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Australia invests $9M for cancer research in children, young adults

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Providing grant opportunities for Australia's world-leading researchers



The Australian government is providing $9 million to support research into the causes, biology and progression of cancer among children and young adults.

This $9 million investment from the Government's ground-breaking Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) will provide grant opportunities for Australia's world-leading researchers to accelerate options to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer in children and adolescents.

The Grant Opportunity will fund projects in two streams of research:

- Cancers that occur in children aged 0-14 years.
- Cancers that occur in adolescents aged 10-19 years.

Funding of $3 million will be allocated to each of the two streams. The remaining $3 million will be earmarked to support the overall best research, irrespective of streams.

Consultation with The Kids' Cancer Project and Cancer Australia, has informed the scope and priorities of the 2020 Childhood Cancer Research Grant Opportunity.

The Government's MRFF is a $20 billion endowment fund. The MRFF is a long-term investment supporting Australia's best and brightest researchers.