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Guidelines and Conditions

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1. Introduction

The Research Infrastructure Support (RIS) program (the Program) is a funding program of the Western Australian (WA) [Future Health Research and Innovation \(FHRI\) Fund](#).

The FHRI Fund provides a secure source of funding to drive health and medical research, innovation and commercialisation and through these activities, improve the health and prosperity of all Western Australians. It also provides an opportunity to diversify the economy, create jobs, improve the sustainability of the health system and position WA as a leader in research and innovation.

The Program contributes to the following [FHRI Fund Strategy Theme and Priorities](#):

Strategic Theme 3: Foundational Confidence. Supporting the workforce, systems and infrastructure that underpin WA's health and medical research and innovation sector, ensuring it can attract top talent, be competitive for national grants, and deliver sustainable growth.

- **Priority 9: Make WA competitive.** Deliver funding and ecosystem support that improves WA's success in national and global funding rounds. Investments will focus on closing capability gaps, supporting funding navigation, encouraging collaboration, and rewarding open science.

The expected outcomes are in alignment with the following objects of the [Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012](#):

- improving Western Australia's economic prosperity
- advancing Western Australia to being, or maintaining Western Australia's position as, a national or international leader in research and innovation activities.

The Program is administered by the Office of Medical Research and Innovation (OMRI), WA Department of Health (Department of Health). Queries may be directed to DOH.OMRI@health.wa.gov.au.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to support eligible Responsible Entities to meet the indirect costs of health and medical research with a focus on funding research infrastructure.

Indirect costs of research refer to the resources essential for supporting quality health and medical research distinct from direct research costs that are for specific projects and can be funded through research grants. This can include costs for research infrastructure such as administrative, technical and support staff; and operating research facilities, services and equipment required to conduct health and medical research.

The aims of the Program are to:

- build a sustainable research foundation for research developments, translation, commercialisation, and economic growth
- promote excellence in health and medical research in WA
- increase the capacity of the WA research sector to deliver world class health and medical research.

The objectives of the Program are to:

- attract and retain high-quality researchers
- create employment opportunities
- increase competitiveness in national and international funding
- increase research translation and commercialisation.

3. Program description

The Program provides support to eligible WA based medical research institutes (MRIs), universities, WA public health service providers¹ (HSPs), public-Private Partnership² (PPP) providers and private hospitals, for general indirect costs of health and medical research and operational costs of shared health and medical research equipment, services and facilities that are not for specific research projects, for the 2026 calendar year (the Activity).

Funding will be provided through two streams:

Stream 1

Stream 1 provides funding for the Responsible Entity's³ general indirect costs of health and medical research. Indirect costs are those incurred by the Responsible Entity to support research, which cannot be directly attributed to specific projects.

Stream 1 funding will be awarded based on the Responsible Entity's previous three calendar years average of **eligible research income**.

Stream 2

Stream 2 provides funding for the Responsible Entity's operational costs of specific shared health and medical research facilities (laboratory and other spaces), equipment and services where the following conditions are met:

- The operational costs of the facilities, equipment and services are not funded by specific research projects
- The facilities, equipment and services are currently shared with at least 3 external organisations that also undertake health and medical research
- Facilities, equipment or services are available to be used for research projects where the sharing organisation is not a partner on an existing research project.

Stream 2 funding will be awarded based on the Responsible Entity's previous three calendar years average of **eligible operational research costs**.

Responsible Entities may apply to one or both streams.

The Responsible Entity* will be accountable for the governance and financial management of any funding awarded.

* *It is acknowledged that the term Administering Institution has traditionally been used by universities and research institutes, however for this grant, the term Responsible Entity is inclusive of industry and reflects that grant agreements are the responsibility of the contracted entity.*

¹ WA public health service provider means a health service provider established by an order made under section 32(1)(b) of the *Health Services Act 2016*, such as the Child and Adolescent Health Service, East Metropolitan Health Service, North Metropolitan Health Service, South Metropolitan Health Service, WA Country Health Service and PathWest.

² Public-private partnership (PPP) provider refers to private hospitals with an agreement with the state government to provide public health services, for example, Joondalup Health Campus and St John of God Midland Public Hospital.

