

Australia opens new grant opportunities worth \$30M for medical research

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The Australian government is investing up to \$30 million in health and medical research to help bring ground-breaking discoveries to fruition.

Through the Medical Research Future Fund, the government will open two new grant opportunities across key areas of medical research.

Firstly, a new grant opportunity will open targeted at Chronic Musculoskeletal Conditions in Children and Adolescents, with funding up to \$20 million over four years from 2021-2022.

The intended outcome of this grant opportunity is to improve the health care for children and adolescents with chronic musculoskeletal conditions by developing superior diagnostic approaches and by building evidence for best treatment approaches, including improved therapeutic regimes and validated models of care.

Secondly, a grant opportunity will open to help researchers develop and implement new approaches for improving patient care and health outcomes through better use of health information.

The Research Data Infrastructure grant opportunity provides up to \$10 million for projects that bring together information held in different systems or platforms or that use novel methods like artificial intelligence to answer important health questions.