

Women's Health Research Translation Network Early and Mid-Career Researcher Funded Indigenous Award 2022

Information and Application

Submissions close: Extended to 18 July 2022

Australian Health Research Alliance (AHRA)

The Australian Health Research Alliance (AHRA) facilitates the integration of healthcare, health and medical research, and health professional education to deliver better health outcomes for all Australians.

We engage across 95% of Australia's academic and research teams, 80% of acute health services and have increasing reach into primary care and regional and rural areas. Our goal is to accelerate the pace and scale of research translation into healthcare.

We do this by engaging all relevant stakeholders to identify and address unmet needs and by supporting and connecting all phases of the research journey to drive innovations and evidence into practice as soon as possible.

AHRA comprises the ten Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTCs) and the Centres for Innovation in Regional Health (CIRH) recognised by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) shown below.

AHRA National Women's Health Research, Translation and Impact Network (WHRTN)

WHRTN supports the development and implementation of the National Women's Health Strategy. We are a national multidisciplinary collaboration of researchers, clinicians and consumers focussed on strengthening women's health research and translation and the career development of women working in these fields.

The opportunity

WHRT offers one-off financial support to facilitate career advancement and development for women in early and mid-career stages of their research careers working in women's health research and translation.

The 2022 Indigenous EMCR Award is open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women in the early and mid-career stages of their careers in women's health research.

AHRA Members:



This Award aims to bolster the career development of women working across the breadth of women's health research.

This Award provides timely funding for women with flexible and diverse needs to engage, train, empower and connect with women in priority settings, research and translation.

Value and duration

- Competitive, 1-year Award commencing 18 July 2022
- One-off financial support of up to \$15,000 (excluding GST) for career development and advancement activities for the duration of the Award.
- Funding includes (but is not limited to):
 - Specific professional development education and training that has a demonstrated link to the applicant's area of research. e.g. women's leadership training, specific skills-building workshop, E-learning costs, etc
 - Seed project funding, e.g. stakeholder engagement, consumer and/or community involvement, evidence synthesis, consumables
 - Conference registration (travel costs are excluded)
- Budget exclusions
 - Infrastructure levies or overheads. The Awards does not attract infrastructure costs as a federally funded Award.
 - Costs/resources or activities are undertaken outside of Australia e.g. Resourcing costs based in another country are not eligible for funding.
 - Travel costs
- This Award provides flexible funding for costs related to professional development activities. For example, this funding can be used for childminding costs during conferences, salary top-up to cover loss of income from taking time off to do non-business/employment supported activities (with demonstrated links to career development), or funding time for a project officer (secondment costs)
- Successful applicants will have an opportunity to engage with other EMCRs to share experiences, build collaborations and broaden skills and knowledge across women's health research and translation.
- Up to four Awards will be offered to early and mid-career researchers nationally.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following requirements.

- Identify as female or non-binary
- Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Be a permanent resident or Australian citizen
- Be either an early career researcher (ECR) or a mid-career researcher (MCR) as defined in the Box (right). This includes both Masters and Doctor of Philosophy students.

Please note that to be eligible for this Award, completing a PhD is not a mandatory requirement for either ECRs or MCRs applicants.

Students may apply; however, they must also be employed as per below:

- Be an individual employed at an NHMRC accredited Research and Translation Centres or, employed at an organisation partnering or affiliated with an NHMRC accredited Research and Translation Centre. To check if your employee is a partner, visit <https://ahra.org.au/about-us/members/>
- Be an individual applicant rather than a joint/team applicant.

- Be undertaking research in public health, clinical and health services research and translation.

Please note that the focus of WHRTN is research translation; therefore, discovery research/basic science is not supported for this Award.

- Demonstrate consumer or community involvement or engagement in the research proposal (if a research project is being proposed).

Be undertaking research with a focus on women in one (or more) of the nine WHRTN women's health research and translational priority areas:

- Preconception, pregnancy, postpartum and intrapartum health of women and babies
- Mental health
- Reproductive health
- Chronic disease and preventative health, including cancer and heart disease
- Healthy lifestyle, nutrition, physical activity and the prevention of obesity
- Violence and abuse
- Indigenous health
- Healthy ageing
- Sexual health.

Please note that research focusing on female children or adolescents will not be eligible. Applicants research must demonstrate a research focus on women within one of the nine areas above. Research focusing on outcomes for the general populations rather than female adults is not eligible.

WHRTN working definitions of early career researchers (ECRs) and mid-career researchers (MCRs)

ECR

ECRs are defined as an emerging researcher with postgraduate research experience with the equivalent of up to ten (10) cumulative years, allowing for professional or personal career interruptions.

MCR

MCRs are defined as a researcher with postgraduate research experience with the equivalent of five to fifteen (5 – 15) cumulative years, allowing for professional or personal career interruptions.

Requirements of the Award

- All activities and disbursement of funds must be completed by 12 months after funds allocated. Please note that whilst extensions to the duration of the project may be granted due to personal reasons, no extension to the disbursement of funding will be given and any unspent funds must be returned.
- Where possible, activities related to the funding are expected to
 - credit the WHRTN as part of research dissemination, e.g. at conference presentations
 - be expended within the agreed 12-month timeframe. Please note that there are no time extensions on the expenditure of funds for this Award.
 - complete an expenditure report at the end of the 12 months along with a Final Activity Report.
- Awardees will have an opportunity to join a community of talented early-mid career researcher network within WHRTN to share, build skills and build important networks for career development.

