



Investigator Grant applications recommended for funding commencing in 2026

About the scheme

The Investigator Grant scheme is NHMRC's flagship scheme which accounts for about 40% of annual commitments from the Medical Research Endowment Account. It consolidates previously separate fellowship and research support into one grant scheme that provides researchers at all career stages with funding for their salary (if required) and a research support package over 5 years.

The objective of the Investigator Grant scheme is to support the research program of outstanding investigators at all career stages.

The intended outcomes are:

- flexibility for investigators to pursue important new research directions as they arise and to form collaborations as needed
- innovative and creative research
- opportunities for researchers at all career stages to establish their own research programs
- reduced application and peer review burden on researchers.

The applications listed in the tables below are recommended for funding to commence in 2026.¹ They are listed for each category in application identification number (App ID) order.

¹ Penultimate year reapplicants will commence funding in 2027 or at the completion of their existing Investigator Grant.

Table 1. Leadership Level applications (Leadership levels 1-3)

App ID	Category/Level	Chief Investigator Name	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
2040835	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Kelly-Anne Phillips	Precision Prevention, Targeted Treatment and Improved Survivorship to Decrease the Burden of Breast Cancer	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,763,660.00
2040837	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Alexandra Corbett	Exploiting the unique functions of MAIT cells to drive the rational design of new vaccines and immunotherapies	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,818,905.00
2040839	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Peter Azzopardi	Responsive, effective, efficient & accountable action for adolescent health in the Asia Pacific.	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$ 2,818,905.00
2040846	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Richard Payne	Development of Novel Anticoagulants with Improved Safety Profiles for Stroke Therapy	University of Sydney	\$ 2,954,575.00
2040856	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Mark Walker	Guiding Group A Streptococcus vaccines into clinical development.	The University of Queensland	\$ 3,014,025.00
2040902	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Phillippa Taberlay	Capturing high-resolution epigenomes to redirect cell destiny in neurological disease states	University of Tasmania	\$ 2,818,905.00
2040907	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Emmanuel Stamatakis	Harnessing incidental physical activity and other 24-hour physical behaviour to prevent CVD and cancer	University of Sydney	\$ 3,014,025.00
2040938	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Mark Febbraio	Uncovering the molecular mechanisms associated with exercise to develop therapies to treat obesity-related diseases	Monash University	\$ 3,014,025.00



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2040955	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Felice Jacka	Nutritional Psychiatry: Clarifying Mechanisms to Support Precision Interventions	Deakin University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2040973	Leadership 2 (L2)	Associate Professor Linda Wakim	Generating a universal influenza vaccine	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,954,575.00
2040986	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Germaine Wong	Transforming Lives: Transplant for All and One Transplant for Life	University of Sydney	\$ 2,381,830.00
2041012	Leadership 1 (L1)	Doctor Thi Nguyen	Unravelling immune responses to severe respiratory viral infection and vaccination in humans	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,818,905.00
2041019	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Marcello Rosa	Pathways to vision following lesions of the primary visual cortex	Monash University	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041040	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Mandana Nikpour	Improving cardiopulmonary outcomes in systemic sclerosis	University of Sydney	\$ 2,818,905.00
2041068	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Angela Morgan	Genetics of speech disorders: improving diagnosis, prognosis and management	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$ 2,954,575.00
2041099	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Graeme Hankey	Clinical trials addressing top priorities for stroke research	University of Western Australia	\$ 2,000,000.00
2041107	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Tim Stinear	Elimination of Mycobacterium ulcerans infection (Buruli ulcer)	University of Melbourne	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041108	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Benjamin Harrison	Targeting novel treatment mechanisms in mood and anxiety disorders	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,554,575.00
2041117	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Marnie Blewitt	Long-lived remodelling of epigenetic state to treat disease	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 2,954,575.00



