

Changes to the NHMRC Program Grants Review Process

The closing date for submission of applications for NHMRC Program Grants has traditionally been February, with funding to commence in January the following year. This timing impinges both on applicants and NHMRC Grant Review Panels as applicants are also required to submit Project Grant applications in the event of the Program application being unsuccessful.

NHMRC proposes that the Program Grant application process will be brought forward. That is, applications will open in June, close in August and peer review to be finalised by November. Funding will be announced in December for grants commencing in January the year after; e.g. for funding commencing in January 2009, applicants will be advised in December 2007.

The specific details on the timeline for applications will be finalized shortly but it will enable applicants who intend applying for funding commencing in January 2009 the opportunity to apply either in the second half of 2007 (no requirement to submit project grant applications) as funding will be announced in December 2007 OR alternatively they may apply in February 2008.

Applicants who chose to apply in February 2008 for Grants beginning 2009 should monitor NHMRC website later in 2007 for the timelines.

Applicants for funding commencing January 2011 are to apply in the second half of 2009.

Program Grants Round 2, 2007 - For funding commencing January 2009

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| Eligible applicants: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All new teams -Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2008 (First year of funding was 2004 (fifth year applicants)) -Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2009 (First year of funding was 2005 (fourth year applicants)) -Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2010 (First year of funding was 2006 (third year applicants)) |
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Timeline

Applications Open	2 July 2007
Applications Close	24 August 2007
Program Grants Committee meeting (Preliminary Round)	11 September 2007
Competitive Applications to Assessors	12 September 2007
Assessments Closing Date	26 October 2007
Program Grants Interviews	5 & 6 November 2007
Funding Announcement	December 2007

Program Grants Round 1, 2008 - For funding commencing January 2009

- Eligible applicants:
- All new teams - excluding those who applied and were unsuccessful in the August 2007 round.
 - Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2008 (First year of funding was 2004 (fifth year applicants)) - excluding those who applied and were unsuccessful in the August 2007 round
 - Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2009 (First year of funding was 2005 (fourth year applicants)) - excluding those who applied and were unsuccessful in the August 2007 round
 - Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2010 (First year of funding was 2006 (third year applicants)) - excluding those who applied and were unsuccessful in the August 2007 round

Timeline

Applications Open	December 2007
Applications Close	February 2008
Program Grants Interviews	May 2008 (TBC)

Program Grants Round 2, 2008 - For funding commencing January 2010

- Eligible applicants:
- All new teams
 - Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2009
 - Current teams whose funding ceases end of 2010 (excluding those who applied and were unsuccessful in the August 2007 round)

Timeline

Applications Open	July 2008
Applications Close	August 2008
Program Grants Interviews	November 2008