Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Program for funding commencing in 2016

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) opened the Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Program (the Program) on 24 February 2016 and closed for applications on 6 April 2016.

The primary objective of the Program is to support a single, multidisciplinary, nationally focussed team that will establish a collaborative network to progress innovative high quality research into the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of tropical diseases in Northern Australia, and to develop a strategic framework for tropical disease research in Northern Australia and the region.

This investment is part of a broader Government strategy to build Australia’s primary research capacity and support the development of Northern Australia as outlined in the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia, released on 18 June 2015.

Following peer review by national experts, one application was funded by NHMRC. The application listed below was approved for funding by the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon. Sussan Ley MP and announced by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator the Hon. Matt Canavan.

Details of this awarded grant are provided below.

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