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4. Eligibility

To be eligible for this Program all of the following criteria apply:

- The Responsible Entity must:
 - have an active Australian Business Number (ABN)
 - have a physical and operational presence in WA
 - be a WA university, WA MRI, WA HSP, private hospital or a WA PPP provider
 - have an appropriate accounting body to manage and account for the use of Program funding
 - have no overdue reports for the Research Infrastructure Support program and the previous Research Institute Support program, from any year.
- MRIs must:
 - be established principally for the conduct of health and/or medical research.
 - be a legally established WA medical research institute, with an ABN
 - operate as a separate research institute or organisation, with a name distinct from that of any host institution
 - own or have secure tenancy arrangements for the premises in which the research is conducted
 - employ a Scientific Director or equivalent who has been a consistent (not one-off) recipient of competitive peer-reviewed research grants.
- Universities must:
 - be a Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) registered university, with an ABN
 - provide a program of health and/or medical research that is overseen by a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research or equivalent
 - operate a local campus in WA
 - have an appropriate accounting body to manage its financial affairs, with the capacity to ensure RIS funds are used to support research activities and to account for the use of RIS funds granted to it.
- HSP, private hospitals and PPP providers must:
 - be located in WA and deliver health services to the WA community
 - have a program of health and/or medical research overseen by a Director of Research or equivalent
 - for HSP and PPP partner hospitals, submit applications at a HSP or PPP provider level (i.e. not at hospital level)
 - for private hospitals applications submit applications either at the individual hospital level or at the WA hospital group level.
- The Responsible Entity must not be part of an industry that produces products or services that may contribute to poor physical health or mental wellbeing of the community.
- The grant funding must not constitute the entire financial base of the Responsible Entity, i.e. the Responsible Entity must have other external sources of funding.
- The Responsible Entity must ensure applications meet all eligibility criteria as set out in these guidelines.
- Applications must be submitted in accordance with the 'Application instructions' section of this document.
- An application may be deemed ineligible and excluded from further consideration if OMRI identifies that:
 - it does not meet all eligibility criteria as set out in these guidelines
 - it includes any incomplete, false or misleading information
 - it was submitted after the advertised closing date and time.

- Grant offers may be withdrawn if it is determined that eligibility criteria are not met.
- OMRI reserves the right to request further information and make final decisions regarding eligibility.
- Decisions made in relation to previous grant programs will not be regarded as precedents and will not be considered when assessing eligibility for this grant program.

5. Program funding

Funding amounts up to \$10 million (excluding GST) are available to applicants to finance the Activity over a 12-month period (for the 2026 calendar year).

Stream 1

- A funding pool of \$17.5 million is available for Stream 1.
 - an allocation of \$10 million is available for MRIs only (Stream 1A)
 - an allocation of \$7.5 million is available for MRIs, universities and hospitals (Stream 1B).
- Eligible recipients receive a percentage of the Stream 1A (if an MRI) and Stream 1B funding pool.

Stream 2

- A funding pool of \$7.5 million is available for MRIs, universities, HSPs, PPP providers and private hospitals.
- Eligible recipients receive a percentage of the Stream 2 funding pool.

The intention is that funding will be spent within WA unless goods and services expenditure items are not available in WA and/or it is beneficial to WA if goods or services are procured from outside WA.

Funding is offered subject to budget availability, which could be varied in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Stream 1 grants may only be expended on the indirect costs of health and medical research included in *Appendix 1: Stream 1 grant expenditure*.

Stream 2 grants may only be expended on the operational costs included in *Appendix 2: Stream 2 grant expenditure*, for specified health and medical research facilities, services and equipment included in the Stream 2 application and approved as eligible.

6. Program conditions

The Responsible Entity must certify that **eligible research income** and **eligible operational research costs** claims meet all eligibility criteria. All information provided in the application is subject to external audit. OMRI reserves the right to request external audits of Applications at any time.

All claims should be adequately described and justified. Claims must be calculated accurately, as requests for additional funding will not be considered.

Stream 1 eligible research income claims

The **eligible research income** claimed:

- must be for health and/or medical research, received in the 2023, 2024 and 2025 calendar years and has been, or will be, directly expended through the Responsible Entity on the relevant research

- must include a Field of Research Classification Code (determined by the Responsible Entity) and a grant or Research Governance Service identifier, where available
- may comprise 100 per cent of Category 1, 2, 3 and 4 research income as defined by the [Higher Education Research Data Collection \(HERDC\) specifications for the collection of 2024 data](#) received by the Responsible Entity.