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2041168	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Sarah Robertson	Periconception mechanisms impacting fertility and pregnancy health	The University of Adelaide	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041176	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Jonathan Golledge	Walk and live better: Non-surgical therapies for Australians with peripheral artery disease (PAD)	James Cook University	\$ 2,477,287.50
2041226	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Seth Masters	Identification, Validation and Therapy of Autoinflammatory Diseases	Monash University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2041250	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Eric Morand	Improving outcomes for patients with systemic lupus erythematosus	Monash University	\$ 2,000,000.00
2041273	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Nick Scott	Using modelling to guide the elimination of hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV	Burnet Institute	\$ 2,818,905.00
2041275	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Martin Holt	Implementation research to eliminate HIV transmission in Australia: a community-based, digital and peer-enhanced approach	University of New South Wales	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041278	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Ashley Bush	Discovery and validation of drugs and diagnostics to propel a new era of dementia research	University of Melbourne	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041304	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Joshua Vogel	Transforming pre-eclampsia risk screening and prevention in low- and middle-income countries	Burnet Institute	\$ 2,818,905.00



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2041331	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Michael Hofman	Improving Prostate Cancer Outcomes by Integrating Novel Imaging and Targeted Therapy (theranostics) for Personalised Medicine	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,763,660.00
2041334	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Rebecca Ivers	Reducing inequities in injury across the life course	University of New South Wales	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041361	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Robyn Guymer	Age-related macular degeneration (AMD): causes and cures-intervening early, before vision is threatened	Centre for Eye Research Australia Limited	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041370	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Luke Wolfenden	Transforming the prevention system to optimise population health	The University of Newcastle	\$ 2,954,575.00
2041424	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Zornitza Stark	Accelerating rare disease diagnosis	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$ 2,818,905.00
2041484	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Jenny Downs	Transforming care to achieve effective pathways to good health and quality of life for children with intellectual disability	University of Western Australia	\$ 2,938,360.30
2041500	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Jo-An Occhipinti (née Atkinson)	Generation Mental Wealth: A new paradigm for fostering youth mental health	University of Sydney	\$ 2,818,905.00
2041519	Leadership 1 (L1)	Doctor Karla Canuto	Community-led Health Promotion in the Torres Strait	Flinders University	\$ 2,818,905.00
2041619	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Jamie Vandenberg	Optimising Risk Stratification for Sudden Cardiac Death in the Young	University of New South Wales	\$ 2,814,025.00



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2041625	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Benjamin Howden	Genomics-driven innovations to tackle drug-resistant bacterial infections	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,668,202.50
2041635	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Karin Leder	Evidence to Impact: Solutions for Climate-Sensitive Health Challenges	Monash University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2041755	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Shyamali Dharmage	A Life Course Approach to Early Detection and Interventions to Stop Pre-COPD	University of Melbourne	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041792	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Paul Keall	Advancing image guided radiation therapy from discovery to clinical practice	University of Sydney	\$ 3,014,025.00
2041798	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Jaquelyne Hughes	And We Are: Determined as Indigenous Leaders to advance First Nation kidney health	Flinders University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2041810	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Nicholas Golding	Mapping and forecasting to counter biological threats to malaria control in Africa	Curtin University	\$ 2,618,905.00
2041812	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Lisa Moran	Prevention of cardiometabolic-related disease in women of reproductive age and beyond - risk prediction, screening and precision lifestyle approaches	Monash University	\$ 2,818,905.00
2041819	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Tracy O'Mara	Harnessing genetics to unlock endometrial cancer	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	\$ 2,418,905.00
2041888	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor David Ascher	Using protein structure to combat antimicrobial resistance	The University of Queensland	\$ 2,818,905.00



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2041910	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor David Johnson	Kidney health for all - Improving kidney failure care accessibility, affordability, quality and outcomes	The University of Queensland	\$ 2,304,207.50
2041967	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Janna Morrison	Fetal growth restriction and cardiovascular-related death in adulthood: a world first in transforming detection and intervention	University of South Australia	\$ 2,354,575.00
2042003	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Paul Hodges	Addressing the critical questions in chronic pain	The University of Queensland	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042035	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Yuling Wang	Developing a novel nanotechnology platform to bridge the discovery and translation of circulating small extracellular vesicles as biomarkers for improved triple-negative breast cancer management	Macquarie University	\$ 2,778,520.64
2042036	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Andreas Obermair	Towards evidence-supported precision surgery for gynaecological cancer	The University of Queensland	\$ 2,068,202.50
2042061	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Anna Peeters	'Nothing about us without us'-boosting diversity in the health and medical research workforce to progress action on health equity	Deakin University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2042089	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Thomas Ve	Proteins and nucleotides in programmed axon death: molecular characterisation and therapeutic targeting	Griffith University	\$ 2,818,905.00



