

GACD SYSTEMS CALL 2025

NHMRC Agency-specific information

NHMRC - Australia		
Overview	Funding agency contact	<p>help@nhmrc.gov.au</p> <p>Applicants intending to apply for funding from NHMRC should advise of their intent to participate in the call via email to international@nhmrc.gov.au.</p>
	Link to agency-specific application information	<p>NHMRC-GACD 2025 Guidelines will be published on GrantConnect as a grant opportunity.</p> <p>Applicants proposing to undertake research which specifically relates to the health of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples must address NHMRC's Indigenous Research Excellence Criteria in their first stage proposal.</p> <p>Applicants invited to submit a second stage proposal who are applying for funding from NHMRC, are required to complete an application form in NHMRC's Sapphire grants management system by the NHMRC deadline. The NHMRC application will include a budget justification. The final full application submitted to the GACD portal must be uploaded to Sapphire in the NHMRC application.</p> <p>See Appendix C of the NHMRC-GACD 2025 Guidelines for guidance.</p>
	Agency specific deadlines	<p>NHMRC deadline for submission of second stage proposals (invited applications only): 28 October 2025, 5pm ACT local time.</p>
	Total budget available for the call	<p>AUD \$5 million. Additional funding may be available for applications which support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research and researchers (refer to NHMRC-GACD 2025 Guidelines Appendix A) • NHMRC's strategic priorities for international engagement, particularly applications requesting joint funding with other GACD Associate Members and/or applications

		fostering health research collaboration in LMICs from the Southeast Asia and Pacific region ¹ .
	Approximate number of projects to be funded through this grant call	3-4 projects
	Permitted project length (in years)	1-5 years
Scope	Eligible Conditions	NHMRC will accept applications addressing non-communicable diseases and their risk factors, as defined in the tenth GACD Funding Call document on the GACD website .
	Eligible experimental approaches	NHMRC will accept experimental approaches as defined in the tenth GACD Funding Call document on the GACD website .
Specific National Rules	Principal Investigator eligibility	<p>At the time of acceptance and for the duration of a grant the lead investigator (Chief Investigator A) on the NHMRC application to Sapphire must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia, or have an appropriate work visa in place. The Chief Investigator A must also be based in Australia for at least 80% of the funding period.</p> <p>Where the work will be mainly carried out in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), it would be expected that at least one Chief Investigator (other than CIA) on the application will be from the country where the work will take place.</p> <p>Where the work will be mainly carried out to address health inequities in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities, it would be expected that at least one Chief Investigator on the application will be a representative from these communities.</p>
	Joint funding considerations	<p>NHMRC encourages applications seeking joint funding with other GACD Associate Members and applications seeking joint funding will be considered for additional strategic priority funding by NHMRC, subject to the availability of funds.</p> <p>The Chief Investigator A on the NHMRC application to Sapphire must be named as a Principal or co-Principal Investigator on the application to GACD.</p>
	Project location	<p>The project may take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In one or more LMICs (as defined by the World Bank)

¹ Pacific countries include: Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.
Southeast Asia countries include: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia.
	Eligible institutions	Approved NHMRC Administering Institutions www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/manage-your-funding/nhmrcs-administering-institutions
	Eligible costs and specific funding conditions	Direct research costs and salaries. See Section 5 of the NHMRC-GACD 2025 Guidelines for further information. For information regarding funding to support overseas grant activities see Section 5 of the NHMRC-GACD 2025 Guidelines.
Resources	Please provide a link to your agency's guidance on equality, diversity and inclusion best practices, if available, and links to any other relevant policies	<p>NHMRC's gender equity strategy: https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/gender-equity/nhmrc-gender-equity-strategy-2022-2025</p> <p>The National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023): https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/ethics/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research</p> <p>NHMRC's strategic framework for improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health through research: https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/road-map-3-strategic-framework</p>
	Further information	<p>NHMRC-GACD 2025 Guidelines will be published on GrantConnect as a grant opportunity.</p> <p>Information on the NHMRC-GACD 2025 grant opportunity will be provided on the NHMRC webpage when available.</p> <p>NHMRC's strategic priorities for international engagement and collaborative research are outlined in the NHMRC International Engagement Strategy 2023–2026.</p>