The Responsible Entity may receive income directly from a funding source or via another WA, national or international institution. Where the funds are not provided to the Responsible Entity directly, the arrangements between the Responsible Entity and partner institutions must be made clear in either the original application or in the agreement between the funding body and the research institution (such income would be shared income).

The 3-year average **eligible research income** must be equal to or greater than \$450,000.

Refer to *Appendix 3: Stream 1 definitions and eligible research income claims* for further definitions and a list of eligible and ineligible research income claims.

Stream 2 eligible operational costs claims

The **eligible operational costs** claimed:

- may include the costs of operating existing facilities that are shared with researchers based at external organisations beyond the host organisation's employees, explicitly for the conduct of health and medical research
- may include the costs of providing an existing service that is made available to researchers based at external organisations beyond the host organisation's employees, explicitly for the conduct of health and medical research
- may include the costs of operating equipment that is shared sector wide with researchers based at external organisations beyond the host organisation's employees.

The operational costs must have been related to operating the research facility, service or equipment for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 calendar years and have been, or will be, directly incurred by the Responsible Entity on the relevant facility, service or equipment.

Eligible operational costs claimed in the Application should reflect the total operational cost for each research facility, service or equipment for the time it is used for health and medical research. The Responsible Entity is required to maintain evidence that supports each claim.

The operational costs associated with research facilities, equipment or services that are funded through a National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS), FHRI Fund WA Cohort Studies – Operational Support Program (WACS-OSP) or a FHRI Fund Research and Innovation Capacity and Capability Building Program (RICCBP) grant cannot be claimed.

The Responsible Entity may receive income directly from a funding source or via another WA, national or international institution. Where the funds are not provided to the Responsible Entity directly, the arrangements between the Responsible Entity and partner institutions must be made clear in either the original application to the funding body or in the agreement between the funding body and the Responsible Entity (such income would be shared income).

Refer to *Appendix 4: Stream 2 definitions and eligible operational costs claims* for further definitions and a list of eligible and ineligible operational cost claims.

7. Application instructions

The instructions below must be followed when making a submission:

- The Application Form and the Research Grant Income and Operational Costs worksheet must be submitted via the Department of Health Grant Management System by **1:00 pm (AWST) Tuesday 24 February 2026**.
- Applications must be complete, include requested certifications and be submitted by the closing date/time. Consideration must be given to the time needed to comply with internal deadlines.

Instructions for the Grant Management System are located at <https://fhrifund.health.wa.gov.au/Funding/GMS-link-page>.

Acknowledgement of receipt of the Application Form will be provided via email to the Responsible Entity, Activity Lead and Team Members after submission in the Grant Management System.

Queries related to the Guidelines and Conditions can be directed to DOH.OMRI@health.wa.gov.au with the subject line beginning with 'Query – RIS2026 acronym'.

Queries regarding the application process can be directed to DOH.GMS@health.wa.gov.au with the subject line beginning with 'GMS Application Assistance – RIS2026'.

8. Assessment process

Funding will be awarded proportionally, based on formulas that consider the percentage of eligible claims against the funding pools.

Stream 1 grant

Stream 1A allocation (for MRIs only) + Stream 1B allocation:

- **Stream 1A allocation**
% eligible research income = % of Stream 1A funding pool
- **Stream 1B allocation**
% of eligible research income = % of Stream 1B funding pool.

Stream 2 grant

Stream 2 allocation:

- % eligible operational research costs = % of Stream 2 funding pool.

Based on its assessment of applications, the Department of Health will determine and approve the awarding of grants in accordance with the Department of Health financial and procurement processes and delegation authorities.

OMRI reserves the right to offer lower funding rates on a case-by-case basis.

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9. Contractual arrangements

Grants are offered in accordance with the Department of Health *Grant Funding Agreement* (and its *Terms and Conditions*) which is a legal agreement between the Department of Health (Us) and the Responsible Entity (You).

The Department of Health reserves the right to withdraw an offer of award to a Responsible Entity if the *Grant Funding Agreement* and/or *Grant Funding Agreement Terms and Conditions* cannot be agreed between the parties.

