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Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012

The FHRI Fund has a broad remit to support the full spectrum of research, innovation and commercialisation activities within WA but will target theme areas that have the greatest potential to further the aims of the Fund.

Objects of the Act

1. Improve the health and wellbeing of all Western Australians
2. Improve the efficiency of the WA health system
3. Increase the economic prosperity of WA
4. Advance WA's standing as a centre of excellence in health and medical research, innovation and commercialisation.

Strategy Vision and Themes

Vision: For WA to be a global centre for research and innovation excellence, advancing the health and prosperity of the WA community

Theme 1: People	Theme 2: Partners	Theme 3: Platforms	Theme 4: Policy*	Focus Areas					
Provide opportunities for researchers and innovators to build long, productive and diverse careers in WA	Support and empower outstanding and emerging researchers and innovators to achieve sustained excellence and to drive the research and innovation agenda in WA	Work with partners to secure new funding for research and innovation in WA	Enable researchers and innovators to form partnerships that will increase translation and implementation	Expand the health and medical innovation ecosystem	Support new or existing infrastructure to elevate WA as an international leader in research and innovation	A. Aboriginal, rural and remote health	B. Burden of diseases	C. Living with COVID-19 and Long-Covid	M. Mental health

Priority Goals	Theme 1: People	Theme 2: Partners	Theme 3: Platforms	Theme 4: Policy*	Focus Area A	Focus Area B	Focus Area C	Focus Area M
1. Support the development of early- and mid-career researchers, helping them to achieve an independent and self-sustaining career	✓	✓✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Enhance skills in innovation (including commercialisation), which will advance the quality and capacity of innovation in WA and help WA innovators to obtain funding to support their work	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Provide cash commitments for submission to major competitive co-funding programs, making Western Australian-led applications more competitive and, therefore, increasing the State's share of national and international competitive funding.		✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Establish co-funding partnerships that will secure genuinely new non-government funding for research and innovation aligned with Priorities for the FHRI Fund			✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5. Enhance health and medical research literacy, skills and experience of consumers so that they engage more in research			✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Establish innovation P&Is to support topical and/or early stage ideas and enable opportunities for these innovative ideas to secure follow-on funding from commercial/other funders			✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7. Enhance clinical trial capacity and expertise to improve the quality of clinical trials in WA and make the State more attractive to funders of clinical trials (grant funding and commercial sponsors)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
8. Target high-performing researchers in WA to maintain and/or advance the State's position as a leader in health and medical research		✓✓			✓	✓	✓	✓

- ✓✓ Strong alignment
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- ★ DoH / State Government responsible for policy, but outcomes support FHRI Fund activities.

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