

## **RFA 11-02 Appendix D: Requirements for Applications with Australian Partner Investigators**

### *About NHMRC*

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is Australia's leading funding agency promoting the development and maintenance of public and individual health standards. It is established under the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992, (the NHMRC Act) which is available on the NHMRC website at: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/org/role.htm>

The object of the NHMRC Act is to make provision for a national body to pursue activities designed:

- a) to raise the standard of individual and public health throughout Australia;
- b) to foster the development of consistent health standards between the States and Territories;
- c) to foster medical research and training and public health research and training throughout Australia; and
- d) to foster consideration of ethical issues relating to health.

The NHMRC Strategic Plan 2010 – 2012 (Strategic Plan) describes the agency's strategic objectives and provides the context within which its funding schemes operate. NHMRC's strategy for health and medical research is to invest in the highest quality research, as determined through peer review, across the four pillars of health and medical research: biomedical, clinical, public health and health services research.

NHMRC has allocated a total of AUD \$4m to support a small number of collaboratively funded projects received in response to *RFA11-02: CIRM Early Translational Awards III*. An NHMRC research grant of up to 3 years duration will be offered to support project work to be conducted by Partner Investigators located in Australia.

### *Australian Partner Investigators*

Australian Partner Investigators on joint teams that are invited to submit full applications by CIRM should send a notification to NHMRC (including their proposed budget for the Australian components of the research- see contact details below). If the application is awarded funding by CIRM, Partner Investigators will need to submit a formal application in NHMRC's Research Grant Management System.

Applicants should ensure that the budget submitted to CIRM for the Australian component of the project is compatible with standard NHMRC requirements, thereby facilitating a subsequent application to NHMRC in which the number and level of Personal Support Packages (PSP), Direct Research Costs and Equipment are detailed and supported with a suitable justification.

The Partner Investigator named in the application to CIRM will be required to be the Chief Investigator A (CIA) on the application to NHMRC. The CIA takes the lead role in the conduct of the Australian component of the research project, and is responsible for completion and lodgement of the application. Partner Investigators will be given the opportunity to list key members of the research team based in Australia as Chief Investigators B-J.

Provision of NHMRC support will be in accordance with established NHMRC policies and procedures. The process will be very similar to applying for an *NHMRC - European Union Collaborative Research Grant* (see [www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/types/granttype/strategic/austeu.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/types/granttype/strategic/austeu.htm)) Applications must be submitted through an NHMRC Administering Institution.

NHMRC does not fund the indirect costs of research. NHMRC has recently issued guidance on what it considers to be direct and indirect research costs in the document *Direct Research Costs* available at [www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/admin/deeds.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/admin/deeds.htm) Partner Investigators should ensure that the Principle Investigator with whom they are collaborating is aware of items that may not be eligible for NHMRC support.

Enquiries regarding NHMRC funding support should be addressed to your Administering Institution's Research Administrative Officer (RAO) in the first instance. If further assistance is required, please contact the NHMRC Research Help Centre on 1800 500 983, or by email to [CIRM\\_RFA@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:CIRM_RFA@nhmrc.gov.au).