

Timing and next steps

Applications for Investigator, Synergy and Ideas Grants will open in late 2018-early 2019 for funding commencing in 2020.



This will provide time for the health and medical research sector to understand and adapt to the changes in the grant program.

A comprehensive transition strategy is being developed to phase in the changes to the grant program while maintaining 'business as usual' for most funding schemes. Updates on this transition strategy will be provided to the research sector through this website, through Research Tracker and via Twitter @NHMRC as details become available. To subscribe to Research Tracker visit the NHMRC Research Tracker web page .

In the interim, some transitional arrangements will be put in place at the end of 2017 and will apply to the late 2018 application round (for funding in 2019):

- To begin the adjustment to the new capping arrangements under the restructured grant program, interim capping arrangements will be introduced in the 2018 Project Grant funding round.
 - **Applicants will be able to submit up to two Project Grant applications in the 2018 Project Grant funding round.** Applicants must continue to comply with NHMRC policy on the numbers of concurrently held grants (maximum of six). For example, if an applicant will hold five active Project Grants in 2019, only one Project Grant application can be submitted.
- **There will be no Program Grant round in 2018 (for funding in 2020)** as this scheme will be replaced by the Synergy Grant scheme (first applications in 2019 for funding in 2020). This will avoid unnecessary duplication of schemes.
- NHMRC will consult on a proposed new framework for assessment of applications to fund clinical trials and cohort studies in anticipation of developing a separate scheme for these studies.