2017 NHMRC Development Grant (commencing in 2018)

Key changes

• Amendment to section 5.2: Exclusion Criteria as part of Eligibility –
  - NHMRC Development Grants provide support for research that specifically drives toward a commercial outcome within a foreseeable timeframe beyond knowledge creation. Therefore, NHMRC will not assess or fund applications that meet any of the exclusion criteria outlined below:
    - Have a focus on the early stage or knowledge creation stages of research
    - Contain significant clinical trial component/s
    - Are, in the view of the NHMRC, the same or similar to any application submitted to any NHMRC funding scheme in the same funding year
    - Are beyond the proof-of-concept stage, and therefore are more appropriate to receive support in the form of a grant from other government agencies, or support from the private sector to successfully achieve a commercial outcome.

• New section 5.3 Business Case. Letter of support requirement removed
  - Applicants must provide a 4 page business case for the commercialisation of their proposed research that includes at a minimum:
    - a market analysis
    - management of IP
    - work plan including relevant milestones
    - Consultation with Technology Transfer Offices or similar commercialisation support.

• New section 6.3 Industry/Commercial experience: Track Record criterion
  - In order to appropriately recognise the value of industry-relevant expertise, industry skills, experience and achievements are considered in assessing applicants’ track records. Peer reviewers have been provided with a guide to evaluate industry relevant experience refer to Attachment A in the Guide to Peer Review

• Removed previous section B-ICP Industry/Commercial Partner/s

• Career disruption, including sensitive career disruption, has moved from the Grant Proposal to the CV

• Content and formatting requirements have been revised (see Table 1, paragraph 10.3.3)
Important Information

Minimum Data

Minimum data must be entered in RGMS by 5:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on 18 January 2017 to allow the NHMRC to commence sourcing suitable assessors. Applications that fail to satisfy this requirement will not be accepted. Applicants are also reminded to complete the recommended fields outlined below with correct information. Using placeholder text such as “text”, “synopsis” or “xx” etc. are not acceptable as minimum data.

Minimum data for the Development Grants scheme consists of the following:

- General – Application Information: You must complete fields for Administering Institution, Application Title, Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Research (yes/no) and Plain English Summary
- A-RC Research Classification (all sections).