Key Changes to Funding Rules

- Minimum data requirements (section 3), including Grant Review Panel Nomination. Refer to further information about minimum data below.
- Eligibility period (section 5). CIs to ensure that they meet all other eligibility criteria at time of submission and for the duration of the peer review period to apply in the Project Grants round.
- NI eligibility (subsection 5.1.3). If applicants have received funding support that includes research and salary support, applicants must provide details of each funding component for the research and salary support (the research support component must not total $AUD 250,000 or more). In addition applicants who fail to provide all necessary details at the time of NI application submission will not be eligible for consideration of NI status and will progress as a standard applicant in the round.
- Criteria for Electromagnetic Energy Research funding (subsection 6.2.3)
- Changes to 2017 Project Grants Category Descriptors (see Attachment A)
- Changes to 2017 Project Grants Indigenous Category Descriptors (see Attachment C)
- Content and formatting requirements have been revised (see Table 1, section 10.3.3 of the General NHMRC Funding Rules). NHMRC recommends a minimum of 12pt TNR font is used in applications, and applicants must ensure the font is readable. If the assessor cannot read the application due to inconsistency with any of the formatting requirements, the assessor is not compelled to complete an assessment on applications. This includes an assessment where the formatting renders the Grant Proposal unreadable.

Important Information

Minimum Data

- Minimum data due in RGMS: 5.00pm Wednesday 15th February 2017. Applications that fail to satisfy this requirement will not be accepted. Applicants are also reminded to complete the recommended fields as outlined below with correct information. Using placeholder text such as “text”, “synopsis” or “xx” etc. is not acceptable as minimum data. Minimum data for the Project Grants scheme consist of the following:
  - General – Application Information: You must complete fields for Administering Institution, Application Title, Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Research (yes/no) and Synopsis.
  - A-RC: Research Classification (all sections).
  - B-GRPN: Grant Review Panel Nomination **NEW**

Rebuttal Periods (approximate dates for release of Assessor Response)

- Period 1: 15 June 2017 – 26 June 2017
- Period 2: 6 July 2017 – 14 July 2017

Applications will be assessed and ranked against the Assessment Criteria listed below:

- Scientific Quality (50%)
- Significance of the Expected Outcomes AND/OR Innovation of the Concept (25%)
- Team Quality and Capability relevant to the application - relative to opportunity, taking into account career disruptions where applicable (25%).

The assessment of the team is not weighted to the CIA but to the team as a whole. Applications are assessed relative to opportunity, taking into consideration any career disruptions (see sections 6.2 and 6.2.1 of the NHMRC Funding Rules 2017).