of Life Sciences</b>	Science & Technology Australia – Superstars of STEM	1 submission
	Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation	\$48,959
<b>School of Molecular Sciences</b>	Science & Technology Australia – Superstars of STEM	1 submission
	International Progressive MS Alliance – Collaborative Network Awards	\$122,000
	Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation	\$90,908
	Dementia Australia	\$74,617
<b>School of Psychology and Public Health</b>	Suicide Prevention Australia	\$100,000
	Victorian Cancer Agency – Early Career Research Fellowship	\$327,341
	Science & Technology Australia – Superstars of STEM	1 submission
	BIAL Foundation	\$81,109
	National Foundation for Australia-China Relations	\$195,000

School of Nursing and Midwifery	Nurses' Board of Victoria Legacy Limited Grants	\$99,430
	Norman Beischer Medical Research Foundation – Innovation Grant	\$59,987
College of Arts, Social Science and Commerce		
School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Creative Victoria – VicArts Grant	\$18,500
	Australia Council for the Arts – Arts Projects for Organisations	\$20,000
La Trobe Business School	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants	\$12,803
La Trobe Law School	-	-
School of Education	-	-

Upcoming funding opportunities can now be found in PRIME. [Guidelines](#) for searching and saving searches are now available. Please Start a Proposal to notify the Research Office of your interest, or contact us at [researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au)

These are the currently open MRFF funding opportunities:

**MRFF – Australian Brain Cancer Mission – 2020 Brain Cancer Survivorship Grant Opportunity (GO ID: [GO4046](#))**

- Funding & Duration: up to \$3 million is available over three years.
- Application Deadline: 20-Oct-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**MRFF – Million Minds Mission – 2020 Mental Health Research Grant Opportunity (GO ID: [GO4285](#))**

- Funding & duration: between \$8 million and \$12 million; project must be completed by 30 April 2026
- Minimum Data Deadline: 28-Oct-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)
- Application Deadline: 11-Nov-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**MRFF – Emerging Priorities and Consumer Driven Research – 2020 Medicinal Cannabis Clinical Trials Grant Opportunity (GO ID: [GO4228](#))**

- Funding & duration: up to \$3 million; project must be completed by 30 April 2026
- Minimum Data Deadline: 28-Oct-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)
- Application Deadline: 11-Nov-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**MRFF Clinical Trials Activity Initiative – 2020 Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need General Grant Opportunity (GO ID: [GO4318](#))**

- Funding & duration: up to \$25 million, maximum grant period is five years.
- Minimum Data Deadline: 28-Oct-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

- Application Deadline: 11-Nov-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**MRFF – EPCDR Initiative - 2020 Silicosis Research Grant Opportunity (GO ID: [GO4227](#))**

- Funding & duration: up to \$4.5 million; project must be completed by 30 April 2024.
- Minimum Data Deadline: 28-Oct-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)
- Application Deadline: 11-Nov-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**GO Title: MRFF – PHCR Initiative - 2020 Primary Health Care Research Grant Opportunity (GO ID: [GO4236](#))**

- Funding & duration: up to \$4.8 million; maximum grant period is 5 years.
- Minimum Data Deadline: 28-Oct-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)
- Application Deadline: 11-Nov-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**MRFF Clinical Trial Activity Initiative - 2020 International Clinical Trial Collaborations Grant Opportunity (GO ID: [GO4317](#))**

Funding & duration: \$12.6 million available total; \$6.3 million in funding available in each round; maximum project period is five years.

- Round 1: Minimum Data Deadline: 28-Oct-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)
- Round 1: Application Deadline: 11-Nov-2020 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)
- Round 2: Minimum Data Deadline: 17-Feb-2021 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)
- Round 2: Application Deadline: 3-Mar-2021 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)