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# Information Kit

## Nominations for Appointment

### 2007 Grant Review Panels

Nominations close 14 February 2007

## **BACKGROUND**

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is Australia's leading expert body promoting the development and maintenance of public and individual health standards. It has a well established record of achievement and has extensive links with the Australian community, national and international health and research agencies, and many other bodies.

Research grant schemes are the NHMRC's main avenue of support for individuals and teams of researchers undertaking biomedical, clinical, public health or health services research in Australian universities, medical schools, hospitals or other research institutions. The primary objectives of the schemes are to:

- fund the highest quality research proposed by individual researchers and research teams, as judged by peers according to internationally benchmarked criteria in significance, research methodology, the track record of applicants relative to their opportunity and the feasibility of the investigator achieving the stated aims of the research;
- provide particular opportunity for early career researchers to gain funding for high quality projects;
- provide a funding mechanism to achieve excellent research outcomes in nominated priority areas, including Indigenous health;
- address National Research Priorities and other specific government initiatives; and
- support capacity building and training in all areas of public health and health service delivery research.

Information relating to the various funding schemes provided by the NHMRC is available at:  
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/index.htm>.

Internationally competitive assessment processes with funding selection on the basis of excellence is critical to enable Australians to create new knowledge and the NHMRC to attain its mission to build a healthy Australia.

Each year the NHMRC establishes Panels which are responsible for the review and ranking of NHMRC grant applications. The Panel members also have the opportunity to provide advice to the NHMRC on emerging research developments.

An outline of the role of Panel members in the peer review process is available in the Peer Review Guidelines for Funding to Commence in 2008 for each of the funding schemes:  
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/index.htm>.

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The NHMRC is calling for nominations for appointment of suitably qualified individuals to its 2007 Grant Review Panels.

Individuals wishing to nominate may self-nominate or be nominated by their employer or representative organisation. A nomination form is available on the NHMRC web site at:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/nominfo/index.htm>

Send the completed nomination form to: [grantnet\\_assessors@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:grantnet_assessors@nhmrc.gov.au)

Nominations close at 5.00 pm AEDT on 14 February 2007.

The form collects personal and professional information for each nominee. This information is held in confidence and will only be available to those directly involved with forming Panels.

### **Expertise**

Panel members are experts of high standing drawn from the Australian and international research community: from public and private health and medical research organisations, higher education, industry, policy makers and consumers.

As the NHMRC funding schemes cover a wide range of health and medical research areas and disciplines, the NHMRC is seeking nominations from suitably qualified individuals across the full range.

It is beneficial if nominees have experience relevant to competitive, peer-reviewed assessment of applications for funding.

### **Time Commitment**

Membership of Panels may result in a significant commitment of time. Employers should acknowledge this when agreeing to the nomination of an employee and should commit to making an appropriate adjustment to workload as required.

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<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/index.htm>.

### **Appointment Period**

Panel members will be appointed for a period of three years. It is anticipated that members will be moved onto and off Panels during that period to meet the membership criterion for individual Panels and to accommodate conflicts of interest and member availability.

**Declaration of Interest, Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality Guidelines and Disclosure of Member's Personal Information**

**Payments to Panel Members**

**Travel Arrangements**

Guidelines relating to these matters are available in the NHMRC Members Handbook:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/committees/membookpdf.htm>.

**Selection Process**

As the Panels meet at various times throughout the year, there is no set date by which the selection process will be finalised. Only those individuals selected for Panel membership will be advised of the selection outcome.

**Questions**

Questions about the nominations process may be directed to GrantNet Help on 1800 500 983 or email:

[grantnet.help@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:grantnet.help@nhmrc.gov.au)