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2042090	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Peter Czabotar	Exploring Cell Death Signaling for Drug Target Discovery	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042095	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Fiona Russell	Accelerating Global Vaccine Policy: Leveraging Regional Networks to Address Vaccine Research Gaps	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,818,905.00
2042139	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Rachel Neale	Cancer control through applied epidemiology	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	\$ 2,954,575.00
2042161	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Jason Ong	Going the last mile to end HIV transmission in Australia: ensuring no one is left behind	Monash University	\$ 2,818,905.00
2042250	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Nehmat Houssami	Future-proofing population breast cancer screening: Generating and translating evidence to guide screening practice and improve health outcomes.	University of Sydney	\$ 2,811,220.00
2042281	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor David Whiley	New strategies for managing gonorrhoea and emerging antimicrobial resistance	The University of Queensland	\$ 2,409,452.50
2042290	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Bruce Neal	Achieving global health gains from potassium-enriched salt	University of New South Wales	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042321	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Thomas Marwick	Use Of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics To Improve Detection and Management of Heart Failure	Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute	\$ 2,608,415.00
2042329	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Claire Roberts	Pregnancy: Window to Health Futures	Flinders University	\$ 3,014,025.00



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2042354	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Colleen Loo	Improving treatments for severe and treatment resistant depression	University of New South Wales	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042421	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Sherene Loi	Innovating in breast cancer immunology treatment and prevention	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,954,575.00
2042423	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Simon Conn	Targeting the Alternative RNA Splicing Dichotomy of Brain Cancer as a Novel Anticancer Strategy	Flinders University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2042524	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Paul Beavis	Gene engineering approaches to enhance the efficacy of adoptive cellular therapy of cancer	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,818,905.00
2042554	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Julie Simpson	Innovative Approaches to Optimising Existing and New Antimalarial Therapies	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,954,575.00
2042569	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Gita Mishra	Addressing the gaps in knowledge, policy, and guidelines on menstrual and gynaecological conditions and their consequences across life	The University of Queensland	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042570	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Jeanne Tie	Advancing Precision Medicine for Colorectal Cancer through Liquid Biopsy	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,655,124.00
2042634	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Mark von Itzstein	Antiviral drug discovery using an interdisciplinary approach	Griffith University	\$ 3,014,025.00



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2042647	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Karen Canfell	The elimination of cervical cancer: Effective implementation and scale-up of the World Health Organisation strategy in Australia, the Indo-Pacific and globally	University of Sydney	\$ 2,000,000.00
2042655	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Jonathan Shaw	Epidemiology of complications of diabetes: from causes to population burden	Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042660	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Erica Wood	Transforming transfusion research to deliver better outcomes for patients and the community	Monash University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2042675	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Jodie Dodd	Improving women's health before conception: an evidence based strategy to break the intergenerational obesity cycle	The University of Adelaide	\$ 2,477,287.50
2042685	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Anthony Weiss	Innovative approaches to repair soft-tissue damage in critical organs	University of Sydney	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042722	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor James Whisstock	In situ studies of the Immune Synapse	Monash University	\$ 2,000,000.00
2042772	Leadership 1 (L1)	Doctor Vanessa Copley	Parsing sleep and circadian factors in risk for psychosis to inform pathways and phenotypes	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,818,905.00
2042774	Leadership 1 (L1)	Doctor Amy Chung	Profiling protective antibody responses against infectious diseases	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,818,905.00
2042792	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Chengzhong Yu	Enabling Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Treatment for Triple Negative Breast Cancer	The University of Queensland	\$ 3,014,025.00



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2042847	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Arthur Christopoulos	Allosteric modulation of muscarinic receptors for the treatment of neurocognitive deficits	Monash University	\$ 2,000,000.00
2042893	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Steve Webb	Adaptive Platform Trials: Expanding impact	Monash University	\$ 3,014,025.00
2042896	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor David Tarlinton	What determines the longevity of antibody production after infection or vaccination?	Monash University	\$ 2,414,025.00
2042979	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Nigel Curtis	Novel biomarkers for the diagnosis and prevention of high-burden infections in children and adults	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$ 2,811,220.00
2043012	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Andreas Strasser	Investigating programmed cell death and the tumour suppressor p53 to develop improved therapies for cancer	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043044	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Sant-Rayn Pasricha	Innovations in anaemia research: from trials to translation	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 2,954,575.00
2043056	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Matthew McKay	Leveraging data-driven computational platforms to accelerate the effective prevention, treatment and surveillance of viral infectious diseases	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,618,905.00



