



FHRI Fund Communique #7

December 2023 Meeting

Welcome to the final Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund Communique.

The FHRI Fund Advisory Council (the Council) is proud to announce that by the close of 2023, the FHRI Fund awarded more than \$100 million in grants across the WA health and medical research and innovation sector (Sector).

The December Council meeting was focused on finalising a schedule of programs and initiatives to be developed and launched over the next four years. Investing in health and medical research and innovation platforms to enable cutting edge research, translation and commercialisation and ensuring that funding is available for health and medical research and innovation at all stages of career pipelines, were key priorities.

The Council was delighted to hear from the WA Chapter of the Australian Association for Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI WA), and to discuss strategies to maximise the impact and benefit of the FHRI Fund for the Sector.

Looking ahead, 2024 is set to be a busy year for the Council with an evaluation of the first 3 years of the FHRI Fund and commencement of planning for the next FHRI Fund Strategy and set of Priority Goals due to commence. The Council is excited to hear about the outcomes and impacts driven by the FHRI Fund and look forward to engaging with the Sector to ensure that the FHRI Fund is achieving maximum impact and is advancing WA as a global leader in health and medical research, innovation and commercialisation.

Sector Engagement

The Council is looking forward to the review of the inaugural round of the engagement abstracts (or summaries) submitted by the Sector. This initiative provides the Sector a chance to highlight issues, challenges or opportunities of significance to the FHRI Fund. Selected submissions will be invited to present to the Council in mid-2024.

Programs Update

The following programs and initiatives have now been approved by the Minister for Medical Research for development and implementation in 2024:

- Collaborative Centres Program

- Research Infrastructure Support
- FHRI Fund Enabling Scheme
- Translation Fellowships – Burden of Disease & Genomics
- National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Partner Program
- Targeted Call – Health System Solutions
- Venture Capital Partnerships Program
- Innovative Solutions – Digital Health
- Research and Innovation Capacity and Capability Building Program
- Co-Funding Partnership Proposal - Royal Perth Hospital Medical Research Foundation
- FHRI Fund and Raine Foundation Clinician Researcher Fellowships extension
- Major Research Application Scheme extension

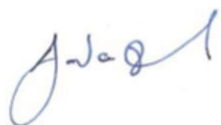
FHRI Fund Open Days

The next FHRI Fund Open Day will be held on Friday 8 March 2024 at the Red Earth Arts Precinct in Karratha. This event will provide a platform to hear about developments across the Sector as well as promoting collaboration, partnerships and achievements of the WA research and innovation community. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about The Challenge finalists, recent FHRI Fund recipients and the suite of new programs launching in the March funding cycle.

Registrations for the Open Day will open soon with attendance options being either on-line or in-person in Karratha. I hope to see many of you there.

I would like to extend the Council's sincere appreciation for your support, engagement, sustained and dedicated efforts to drive positive outcomes for the WA community. The Council looks forward to further collaboration and engagement in 2024.

Best wishes



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