



Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Distinguished Fellows Program

The Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund Distinguished Fellows Program is an exciting new program that aims to attract world-leading researchers to Western Australia.

The FHRI Fund (<https://fhrifund.health.wa.gov.au/About-us>) is a Western Australian State Government initiative that provides a secure source of funding to drive health and medical research, innovation and commercialisation and through these activities, improve the health and prosperity of all Western Australians.

The Distinguished Fellows Program offers a prestigious 5-year fellowship to research leaders (the Fellows) based anywhere in the world to relocate to Western Australia to lead a substantial and high-quality innovative research program.

The generous package is valued at \$5 million Australian Dollars and includes support from the host institution and support to cover relocation costs.

Fellowships are available:

- for fast-rising, internationally recognised academic and clinical researchers (all clinical disciplines including medical, allied health, nursing and midwifery) at the level of experienced Associate Professor or a recently tenured professor
- at full time or part-time (minimum 0.5 full-time equivalent/dedication)
- for research that is aligned with at least one of the [FHRI Fund Focus Areas](#):
 - Aboriginal, rural and remote health
 - Burden of diseases
 - Living with COVID-19 and Long-Covid
 - Mental health.

Up to 3 fellowships are available with one fellowship dedicated to research in the area of mental health.

Interested applicants should contact a Western Australian University and/or a Medical Research Institute to develop their application. A list of these institutions can be found on the FHRI Fund website <https://fhrifund.health.wa.gov.au/Funding/Current-opportunities/FHRI-Fund-Distinguished-Fellows-Program>

The Distinguished Fellows Program will be launched on **31 January 2023** and more information about this program including application forms will be made available on the [FHRI Fund website](#).

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Why Western Australia?

Internationally recognised excellence in health and medical research and innovation

Western Australia has an [emerging health and medical life sciences industry](#) that is primed to deliver new and exciting opportunities. Western Australia shares a time zone with major international centres of research activity and industry markets including Singapore and China making it an ideal location to establish international collaborations.

The State is recognised as having a world-class research base and entrepreneurial talent in health and medical life sciences. This expertise is supported by outstanding research organisations including 5 universities (3 of which have medical schools) and multiple highly-regarded medical research institutes, many co-located with Health Services across Perth. Perth was also identified as a World Top 20 Life Sciences Cluster (along with Sydney and Melbourne) published by NDF Research (2017).

The state boasts a highly-skilled, collaborative medical research workforce and technologically advanced hospitals including Fiona Stanley Hospital and Perth Children's Hospital.

World-recognised research infrastructure in WA includes:

- The [Australian National Phenome Centre](#)
- Unique, well-established longitudinal and cohort studies such as the [Busselton Health Study](#), the [Raine Study](#) and the [ORIGINS Study](#)
- [WA Data Linkage](#) and world leading data analytics capability
- [Linear Clinical Research](#)
- The [Pawsey Supercomputing Centre](#)
- [National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy](#) (NCRIS) platforms, e.g. [National Imaging Facility](#), [BioPlatforms Australia](#), [Population Health Research Network](#)
- [Genomics WA](#)

Perth is consistently rated as one of the most liveable places on earth. It will soon be the third largest city in Australia, and Perth and Western Australia are in the [Forbes](#) top 10 and [Lonely Planet](#) top 30 destinations to visit in 2023.

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