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2043075	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Roxanne Bainbridge	'We don't get paid to keep people healthy': Optimising Indigenous Patient-Centred Care through Coordinated and Comprehensive Health Management and Decision-making	The University of Queensland	\$ 2,818,905.00
2043108	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Karen Day	Solving the surveillance challenges for malaria elimination in high burden countries	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,000,000.00
2043112	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Danny Rischin	Expanding the role of immunotherapy in cutaneous and mucosal head and neck squamous cell carcinomas	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,763,660.00
2043119	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Rachelle Buchbinder	A more integrated, responsive and sustainable learning musculoskeletal health system	Monash University	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043165	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Sandra Hayes	Preventing cancer-related lymphoedema and its associated burden	Cancer Council Queensland	\$ 2,000,000.00
2043167	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Jonathan Carapetis	Delivering the tools for eliminating rheumatic heart disease	University of Western Australia	\$ 2,000,000.00
2043188	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Jayashri Kulkarni	New Hormone Treatments for Women with Depression Across the Life Cycle	Monash University	\$ 2,811,220.00
2043192	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Anne Holland	Advancing non-drug treatments to improve lung health	Monash University	\$ 2,954,575.00
2043223	Leadership 2 (L2)	Associate Professor Jenny Y Wang	Targeting malignant stem cells: the path towards a cure for deadly blood cancer	University of Sydney	\$ 2,954,575.00



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2043227	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Grant McArthur	Improving outcomes for patients with melanoma	University of Melbourne	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043281	Leadership 1 (L1)	Doctor David Thal	Harnessing protein allostery to accelerate drug discovery	Monash University	\$ 2,818,905.00
2043305	Leadership 1 (L1)	Doctor Davis McCarthy	Driving discovery with statistical and AI methods for spatial 'omics and related data	St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	\$ 2,818,905.00
2043340	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Deanne Thompson	Advanced neuroimaging to improve the lives of infants at risk of brain injury or maldevelopment	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$ 2,818,905.00
2043344	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Hilda Pickett	Telomere biology in human health and disease	University of Sydney	\$ 2,554,575.00
2043356	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Kate Denton	Long-acting therapies to treat hypertension and organ injury	Monash University	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043381	Leadership 1 (L1)	Associate Professor Rona Chandrawati	Advancing Implantable Medical Devices Through Nanotechnology	University of New South Wales	\$ 2,818,905.00
2043452	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Clara Chow	Innovation to impact in cardiovascular disease prevention and healthcare	University of Sydney	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043453	Leadership 1 (L1)	Professor Margarita Moreno-Betancur	Novel methods for causal analyses of longitudinal data to inform interventions for improving health	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$ 2,818,905.00
2043464	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Denise Doolan	Next-generation therapeutics for malaria designed using systems-based approaches	The University of Queensland	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043504	Leadership 2 (L2)	Professor Jason Roberts	Translating precision antibiotic dosing into better outcomes for severe infections	The University of Queensland	\$ 2,381,830.00



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2043505	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Barry Dickson	Connectomics approaches to understanding anxiety and depression	The University of Queensland	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043549	Leadership 1 (L1)	Doctor Mark Davies	Epidemiology, evolution and prevention of streptococcal pandemics	University of Melbourne	\$ 2,818,905.00
2043554	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Ben W. Mol	Enhancing Reproductive Health by New Evidence-synthesis Methods based on Trustworthiness Assessment	Monash University	\$ 3,014,025.00
2043588	Leadership 3 (L3)	Professor Thomas Kay	Immunotherapy for type 1 diabetes	St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	\$ 3,014,025.00

