



Details of the NHMRC Special Initiative in Mental Health Application Recommended for Funding Commencing in 2021

About the Scheme

The NHMRC Special Initiative in Mental Health (SIMH) will support a multidisciplinary and nationally focussed team to establish a national centre for innovation in mental health care as a collaborative network across Australia (involving key institutions, existing national networks in mental health and other relevant bodies).

The centre will undertake innovative, high quality implementation research to improve health outcomes and outlooks for people living with mental illness. It will operate as a virtual network coordinated by a single institution that will act as an administrative hub. The centre will include flagship programs to focus the network's activities on each of the identified research themes. Flagships, which may be based at participating institutions, would be open to a broad membership of researchers, clinicians, carers and consumers in mental health to facilitate innovative service delivery across Australia.

Funding Recommendations

The application listed in the table below was assessed against published criteria and found to be the most competitive out of the five applications received. The application is recommended for funding to commence in 2021.

Application ID	Chief Investigator Name(s)	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
APP2002047	Associate Professor Victoria Palmer Professor Jane Gunn Professor Jane Pirkis Professor George Patton Professor Sandra Eades Professor Amanda Wheeler Professor Steve Kisely Professor Harriet Hiscock Professor Chris Pantelis Professor Daryl Maybery	ALIVE - A National Research Translation Centre to implement Mental Health Care at Scale	The University of Melbourne	\$10,000,000

	Professor Nicola Lautenschlager Professor Osvaldo Almeida Professor Lena Sanci Professor Sarah Larkins Associate Professor Michael Wright Professor Vera Morgan Professor Cherrie Galletly Professor Lisa Brophy Professor Kelsey Hegarty Associate Professor Meredith Harris Professor Jim Lagopoulos Dr Amanda Neil Professor Wendy Chapman Professor David Preen Professor Carol Harvey Ms Cath Roper Professor Jenny Bowman Dr Michelle Lim Professor Emma Baker Associate Professor Cameron Parsell Professor David Coghill Associate Professor Bridget Hamilton Professor Jill Bennett Associate Professor Luke Burchill Professor Meaghan O'Donnell			
			Total	\$10,000,000