



Health Translation SA
**MRFF Catalyst
Grant Scheme**

Make a difference in SA

Addressing unmet need and building statewide collaborations

Don't miss this 2024 funding opportunity
for your organisation!

What is the Health Translation SA (HTSA) Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Catalyst Grant Scheme (Catalyst Scheme)?

The Catalyst Scheme provides targeted funding to develop a pipeline of collaborative research projects that address health service needs in South Australia. Teams are required to include members from at least 2 health services organisations and at least 2 academic research organisations/health and medical research institutes.

The Catalyst Scheme also focuses South Australia's (SA's) effort around the MRFF's Principles and Priorities to ultimately increase SA's success at winning MRFF funding.

How is the HTSA MRFF Catalyst Grant Scheme administered?

The Catalyst Scheme is led and coordinated by HTSA (and administered by the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute as HTSA's administering institution) and oversight is provided by an Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group comprises consumers, funders, and health services and is supported by the HTSA SA MRFF Network and linked to the Local Health Network Research Directors' Alliance.

Founding partners



The Hospital Research
Foundation Group



Women's &
Children's Hospital
Foundation



How is the HTSA MRFF Catalyst Grant Scheme different to other funding programs?

The Catalyst Scheme is different to existing state-based health research funding schemes in the following ways:

- It is multi-institutional and rewards meaningful collaboration across health services and academic research organisations/institutes.
- It focusses on consumer and/or clinician priorities to define and address an unmet health/healthcare need affecting health services in South Australia.
- It supports projects that align with MRFF Principles and Priorities to demonstrate local impact with potential to scale

The key to ensuring this point of difference is the Project Team structure.

Who should be a part of the Project Team?

Project Teams can include up to 10 members, of which 5 make up the Core Project Team.

The Core Project Team must include:

- Team members from TWO health service organisations, of which at least 1 must be SA-based
- Team members from TWO academic research organisations/health and medical research institutes, of which at least 1 must be SA-based
- ONE consumer



Download a copy of the Funding Guidelines

<https://healthtranslationsa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/HTSA-MRFF-Catalyst-guidelines-V1-May-11th-2023.pdf>

Why should your organisation come on board as a funder?

- ✓ Access to a collaborative process administered by HTSA, underpinned by strong governance
- ✓ Collaborative projects and collaborative funding
- ✓ You can specify the stream according to your organisational priorities eg population defined by geography, SES, life stage, cultural heritage; conditions eg chronic vascular disease, cancer

What is the minimum funding investment amount?

Organisations are required to fund at least TWO projects, at the combined value of \$130K.

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

- SA is big enough to be nationally competitive and small enough to be truly collaborative
- SA's MRFF success rate is improving but it could be much better
- Increasing the support for the Catalyst Scheme will help to build momentum

Join us to deliver this initiative at increased scale to drive impact for SA

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What is the MRFF?

The MRFF is an ongoing research fund established by the Australian Government in 2015 which has become an increasingly important part of health and medical research funding in Australia.

It complements the historical approach of the National Health and Medical Research Council (which has predominantly funded a broad range of investigator-initiated research) by focussing on funding research that translates and implements findings into policy, products and practice.

The first round of MRFF funding was disbursed in 2018-2019 (\$222m) and has now reached \$650m/yr (which is projected to be dispersed each year going forward).

It is expected that a project funded through the Catalyst Scheme will result in an application to an MRFF Grant Opportunity. As such, the design of the Catalyst Scheme's eligibility criteria, application process and assessment criteria are heavily informed by the associated MRFF frameworks.