Table 2. Emerging Leadership 2 Level applications

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2040909	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Briony Hill	Guiding and delivering maternity healthcare that is free of weight stigma	Monash University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2040918	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Zewen Kelvin Tuong	Thwarting Rare Blood Cancer in Kids with Single-cell Innovation (TRaCKIn)	The University of Queensland	\$ 1,623,700.00
2040954	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Marios Koutsakos	Establishing protective immunity against antigenically diverse viruses	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,623,700.00
2040972	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Trevor Steward	Novel Neurobiological Treatment Mechanisms in Eating Disorders	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041048	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Deborah Mitchison	Creating A “Learning Health System” For Eating Disorder Treatment	University of Technology Sydney	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041123	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Stephanie Filbay	Bridging the gap between evidence and practice to improve management of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041127	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Christine Keenan	Unravelling epigenetic mechanisms to improve immunity	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041152	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Pratihtha Chatterjee	A new molecular era for dementia: Biomarker discovery through to implementation	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,603,536.55
2041194	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Tess Reynolds	Unlocking the future of robotic imaging for surgical procedural navigation and verification	University of Sydney	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041224	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Maria Di Biase	Patient-Centred Platforms for Preclinical Schizophrenia Research and Translation	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,623,700.00



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2041249	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Miriam Forbes	Redefining Psychopathology: Empirical Phenotypes Offer a Path to Discovery	Macquarie University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041301	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Ashley Hopkins	Data and Artificial Intelligence for Advancing Cancer Care	Flinders University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041348	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Michael Doyle	Drug and alcohol treatment in criminal justice system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	University of Sydney	\$ 1,634,700.00*
2041446	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Wolfgang Marx	Nutritional Psychiatry: Investigating the efficacy and mechanisms of dietary components in depression	Deakin University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041474	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Jun Yang	Advancing the diagnosis and management of primary aldosteronism, a common but neglected cause of hypertension	Monash University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041559	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Zhuoting Zhu	Development and Implementation of a Retinal Image-Based Deep Learning System for Precise Cardiovascular Risk Assessment and Personalised Care	Centre for Eye Research Australia Limited	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041618	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Belinda Newton	Understanding systems abuse and Aboriginal resistance in child protection contexts	University of New South Wales	\$ 1,634,700.00*
2041653	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Danielle Ingle	Harnessing pathogen genomics to combat current and future threats of drug-resistant enteric bacteria	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,623,700.00



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2041673	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Kylie James	Creating a cellular and microbial canvas of intestinal disease to guide patient stratification, response to treatment and precision therapy	University of New South Wales	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041674	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor QIAN (Peter) SU	Quantitative Imaging At Nanoscale with Super-resolution (QIAN SU) for Probing, Diagnosing and Monitoring Thrombotic Disease at the Molecular Level	University of Technology Sydney	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041692	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Yu Heng Lau	Developing targeted therapies for gliomas by peptide-assisted fragment optimisation	University of Sydney	\$ 1,623,700.00
2041965	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Sandeep Prabhu	New insights into the management of arrhythmia mediated cardiomyopathy	Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042008	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Mohd Hafiz Abdul-Aziz	The antimicrobial strikes back - using pharmacometrics and international collaboration in the war against sepsis and antimicrobial resistant superbugs	The University of Queensland	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042013	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Joy Wolfram	Extracellular vesicles as a new paradigm of cardiovascular therapeutics	The University of Queensland	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042204	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Phoebe Williams	The neonatal microbiome and antibiotic resistance: Utilising metagenomics to reduce infant morbidity and mortality across Australia and Southeast Asia	University of Sydney	\$ 1,498,960.00



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2042383	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Dorothea Dumuid	Advancing the analysis of 24-hour time-use data	University of South Australia	\$ 1,323,700.00
2042446	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Shelley Keating	Transforming exercise care for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease	The University of Queensland	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042468	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Timothy Johanson	Using the 3D genome to predict and treat leukaemia	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042482	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Aidan Cashin	Improving care for chronic pain: implementing effective treatments and reducing medicine-related harms	University of New South Wales	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042605	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Monica Barratt	Strengthening Australia's response to our increasingly toxic unregulated drug supply	RMIT University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042721	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Fatwa Adikusuma	Cutting-Edge CRISPR Therapy Targeting a Wide Range of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Mutations	The University of Adelaide	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042837	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Sarah Diepstraten	Boosting the efficacy of BH3-mimetic drugs for p53-deficient blood cancers and beyond	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 1,623,700.00
2042999	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Courtney McDonald	Cell therapies for the injured perinatal brain	Monash University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2043072	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Emma Ridley	Improving the quality of evidence in nutrition during recovery from critical illness	Monash University	\$ 1,623,700.00



