

## NHMRC-specific information

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Australia		
<b>Overview</b>	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 <a href="mailto:international@nhmrc.gov.au">international@nhmrc.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>Applicants intending to apply for funding or joint funding from other GACD Associate Member funding agencies should follow the requirements for that funding agency.</p>
	Link to agency-specific application form	<p>2026 NHMRC-GACD Guidelines will be published on <a href="#">GrantConnect</a> 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 Stage 1 proposal.</p> <p>Applicants invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal who are applying for funding from NHMRC, are required to complete an application form in NHMRC's <a href="#">Sapphire grants management system</a> by the NHMRC deadline. The NHMRC application will include a budget justification. The final Stage 2 proposal submitted to the GACD application portal must also be uploaded to the NHMRC Sapphire application.</p> <p>See Appendix C of the 2026 NHMRC-GACD Guidelines for guidance.</p>
	Agency specific deadlines	<p>NHMRC deadline for submission of Stage 2 proposals (invited applications only) to Sapphire: 27 October 2026, 5pm ACT local time.</p>
	Total budget available for the call	<p>\$5 million Australian dollars (AUD).</p> <p>Additional funding may be available for applications which support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research and researchers.</li> <li>• Defined priorities outlined in <a href="#">NHMRC's International Engagement Strategy</a>.</li> <li>• Joint funding with other GACD Associate Members.</li> </ul> <p>See Appendix A of the 2026 NHMRC-GACD Guidelines for guidance.</p>

	Approximate number of projects to be funded through this grant call	3-4 projects
	Permitted project length (in years)	1-5 years
<b>Scope</b>	Eligible Conditions	NHMRC will accept applications addressing non-communicable diseases and their risk factors, as defined in the 11 <sup>th</sup> GACD Funding Call document on the GACD website.
	Eligible experimental approaches	NHMRC will accept experimental approaches as defined in the 11 <sup>th</sup> GACD Funding Call document on the GACD website.
<b>Specific National Rules</b>	Principal Investigator	<p>At the time of acceptance and for the duration of a grant the Chief Investigator A (Principal Investigator) 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>Applicants can be named as a Chief Investigator A (Principal Investigator) on a maximum of one application to the GACD Multisectoral Approaches funding call.</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 Chief Investigator A) 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>For joint funding applications to GACD which request funds from NHMRC as a secondary funding agency, an Australia-based Principal Investigator must be identified within the research team of the Stage One GACD application to lead the NHMRC-funded components of the proposal. The Australia-based Principal Investigator must meet the NHMRC Chief Investigator A eligibility requirements and will be responsible for fulfilling the obligations and</p>

		requirements of Chief Investigator A (see sections 7.7 and 10.3 of the 2026 NHMRC-GACD Guidelines).
	Project location	The project may take place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In one or more LMICs (as defined by the World Bank)</li> <li>- In Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia.</li> </ul>
	Eligible institutions	Approved NHMRC Administering Institutions <a href="http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/manage-your-funding/nhmrcs-administering-institutions">www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/manage-your-funding/nhmrcs-administering-institutions</a>
	Eligible costs and specific funding conditions	Funding provided by NHMRC for a grant activity must be spent on costs directly incurred in that grant activity that satisfy the principles and requirements outlined in the <a href="#">Direct Research Cost Guidelines</a> . See Section 5 of the 2026 NHMRC-GACD Guidelines for further information, including information regarding funding to support overseas grant activities.
<b>Resources</b>	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	NHMRC’s gender equity strategy: <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/gender-equity/nhmrc-gender-equity-strategy-2022-2025">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/gender-equity/nhmrc-gender-equity-strategy-2022-2025</a>  The National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023): <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/ethics/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/ethics/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research</a>  NHMRC’s strategic framework for improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health through research: <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/road-map-3-strategic-framework">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/road-map-3-strategic-framework</a>
	Further information	2026 NHMRC-GACD Guidelines will be published on <a href="#">GrantConnect</a> as a grant opportunity.  Information on the 2026 NHMRC-GACD grant opportunity will be provided on the <a href="#">NHMRC webpage</a> when available.  NHMRC’s strategic priorities for international engagement and collaborative research are outlined in the <a href="#">NHMRC International Engagement Strategy 2023–2026</a> .