Changes to the Research Fellowships Funding Rules for 2016

- **Section 5.3** – Words ‘or equivalent’ added to include titles other than ‘Institute Director’.
- **Sections 7.1 and 7.1.1** – ‘New Applicants’ has been replaced by ‘Initial Applicants’.
- **Section 7.2** –
  - ‘Returning Applicants’ has been replaced by ‘Reapplications’.
  - New wording to clarify application options for current sixth year fellows.
- **Section 7.3** –
  - Clarification that this section also applies to applicants who hold an Honorary, Adjunct, Clinical, Conjoint professorial title or position.
  - Examples have been provided of justifications that will not be accepted for professors applying at SRF level.
  - Justifications will be considered by an NHMRC Senior Scientist rather than the peer review panel.
- **Section 7.4** –
  - ‘Current Fellows seeking promotion’ has been replaced by ‘Reapplication with Promotion’.
  - Wording added to clarify assessment process for ‘Reapplication with Promotion’.
- **Section 7.5** –
  - Deletion of previous stipulation that the peer review panel will not recommend a sixth year where the application represents serious underperformance.
  - Wording added to emphasise that decisions relating to the granting of sixth year extensions are based on the merits of the current application and funding policy.
- **Subsection 8.3.1** –
  - Addition of a more detailed description of how Translation Advancement Incentive (TAI) funds must be used.
  - Clarification that a TAI report must be included in the Final Report at the conclusion of the Fellowship.
  - ‘Industry’ TAI applicants must upload a letter of support from their industry/commercial partner.
- **Subsection 8.3.3** – Additional sentence included advising applicants to refer to the scheme-specific funding rules regarding payment of salary.
- **Section 9** – CV updates are no longer required. Applicants may highlight any updates at interview.
- **Section 10.4** – Clarification that parental leave is to be paid for each period of parental leave.
- **Attachment B** – The Statement of Expectations for SRF A and SRF B have been revised to provide clearer distinction between the two levels.