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2043111	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Jian Zeng	Integrating single-cell omics with genetics: Novel statistical methods to enhance biological understanding and risk prediction of common diseases	The University of Queensland	\$ 1,623,700.00
2043155	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor David Szmulewicz	Phenotyping of Inherited Cerebellar Ataxias in Indigenous Australians: Genetic, Clinical, and Diagnostic Insights	The Bionics Institute of Australia	\$ 1,174,220.00
2043180	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Sarah Zaman	Women's Heart Disease: overcoming health disparities	University of Sydney	\$ 1,311,850.00
2043220	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Joshua Wiley	Sleep after Cancer: Scalable, Precision, and Personalised Treatment of Insomnia	Monash University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2043294	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Julia Marchingo	Investigating post-transcriptional control of T cell immunity against infection and cancer	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 1,623,700.00
2043352	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Amandeep Kaur	Molecular innovations to decode tauopathies at the nanoscale	Monash University	\$ 1,623,700.00
2043407 ²	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Alisa Glukhova	Decoding the Mechanisms of Signal Propagation through the Wnt Signaling Pathway	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 1,623,700.00
2043417	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Jingwei Hou	Wearable and High-Sensitivity X-ray Detectors for Managing Respiratory Diseases in Infants and Children	The University of Queensland	\$ 1,623,700.00

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2043524	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Associate Professor Kalinda Griffiths	Strengthening Transparent Reporting and Improving Visibility and Equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Flinders University	\$ 1,634,700.00*
2043598	Emerging Leadership 2 (EL2)	Doctor Hui-Fern Koay	Harnessing MAIT cell biology and therapeutics to improve immunotherapy	University of Melbourne	\$ 1,423,700.00

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Table 3. Emerging Leadership 1 Level applications

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2040834	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Mo Hammoud	Generating the evidence required to enable health equity for gender and sexuality diverse populations in Australia	University of New South Wales	\$ 688,405.00
2040880	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Karen Oliver	Integrating monogenic and polygenic epilepsy risk factors to advance molecular diagnoses and to understand disease risk	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00
2040897	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Rongbin Xu	Climate change, bushfire smoke, and human health: multi-country and multi-omics approach	Monash University	\$ 656,215.26
2040904	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Jessica Schults	Better evidence and translation for healthcare associated infection prevention	The University of Queensland	\$ 688,405.00
2040939	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Associate Professor Lachlan Miles	Using sodium ascorbate to reduce neuroinflammation and delirium after cardiac surgery	University of Melbourne	\$ 469,202.50
2040943	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Kylie Hunter	Advancing evidence synthesis methods to collaboratively improve child health outcomes	University of Sydney	\$ 688,405.00
2040965	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Andrew Freeman	Unlocking the therapeutic potential of anti-inflammatory mesenchymal stromal cells through a refined mode of action	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2040971	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Emma Foster	Transforming Epilepsy Management through Evidence-Driven Approaches	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00



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2041052	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Curtis Cai	Identifying molecular determinants of antiviral immunity conferred by effector T cells	University of New South Wales	\$ 688,405.00
2041054	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Chu (CK) Yao	Targeting the bi-directional relationship between diet and microbes to optimise pouch health	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2041062	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Ruebena Dawes	Enhanced analysis of splice-altering variants to improve diagnostic rate in rare disease	University of New South Wales	\$ 688,405.00
2041063	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Bradley Gardiner	Harnessing Precision Medicine to Combat Infections in Transplant Recipients	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2041078	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Amy Hutchison	You are when you eat ! realising the importance of meal and macronutrient timing for health	The University of Adelaide	\$ 600,724.00
2041202	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Nikki Burdett	Targeting whole genome duplication as a therapeutic vulnerability in high grade serous ovarian cancer	University of Melbourne	\$ 600,724.00
2041205	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Li-Jin Chan	Understanding the role of an ancient fusogen in malaria parasite fertilisation and transmission	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 688,405.00
2041261	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Drew Neavin	Stem cell model systems to reflect global diversity and unlock equitable cardiovascular disease research	University of New South Wales	\$ 638,405.00



