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Western Australian  
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## ATTACHMENT 1

Dear Minister

### **RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPLICATION OF FUTURE HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACCOUNT MONEYS DURING (2023-24) AND FUTURE FINANCIAL YEARS**

I, John Van Der Wielen, on behalf of the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Advisory Council, of which I am the Chairperson, recommend that Future Health Research and Innovation Account moneys be applied to the Programs and Initiatives listed in this document in the (2023-24) and future financial years.

The following should be noted:

- The number of annual rounds has been indicated
- Expenditure associated with an annual round may extend over future financial years.

This recommendation is made in response to your direction, dated 20 April 2022, which is in accordance with section 4D of the *Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012*.

Yours sincerely

John Van Der Wielen

**CHAIRPERSON**

**FUTURE HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

18 September 2023

## 2023-24 Recommended Programs and Initiatives

Programs and Initiatives (description)	Priority Goal alignment	Annual rounds
Innovation Fellowships	Enhance skills in innovation (including commercialisation), which will advance the quality and capacity of innovation in WA and help WA innovators to obtain funding to support their work.	2024/25 2025/26 2026/27
Innovation Seed Fund	Establish innovation programs and initiatives to support topical and/or early-stage ideas and enable opportunities for these innovative ideas to secure follow-on funding from commercial/other funders	2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27
Co-Funding Partnerships Program	Establish co-funding partnerships that will secure genuinely new non-government funding for research and innovation aligned with Priorities for the FHRI Fund.	2024/25 2025/26 2026/27
WA Near-miss Awards Ideas Grants and Emerging Leaders Programs	Support the development of early- and mid-career researchers, helping them to achieve an independent and self-sustaining career.	2024/25 2025/26 2026/27

## Previously approved FHRI Fund programs and initiatives with potential expenditure in 2023-24

<b>Programs and Initiatives</b>
Clinician Research Fellowships
Co-Funding Partnerships Program
Consumer and Community Involvement in Research Workforce Advancement
FHRI Focus Grants: COVID-19
FHRI Distinguished Fellows
FHRI Translation Fellows: Aboriginal health; Country and regional WA health; Mental health
Implementation Science Fellowships: Aboriginal health; and Country and regional WA health
Innovation Challenge – Mental Health
Innovation Fellowships 2022-23
Innovation Seed Fund 2022-23
Innovation Seed Fund 2023-24
Major Research Application Support Program
Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund 2021
Research Translation Projects 2021
WA Near-Miss Awards 2021
WA Near-Miss Awards 2022-23
WA Near-Miss Awards 2023
The Challenge – reimagining regional and remote health care – Stage 1
Innovation Challenge 2023 - Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Capability Building Program - National Reconstruction Fund (Medical Manufacturing)
Grant Management System - implementation
State Health and Medical Research Strategy resources - implementation



**Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science;  
Medical Research; Minister Assisting the Minister for State and Industry  
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Dear Mr Van Der Wielen *John*

**FUTURE HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND RECOMMENDATION**

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2023 in which you recommend four existing Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) programs for approval to continue.

I note that your recommendation is in response to the direction I provided in a letter of 20 April 2022, pursuant to section 4D of the *Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012* (the Act).

I hereby approve the FHRI Fund Advisory Council's recommendation, as set out in your letter mentioned above.

For your information, I will cause your recommendation to be laid before each House of Parliament, as provided in sections 4D(3)(b) and 10A(4)(a)(iv) respectively of the Act.

I thank the Advisory Council for its ongoing efforts to progress the FHRI Fund objectives for the benefit of the WA community.

Yours sincerely

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC  
**MINISTER FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH**

28 SEP 2023



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Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council**

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Dear Mr Van <sup>Jan</sup>Der Wielen

I write to the Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation (FHRI) Fund Advisory Council (Advisory Council) with regard to section 4D of the *Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012* (the Act), which states:

**4D. Requirements to be met before FHRI Account applied**

- (1) *Before making or approving arrangements under section 4C(1) that will operate during a financial year, or applying during a financial year money standing to the credit of the FHRI Account under section 4C, the Minister for Health must —*
  - (a) *direct the advisory group to make a recommendation on how money standing to the credit of the FHRI Account should be applied during the financial year under section 4C; and*
  - (b) *consider the advisory group's recommendation.*
- (2) *A direction under subsection (1)(a) may —*
  - (a) *include proposals for how money standing to the credit of the FHRI Account is to be applied during the financial year under section 4C; and*
  - (b) *require the advisory group's recommendation to state 1 of the following —*
    - (i) *that money standing to the credit of the FHRI Account should be applied during the financial year in accordance with the proposals;*
    - (ii) *that money standing to the credit of the FHRI Account should not be applied during the financial year in accordance with the proposals;*
    - (iii) *that money standing to the credit of the FHRI Account should be applied during the financial year in accordance with the proposals as the proposals are modified as specified in the recommendation.*



Pursuant to section 4D(1) of the Act, I direct the Advisory Council to provide recommendations to me on how money standing to the credit of the Future Health Research and Innovation Account should be applied during current and future financial years.

Your recommendations will be provided to me when new or renewed Programs and/or Initiatives require my approval. This standing request may be retracted or amended and does not restrict the Minister for Medical Research's ability to request additional recommendations under 4D(1), which may include the conditions contemplated under 4D(2).

I look forward to receiving and considering the Advisory Council's recommendations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SD', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC  
**MINISTER FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH**

20 APR 2022