Selection process

- Applicants must meet the above eligibility requirements.
- Applications must be lodged with the AHRA WHRTN via ahra.whrtn@monash.edu
- Suitable candidates will be shortlisted, and successful applicants notified by telephone call
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email
- Should you have any questions regarding this process please contact on of the AHRA WHRTN Program team at kayla.sale@sahmri.com

Selection criteria

A multidisciplinary panel will assess applicants with a view to awarding applications across disciplines.

Early career applicants will be assessed and ranked against the selection criteria, separate to mid-career applicants.

Section B:

- All responses are assessed relative to opportunity.
- Strength of skills, experience, professional and academic achievements in WHRTN women's health research and translational priority areas

Section C:

- Potential for career development potential based on Career Development Proposal
- Clarity of career aspirations and synergy with the aims of the Award

Sections B & C

At an early-mid career stage where maximal benefit can be obtained from one-off financial support.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

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Application Form

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SECTION A: Applicant details

1. Applicant's details

Surname:	First Name:
Email:	Work Phone:

Do you identify as female or non-binary?

- Yes, I identify as female or non-binary
 No

Please note, to be eligible for this Award, you must identify as a female or non-binary.

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

- No

Please note that to be eligible for this round of Award, you must identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander undertaking health research focusing on improving Indigenous women's health.

- Yes (please provide more information)
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2. Employee Organisational

Please select the NHMRC accredited centre

To be eligible, the applicant must be employed at either

- 1) an NHMRC accredited Research and Translation Centres or
- 2) an organisation partnering or affiliated with an NHMRC accredited Research and Translation Centre. To check if this, visit <https://ahra.org.au/about-us/members/>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monash Partners Academic Health Science Centre
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<input type="checkbox"/> Researcheremy Wappayalawangka,
Central Australian Academic Health Science Network
<input type="checkbox"/> Melbourne Academic Centre for Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Australian Health Translation Network. | <input type="checkbox"/> NSW Regional Health Partners
<input type="checkbox"/> Sydney Health Partners
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Translation SA
<input type="checkbox"/> Maridulu Budyari Gumal (SPHERE) |
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3. Please describe the organisation you are employed at.

If employed by one of the NHMRC accredited centre, leave this section blank.

4. Qualification/s:

Please select the definition most relevant to you and your research career

- Current Masters or Phd Candidate
- Early Career Researcher - An emerging researcher with postgraduate research experience with the equivalent of up to ten (10) cumulative years, allowing for professional or personal career interruptions.
- Mid-Career Researcher - A researcher with postgraduate research experience with the equivalent of five to fifteen (5 – 15) cumulative years, allowing for professional or personal career interruptions.

Please describe your qualification and research experience here.

If you are currently enrolled in a PhD, please include information on your enrolment including your expected completion date and the University you are enrolled at.

If you have completed a PhD, please include information on the month/year of PhD conferral.

5. Profession

6. Research area

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health services research | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please note that the discovery research/basic science areas are not the focus of the Women's Health Research Translation Network.

SECTION B: Skills and experience

7. Research interest areas in women's health and alignment with WHRTN priority areas

Please select the WHRTN women's health research and translation priority area (or areas) that your research interest aligns with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preconception, pregnancy, postpartum and intrapartum health of women and babies | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy lifestyle, nutrition, physical activity and the prevention of obesity | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence and abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive health | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic disease and preventative health including cancer and heart disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy ageing |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual health. |

8. Career context statement (200 words)

Summarise your career journey relative to opportunity. This may include any career disruptions such as child or caring responsibilities.

9. Track record (max 2 pages)

Overall career summary for the past 5 years achievements. This can include:

- Publications summary or top 5 publications
- Demonstrated experience supervising or managing teams
- Awards
- Collaborations
- Leadership roles

SECTION C: Career development proposal

10. Lay summary (100 words)

Please provide an overview of your proposal (C.11), what you wish to do, why it is important, and how you will do it and link back to the outcomes (section C.13).

11. Detail the career development proposed, outcomes and deliverables to be achieved over a 12-month period. (400 words)

Please note that to be eligible, your research interest or research proposal must have a focus on improving outcomes for women and or infants in at least one of the nine priority areas described above.

12. Budget

Please provide a budget breakdown of costs by activity for career development and advancement activities (refer to [Value and Duration](#) above) for up to of up to \$15,000 (excluding GST).

Provide a statement of funding describing any other funding you have received for the proposed activity. For example, initial seed funding for research.

Provide the name and email address for the key finance contact in your organisation.

13. Aspirations/ outcomes (200 words)

Please clearly describe your career aspirations and how they align with the aims of the Award to facilitate career advancement and development for women in early and mid-career stages of their research careers working in women's health research and translation.

Please submit all applications (remove pages 1 – 4 before submitting) as a Word or PDF file to ahra.whrtn@monash.edu adding the title: *WHRTN EMCR Funded Award* and your name in capital letters in the subject line.

Submissions close 5pm, AEDT **18 July 2022**– no late submissions will be accepted.