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2041264	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Ella Meumann	Implementation of genomics for infectious disease surveillance and response in the Northern Territory of Australia	Menzies School of Health Research	\$ 350,362.00
2041379	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Justine Clark	Improving Aboriginal cancer health outcomes in the precision medicine era	Australian National University	\$ 685,231.91*
2041400	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Jessica Kretzmann	DNA origami nanostructures for iPSC generation and cell reprogramming	University of Western Australia	\$ 688,405.00
2041411	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Daniel Rawle	Improving knowledge and interventions to combat pathogenic arboviruses	The Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research	\$ 638,405.00
2041414	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Jessica Botfield	Improving access to postpartum contraception through a midwifery model of care	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2041418	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Laura Fielden	Non-protein ubiquitination in disease and inflammation	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 688,405.00
2041423	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Dragana Dragoljevic	Activating AMPK to prevent Dnmt3a clonal haematopoiesis and atherosclerotic disease	Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute	\$ 451,930.54
2041434	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Hannah Scott	Using sleep technologies to better define and manage insomnia	Flinders University	\$ 663,405.00
2041439	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Fuyi Li	Advancing Proteolysis Targeting Chimera Molecular Design with Geometric Deep Learning	The University of Adelaide	\$ 688,405.00
2041481	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Pirooz Zareie	Understanding determinants of memory T cell fate to enhance cellular immunity	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00



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2041556	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Nicole Campbell	Development of a novel cancer immunotherapy	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2041670	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Teagan Weatherall	Reframing narratives: Alcohol use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	La Trobe University	\$ 424,043.00*
2041699	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Melanie Wyld	Transforming Living Kidney Donation in Australia: New Approaches to Increase Donor Rates, Improve Equity, and Save Lives	University of Sydney	\$ 469,202.50
2041747	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Penelope Strauss	Enhancing Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Supports for Young People of Diverse Genders	University of Western Australia	\$ 688,405.00
2041762	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Sarah Henrikus	Targeting DNA damage repair for new therapeutics in cancer and genetic disorders	St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	\$ 688,405.00
2041822	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Timothy Piatkowski	ROIDCheck: Reducing illicit steROID harms through drug Checking services	Griffith University	\$ 688,405.00
2041824	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Yasmine Ali Abdelhamid	Targeting Muscle Loss to Improve Outcomes from Critical Illness	University of Melbourne	\$ 556,883.50
2041943	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Lilith Caballero Aguilar	Advancing Cartilage Regeneration via Oxygen-driven Stem Cell Therapies	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00
2041946	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Dimitra Chatzileontiadou	Unlocking the protective nature of Human Leukocyte Antigens in the fight against viruses	La Trobe University	\$ 688,405.00
2041952	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Alexis Britten-Jones	Advancing ocular genomics to propel breakthrough treatments for blindness	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00



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2042010	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Jianjun Cao	Structural approaches to assist the development of selective antagonists of adrenomedullin receptors	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2042072	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Katie Fennell	Unravelling cellular plasticity to find novel therapeutic targets for breast cancer	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00
2042103	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Robert Ju	Targeting metastasis to trigger immunogenic cell death	The University of Queensland	\$ 688,405.00
2042144	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Maximilien Evrard	Enhancing tissue-resident memory T cell immunity through the microbiota	University of Melbourne	\$ 613,405.00
2042249	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Lena Batoon	Exploiting therapy-induced senescence to prevent recurrence and bone metastasis in ERα+ breast cancer	The University of Queensland	\$ 652,131.49
2042298	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Saimon Moraes Silva	A biosensor for the detection of Merkel cell carcinoma	La Trobe University	\$ 688,405.00
2042312	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Lucinda Grummitt	Addressing childhood trauma to prevent substance use and mental disorders: Improving precision psychiatry and developing innovative interventions	University of Sydney	\$ 688,405.00
2042324	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Rachel Grove	The freedom to live a flourishing life: Co-creating autistic wellbeing	University of Sydney	\$ 688,405.00
2042341	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Brandon Munn	Next-generation techniques to identify and model brain dysfunction in dementia	University of Sydney	\$ 688,405.00