Insurance

A Responsible Entity external to the WA public health system will be required to provide evidence of appropriate insurance as a condition of the *Grant Funding Agreement* (or equivalent) which may include:

- Public Liability (mandatory for all grants)
- Professional Indemnity (mandatory if the Responsible Entity is conducting a clinical trial, provides any form of medical treatment or advice, training, or will provide any tailored design, advice or specification services)
- Property for the Responsible Entity's replacement value of assets (mandatory for building, plant, machinery, equipment)
- Workers Compensation (mandatory if the Responsible Entity has employees or is paying salaries, noting this includes payments to working Directors)
- Product Liability (mandatory if the Responsible Entity manufactures, supplies, sells, services or repairs a product)
- Motor Vehicle if the Responsible Entity owns vehicles
- Clinical Trials if the Responsible Entity undertakes clinical trials (note this insurance may include Professional Indemnity)
- Cyber Liability if the Activity involves confidential data, e.g. identifiable patient information.

OMRI recommends that you seek advice from your insurance advisors to confirm what level and type of insurance is required for the Activity.

The Responsible Entity is responsible for ensuring participating entities have appropriate insurance.

Note that any Activity that requires site governance approval will also be required to provide evidence of appropriate insurance during the governance process, which may vary depending on the site.

Requests for variation

Requests for variations to the *Grant Funding Agreement*, must be directed to OMRI. Approval of the variation will be at the discretion of the Department of Health. If variations are not approved this could result in termination of the grant with associated funding reverting to, or being recoverable by, the Department of Health, where for example eligibility or viability of the Activity is affected.

10. Funding conditions

Payment instalments

Funding will be provided in a single instalment* to the Responsible Entity as follows:

- The instalment will be subject to execution of a *Grant Funding Agreement*.

* *Within the WA public health system, payment will be made to the Responsible Entity via a General Ledger Journal (GLJ) transfer progressively upon receipt of evidence of expenditure.*

Partial payment or suspension of funds

The Department of Health reserves the right to:

- provide funding instalments in parts, based on Activity to date and risk assessment of future Activity
- suspend payment of funding instalments or part instalments where Activity viability has become uncertain.

Termination of funds

Funds shall revert to, or be recoverable by, the Department of Health in instances where:

- eligibility requirements are no longer met
- funds are used for purposes other than those for which they were awarded
- funds are not fully expended at the Activity end date (including any extensions approved by OMRI)
- it is determined that misleading or fraudulent information has been provided
- other entities fund or are involved in the Activity that are part of an industry that produces products or services that may contribute to poor physical health or mental wellbeing of the community
- eligible research income was incorrectly claimed in the Application Form.

11. Reporting

The Responsible Entity is responsible for meeting reporting requirements over the duration of the Activity and at its conclusion.

All reports are to be completed on templates provided by OMRI.

Final Activity Report

A *Final Activity Report* detailing the Activity and outcomes must be submitted to OMRI at the conclusion of the Activity. Failure to submit the *Final Activity Report* at this time may render the Responsible Entity ineligible for further funding from the FHRI Fund and OMRI until a satisfactory *Final Activity Report* is received.

This report should demonstrate how the funding has contributed to the aims and objectives of the RIS program described in Section 2.

For Stream 2 the report should include how the specified research facilities, equipment and/or services have been shared across the health and medical research sector.

Financial Report

A *Financial Report* outlining the expenditure of funds must be submitted to OMRI at the conclusion of the Activity. *Financial Reports* must be certified by an authorised finance officer (or equivalent) of the Responsible Entity.

OMRI reserves the right to request interim *Financial Report* at any stage during the Activity.

Any unexpended funds must be returned to the Department of Health. Any over-expenditure is the responsibility of the Responsible Entity, and no claim may be made against the Department of Health.

12. Publicising, acknowledgements and publications

The Minister for Medical Research and/or the Department of Health will publicly announce recipients. All other parties must withhold announcement/media coverage until after OMRI advises this has occurred.

Acknowledgement of FHRI Fund support must be made in publications, conference presentations, public discussion, press statements etc. A copy of any published material or media must be provided to Us.

13. Confidentiality

The Responsible Entity, funding amount, plain language summaries and sections indicated on applications or reports may be used for publicity purposes.

All other information provided in applications and reports will be maintained confidentially by OMRI, review panels, evaluation panels and the FHRI Fund Advisory Council. If requests are received by OMRI to make public any aspect of the Activity, other than the aspects listed above, the authorisation of the Responsible Entity will be sought, notwithstanding information requested under the [Freedom of Information Act 1992 \(WA\)](#) or information pertaining to the receipt of State Government financial assistance tabled in the Parliament of Western Australia.

14. Evaluation

OMRI undertakes evaluations of Funding Programs, which will include unsuccessful applications. All parties in the application, including team members and consumer representatives, are required to contribute to the evaluation.

15. Complaints

Responsible Entities who feel that their interests have been adversely affected by an action taken by OMRI in administering the Program may lodge a complaint. Complaints can only be considered when they refer to the administrative process and not to the funding decision. Complaints must be submitted via email (marked Confidential) to: Deputy Director General (OfficeoftheDDG@health.wa.gov.au).

Appendix 1: Stream 1 grant expenditure

Stream 1 grants may be spent on the indirect costs of research including the following items if they are associated with the Responsible Entity's conduct of health and medical research:

Included expenditure	
salaries of research support and administrative support staff (including salary on-costs) to provide general support for research activity (e.g. compliance, grant management, legal services)	common services (e.g. telephone, fax, copying, postage, stationery, printing, computer network, accounts system)
research equipment and lab supplies	travel costs not directly related to individual research projects, e.g. attending health and medical research conferences
research administration	information technology, computers and software
publication costs	provisional patents
consumer and community involvement research expenses including catering	vehicle running costs
cleaning and maintenance, utilities (e.g. water, gas, electricity)	insurances
library services	rates and charges

Stream 1 grants may not be spent on the following items:

Excluded expenditure
operational costs claimed under Stream 2
costs associated with NCRIS, FHRI Fund RICCBP or FHRI Fund WACS-OSP funded facilities, services or equipment
salaries of research support and administrative support staff (including salary on-costs) working on a specific research project (this should be funded through grants for that project)
salaries of teaching and research staff (including salary on-costs) including the cost of 'buying time' to free such staff to do more research
salaries of research staff at the institutional level (including salary on-costs) including Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research, Director of Institute, Director of Research, Research Governance and Ethics Officers or equivalent positions
personal allowances
individual or organisational projects, strategies, evaluations or major capital works
external consultancies, evaluations or project management costs
meals/beverages not directly related to health and medical research conferences and seminars
travel costs directly related to individual research projects (including transport, fares, accommodation, travel allowances) as this should be funded through grants for that project
postgraduate student stipends
training and education

Appendix 2: Stream 2 grant expenditure

Stream 2 grants may be spent on the operational costs of shared facilities, services and equipment that were included in the Stream 2 application and approved as an eligible (specified) facility, service or equipment, and may include the following items:

Included expenditure
operational costs including maintenance costs, of the facilities (spaces), services and/or equipment that were included in the Stream 2 application
the indirect costs of research as defined in Appendix 1 as they relate to the facilities, services and/or equipment that were included in the Stream 2 application
expanding access and availability of the specified shared facilities, services and/or equipment to the broader health and medical research sector
implementing systems and processes to broaden access of the specified shared facilities, services and/or equipment
costs of data collection and maintaining datasets associated with the specified shared facilities, services and/or equipment
operational and equipment costs for services that can be shared such as biostatistician, data analysis, health economics, grant writing services with the broader sector
catering directly related to health and medical research conferences and seminars hosted by the shared facilities and/or services that were included in the Stream 2 application
for HSPs only, the operational costs of providing ethics, governance and clinical trials liaison services based at WA HSPs when the service is provided to Coordinating Principal Investigators that are external to the HSP. Operational costs do not include salaries of Managers, Directors or equivalent, and above.

Stream 2 grants may not be spent on the following items:

Excluded expenditure
capital expenses such as purchase of major equipment (\$15,000 or more), facility upgrades, or building/premises works
operational costs of facilities, equipment or services that are funded through a NCRIS, RICCBP or WACS-OSP grant
salaries not associated with operating the shared research facility, equipment or service
meals/beverages/catering not directly related to health and medical research conferences and seminars hosted by the shared research facility or service
salaries of teaching and research staff (including salary on-costs) including the cost of 'buying time' to free such staff to do more research
salaries of research staff at the institutional level (including salary on-costs) including Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Director of Institute, Director of Research or equivalent positions unless staff provide a specified Stream 2 service.

Appendix 3: Stream 1 definitions and eligible research income claims

Definitions	
Eligible research income	<p>eligible research income must be for health and medical research and can include HERDC Cat 1–4 income. It is calculated as an average over the past 3 calendar years (2023, 2024 and 2025) and the 3-year average must be equal to or greater than \$450,000. where research income pertains to a research grant, Responsible Entities should include the title of the research project related to the research income claim in their application spreadsheet. if the research income is not related to a research grant (i.e philanthropic income), the Responsible Entity should include an adequate description of the income to show it relates to direct health and medical research activity conducted by the Responsible Entity.</p>
Health and medical research	<p>health and medical research includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research to understand human health, wellbeing, and disease, and the biological, behavioural, social, and environmental factors that contribute to these • research to measure the magnitude and distribution of a health problem • research to develop solutions, interventions, products, and technologies that could contribute to improving human health and wellbeing • research to understand how interventions, policies and programs aimed at improving human health and wellbeing can be most effectively delivered.
HERDC income	<p>research income can be claimed at a rate of 100% and includes income that aligns with the following categories of the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) specifications for the collection of 2024 data</p> <p>Category 1: Australian competitive grant research income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consists only of those research schemes/programs that are open and competitively listed for the applicable years. • may include grants from the Australian Research Council (ARC), Medical Research Future Funding (MRFF), National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Commonwealth and State government. • for the purposes of this Program, competitive research income is defined as income from sources that have a well-defined mechanism for competition which is nationally advertised and available. <p>Category 2: Other Public Sector Research Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consists of income received from the Australian public sector that is not eligible for inclusion as Category 1 income. • may include grants from targeted and specific schemes/ programs from the ARC, NHMRC and MRFF, other Commonwealth and State government. <p>Category 3: Industry and other Funding for Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consists of income received from the private sector, philanthropic and international sources that are not eligible as Category 1 or Category 2 income.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> may include research income from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian and international philanthropy, donations, bequests, charities and foundations CRCs in which the entity was not a core participant or signatory. Australian and international for-profit organisations Australian and international not-for profit organisations International government and industry <p>Category 4: Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consists of research income received from a CRC in which the Responsible Entity is a core participant (i.e. a signatory to the CRC's Commonwealth Agreement).
Nationally advertised and available	<p>all potential applicants in each Australian state and territory must be given an equal opportunity to become aware of and apply to the scheme through the use of any combination of direct contact: newspapers, journals, magazines, internet, or any other printed or electronic media.</p> <p>there must not be preferential treatment of any applicant during the assessment process based solely on the type of institution nor its geographical location.</p>
Competitive	<p>the project or scheme must have publicly available selection criteria against which all applications are assessed against all other applications submitted in that selection process. The scheme must have publicly available rules stating how assessments are conducted, including provisions to manage conflicts of interest which are binding on the selection panel.</p> <p>projects funded as a result of a direct approach from a funding body are not considered to be competitive.</p>
Shared income	<p>Income is considered 'shared' if part of a payment is passed from the primary recipient to another named party according to a grant, contract or other enforceable agreement or a tender/application for funding.</p> <p>Parties must be named in a grant, contract or any other enforceable agreement or in the initial tender/application for funding.</p>

Stream 1 eligible research grant income that can be claimed can include the following items:

Eligible research income claims
eligible research grant income received in bank account in 2023, 2024 and 2025. to assist with sharing split grants, split grants may be claimed in the same year funds are received by the affiliated university even if the income is paid to the affiliated organisation's bank account in a later year
for collaborative projects, a Responsible Entity should only report their portion of income
fellowships and clinical trial funding for health and/or medical research
the component of national infrastructure or operational grants won through a competitive process used for the direct costs of research. The portion used for indirect costs or infrastructure cannot be claimed in Stream 1.

stipends used to undertake research can be included as non-competitive grant income
donations used to undertake research can be included as non-competitive grant income

Stream 1 research grant income that cannot be claimed include the following items:

Ineligible research income claims
grant income that has been announced/awarded, but funds have not been received in the Responsible Entities bank account
the interest accrued or endowments raised on research grants
infrastructure or operational grants or income received for indirect costs of research, including infrastructure costs, travel, conferences, events, and training.
research grants where the secondary purpose (not the primary purpose/aim) of the research is for healthcare and health outcomes.
income that is not for research, e.g. evaluations and consultancy
in-kind contributions
grants received in bank account in prior years but are being distributed in 2023, 2024 or 2025
philanthropic funding, donations, prizes and awards received that are not being used for direct research activity
funds received/donated and then used to provide a research award, prize or grant, or for leadership/research training.

Appendix 4: Stream 2 definitions and eligible operational costs claims

Definitions	
Platforms	May include websites, intranet sites, online databases, or software-based infrastructure.
Shared research facilities	eligible facilities must have the potential to be shared and made available and accessible to researchers based at external organisations beyond the host organisation's employees. facilities may include specific laboratories and research spaces (not entire premises) used for health and medical research.
Shared research equipment	eligible equipment must have the potential to be shared and made available and accessible to researchers based at external organisations beyond the host organisation's employees. equipment may include imaging, pathology, computing, surgical and other medical equipment used for research purposes.
Shared research services	eligible services must have the potential to be shared and made available and accessible to researchers based at external organisations beyond the host organisation's employees. services include specific research services that are considered to add value to the conduct of research such as a biostatistician service and health economics expertise.
Specified facility, equipment or service	facilities, services and equipment included in the RIS Stream 2 application and approved as eligible by the Department of Health. These will be specified in Grant Funding Agreements with eligible recipients.

Stream 2 eligible operational costs that can be claimed include the following items:

Included operational costs claims
operating costs of facilities (spaces), equipment or services that you intend to broaden access to for the wider health and medical research sector
operating costs of shared research facilities including basic consumables, support staff, overheads, rent, hire of equipment (not cost of equipment), fees, sample collection/storage, software licences, essential resources, maintenance, central sterilisation service, plant maintenance, cleaning and waste services, and facility management and costs associated with broadening access
operating costs of shared research services may that include salaries, consumables and equipment required to operate and costs associated with broadening access
operating costs of shared research equipment that may include operator/staff costs, servicing costs, routine software upgrades, other maintenance costs and registration costs and costs associated with broadening access
operational costs may be presented as the gross costs incurred prior to any rebates/income/fees for service received
operating costs of university-based research institutes if they are made available to researchers beyond the host organisation's employees

operating costs incurred by HSPs only, associated with providing Ethics, Governance and Clinical Trials Liaison services when the service is provided to Coordinating Principal Investigators that are external to the Responsible Entity. Clinical Trials Liaison means the key point of contact for external researchers and sponsors involved in clinical trials, and does not include costs associated with broader clinical trial-related expenses such as employees who are not in a specific liaison role
for shared research facilities, services or equipment used for a variety of research disciplines, only the portion of costs for operating the facilities, services or equipment for health and medical research where facilities, services or equipment is used for a variety of purposes (one of which is health and medical research) the onus is on the university to determine the portion of costs related to health and medical research use which can be claimed. The Responsible Entity should use a defensible justification/methodology for their determination
shared platforms used for research, as described above.
operating costs of clinical facilities that support research noting that only the proportion of costs for operating health and medical research activity may be claimed

Stream 2 operational costs that cannot be claimed include the following items:

Excluded operational costs claims
operational costs associated with premises that are not for research activity
operational costs of non-research services including information technology, security, maintenance, student services, salaries (including for Chairs of research), and other non-research services
equipment, facilities and services which have potential to be shared with the broader research community but where there is no intention to share the infrastructure, equipment and services
shared research facilities, equipment and services being funded through RIS Stream 1
shared research facilities, equipment and services already fully funded by the Department of Health or FHRI Fund or other state government source <i>(except for Ethics, Governance and Clinical Trials Liaison services based at WA HSPs when the service is provided to Coordinating Principal Investigators that are external to the HSP)</i>
costs of running clinical trials <i>(except for Clinical Trials Liaison as described above, which means the key point of contact for external researchers and sponsors involved in clinical trials)</i>
the operational costs associated with facilities, equipment or services that are funded through a NCRIS, RICCBP, or WACS-OSP cannot be claimed.
the portion of costs for operating research facilities, services or equipment when they are used for provision of health care and other type research
operating costs associated with the provision of clinical services. If the primary purpose of a clinical service is to undertake research, only the percentage of operational costs that supports the research may be claimed.
equipment, facilities and services that are not currently shared beyond the Responsible Entity

operational costs, maintenance and fees that are not assigned to a specific shared facility, equipment or service
costs associated with lab start-up and fit-out such as equipment and furniture etc
research support costs for affiliated Hospital Research Foundations



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