

Spotlight Series: Medical Research Future Fund June 2022

CONTENT SUMMARY

KEY MESSAGES

Enabling researchers to be successful in their research endeavours is core to the work of [Health Translation SA](#). We were delighted to welcome a broad cross-section of partner organisations and stakeholders to the activities in the *Spotlight Series: MRFF* throughout June 2022.

Our team has reflected on the key messages to maximise your chances of success in obtaining MRFF funding, learnt from the webinar series and other resources shared during the Spotlight month.

These 'top tips' are shared below.

HTSA 5 Top Tips: Applying for Medical Research Future Fund Grants

The MRFF is focussed on translation and implementation.

You must demonstrate that if the project is successful, it will translate rapidly into well-defined outcomes.

Bring together the right team and networks to support the translation pathway.

You need to bring in a multidisciplinary team with the right skills, as well as demonstrating meaningful involvement of consumers and community throughout the research journey.

Understand how your application will be assessed and highlight how your work will achieve what the MRFF is looking for.

Be familiar with the [MRFF Measures of Success](#) and related indicators. Highlight how your work will have impact across these measures.

MRFF is focussed on solutions for unmet needs.

Your proposal needs to be strongly aligned with the funding 'call' and should clearly articulate how your work contributes to area of unmet need.

Get in touch with your MRFF support team early!

Research Support Offices can provide important and valuable assistance early on, to get your application on the right track.

You can also reach out to HTSA or other support organisations outside of grant rounds to learn more about key aspects of the translation pathway such as consumer and community engagement, implementation science, health economics, identification of health service priorities and more!

WEBINAR SERIES

The MRFF webinar series covered a range of content including:

- Overview and pathways to gain funding
- MRFF Success stories and tips
- MRFF from the eyes of the reviewers
- Top tips and tricks from research support offices

[Overview and pathways to gain funding](#)

Presenters: Christine Jorm (Health and Medical Research Office, Commonwealth Department of Health), Jo Close (MTP Connect, Adelaide Intermediary Program)

[MRFF Success stories and tips](#)

Presenters: Geraint Rogers (SAHMRI, Flinders University) and Odette Pearson (SAHMRI).

[MRFF from the eyes of the reviewers](#)

Presenters: Susan Hillier (UniSA), Penelope McMillan (Consumer), Olivia White (Medical Device Partnering Program, Flinders University) and Niranjan Bidargaddi (Flinders University).

[Top tips and tricks from research support offices](#)

Presenters: Carol Holden (SAHMRI), Rebecca Perry (Health Translation SA), Leanne Britcher (UniSA), Nicole Moore (University of Adelaide).

OTHER RESOURCES

In addition to the webinar program, the Spotlight Series initiative incorporates resource sharing and directs followers to events, training, toolkits, publications and informative online sources to build their understanding on the Spotlight topic.

General information about the MRFF (including strategy, governance and funding initiatives):

- Subscribe [here](#) to receive the monthly newsletter from the Health and Medical Research Office (Australian Government Department of Health)
- Want to apply for funding? Visit the MRFF website [here](#) to find out about current grant opportunities.
- Visit the MRFF website [here](#) to find out about why the MRFF is important, the funding process and the 10-year investment plan for the fund.
- View [webinar](#) delivered on 21 July 2021 explaining MRFF priorities, grant opportunities and recent outcomes. Includes [responses](#) to viewer questions.

Information about MTPConnect:

- You can access MRFF funds indirectly. Visit the MTPConnect website [here](#) to learn about their various programs.
- MTPConnect delivers the Researcher Exchange and Development within Industry (REDI) initiative, which provides industry experiences and skills development for students, researchers, clinicians, MTP sector professionals, entrepreneurs, and innovators. Learn about it [here](#).

How HTSA can help you:

- Learn about the MRFF Working Group and how they are working to increase MRFF funding opportunities for SA researchers. You can view our short video [here](#) or read about it [here](#).
- Prof. Geraint Rogers, from SAHMRI and Flinders University, shares why the MRFF funding scheme is so powerful and how it provides new opportunities for researchers in SA. Read about it [here](#).
- Learn how HTSA helped the Healthy Choices program, led by Prof. Susan Hillier from UniSA, establish a stakeholder network and receive funding through MRFF. Read about it [here](#).