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2042407	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Fei Deng	Autocatalytic CRISPR sensor for ultrasensitive detection of cell free DNA in precision oncology	University of New South Wales	\$ 663,405.00
2042414	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Niamh Moriarty	Improving the Functional Integration of Human Pluripotent Stem Cell-Derived Neural Grafts	University of Melbourne	\$ 613,405.00
2042450	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Jesse Zanker	Strengths-based approaches: Responding to older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults' needs for aged care services	University of Melbourne	\$ 469,202.50
2042481	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Sarah Kennedy	Developing muscle-strengthening activity competency in youth: Supporting community health through enhancing knowledge, skills, and behaviour	Western Sydney University	\$ 688,405.00
2042486	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Paulo Pelicioni	Understanding the clinical presentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with Parkinson's disease in Australia	University of New South Wales	\$ 688,405.00
2042563	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Alana Gall	Tunapri Ngini, Tunapri Rrala (Old Knowledge, Strong Knowledge) - a research program to Protect and Respect First Peoples' Cultural Medicine knowledges	Southern Cross University	\$ 649,405.00*
2042668	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Wessel Burger	Dissecting divergent pathway activation at Frizzled receptors	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 688,405.00
2042760	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Michael Healy	Design of Retromer Stabilisers for the Treatment of Neurodegeneration	The University of Queensland	\$ 688,405.00



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2042773	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Scott McAlister	Reducing low value care to reduce healthcare's carbon emissions	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00
2042887	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Hailey Meaklim	Better sleep for better mental health: Implementing sleep disorder education into mental healthcare training	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00
2042906	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Archita Mishra	Shaping early-life Immunity: The role of microbes in immune development from the womb to the world	University of Sydney	\$ 688,405.00
2042923	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Carlos Gantner	Decoding synucleinopathy by linking genomic variation to function	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00
2042936	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Rosalie Power	Transforming Sexual Health through co-design with LGBTQ+ People with Intellectual Disability	Western Sydney University	\$ 688,405.00
2043021	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Claire Kelly	Antecedents and lifelong consequences of perinatal brain injuries	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2043045	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Stefanie Mendes Bader	Understanding mechanisms of inflammation in long COVID	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 688,405.00
2043055	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Andrew Lin	Artificial intelligence-enabled quantitative atherosclerosis imaging by computed tomography to guide personalised management of coronary artery disease: a randomised clinical trial	Monash University	\$ 513,043.00



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2043057	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Katherine Davies	Clearing roadblocks to therapeutically target kinases & pseudokinases for treating inflammatory diseases	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 688,405.00
2043078	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Yi Wang	A temporary “bloodstream”: human oxygenating hydrogels for the treatment of brain injuries	University of Melbourne	\$ 688,405.00
2043104	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Thomas Arkell	Working Toward a Better Regulatory Framework for Medical Cannabis	Swinburne University of Technology	\$ 688,405.00
2043120	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Yi Ju	Harnessing nanotechnology to develop next-generation mRNA intracellular cancer therapy	RMIT University	\$ 615,377.54
2043191	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Eli Muller	Towards Innovative Deep Brain Stimulation Strategies: Exploiting the Diffuse Thalamus	University of Sydney	\$ 688,405.00
2043211	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Laila Ibrahim	There’s no place like home: keeping kids out of hospital through smarter antibiotic use	Murdoch Children’s Research Institute	\$ 688,405.00
2043233	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Rachel Joyce	Deciphering mechanisms underpinning tobacco-unassociated lung cancer development to improve patient outcomes	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	\$ 680,958.12
2043314	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Matthew Hare	Breaking the cycle: building knowledge and strengthening health care to address the intergenerational diabetes epidemic among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	Menzies School of Health Research	\$ 438,043.00



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2043334	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Praveena Thirunavukkarasu	Natural Killer T cells to treat Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2043354	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Saurab Sharma	EQUIP-Australia: Co-designing an Equitable Model of Care for Musculoskeletal pain in Australia	University of New South Wales	\$ 688,405.00
2043357	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Etienne Masle-Farquhar	Blood and bone: pathogenic leukocytes and acquired mutations within arthritic joints.	University of New South Wales	\$ 688,405.00
2043365	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Samantha Dawson	Nutritional Psychiatry: supporting healthy eating in pregnancy to benefit child mental and brain health	Deakin University	\$ 652,131.49
2043397	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Sue Chin Nang	Innovating bacteriophage diagnostics and therapy to combat antimicrobial resistance: A cell-free synthetic biology approach	Monash University	\$ 688,405.00
2043411	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Ayesha Shah	From Bedside to Bench: Improving Clinical Care Using Insights from the Small Intestinal Microbiome.	The University of Queensland	\$ 250,000.00
2043525	Emerging Leadership 1 (EL1)	Doctor Victoria Soriano	Diet for food allergy prevention	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$ 688,405.00

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