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CEO Calls on Research Community to Support Peer Review

We understand that researchers have increasing demands of their time, however all researchers have an obligations to each other to participate in peer review. In particular, those holding NHMRC grants have each signed obligations to help us. This is a special request for the research community to assist with Project Grants peer review over the next three weeks.

NHMRC Program Grants – Call for Applications

The NHMRC will open a call for [applications](#) under its Program Grants Scheme on 31 May 2008, for grants commencing in 2010. The aim of the Program Grants scheme is to provide support for teams of high calibre researchers to pursue broadly based collaborative research activities, contributing to new knowledge health and medical research.

Applications close **5.00pm AEST 11 July 2008**.

Program Grant applications have been scheduled to eliminate the need for applicants to make simultaneous Project Grant applications. Applications are open for new teams or current Program Grant holders in their 4th or 5th year in 2008.

Clinical Centres of Research Excellence – Call for Applications

[Applications](#) for Clinical Centres of Research Excellence will open on 31 May 2008 (advertised in The Australian) and close on 8 August 2008.

The Centres of Clinical Research Excellence program is designed to recognise and reward successful clinical researchers, and expand their ability to produce high quality research, provide high quality clinical research training and translate their research funding into improved health outcomes.

Private hospital sector to benefit from VTE prevention program

The NHMRC's National Institute of Clinical Studies [Private Hospitals VTE Prevention Program](#) was launched this week by the Hon Nicola Roxon, Minister for Health and Ageing. This new national program aims to reduce the risk of potentially lethal blood clots in private hospitals, drawing on the highly successful Stop the Clot campaign already delivered in more than 40 Australian public hospitals. The private hospital program is funded by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC).