

# The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS)

## What is the PdCCRS?

The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS) is an annual, national, priority-driven research grants scheme that brings together Cancer Australia and other funders of cancer research to coordinate and maximise investment in cancer research across Australia.

The PdCCRS funds:

- three-year project grants, and
- one- and two-year project grants from early career researchers.

The PdCCRS three-year project grants are designed to support cancer research that will have a direct impact on clinical practice, policy and patient outcomes.

## Purpose

The PdCCRS funds research that aims to reduce the impact of cancer in the community and improve outcomes for all Australians affected by cancer.

The PdCCRS funds priority-driven cancer research projects that are:

- outcomes and impact focused;
- translatable into clinical practice, policy and/or further research; and
- foster consumer participation in cancer research, from design to implementation.

## PdCCRS Research priorities

Cancer Australia's evidence-based research priorities were developed in consultation with advisory groups and approved by the Minister for Health.

Each PdCCRS funding partner identifies its own research priority areas.

## How the scheme operates

Cancer Australia has engaged the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to facilitate registration and assessment of PdCCRS applications. Applicants applying for a PdCCRS Standard Project Grant may apply through either the NHMRC Ideas Grants or NHMRC Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants schemes; applicants applying for a PdCCRS Early Career Researcher Grant must apply through the NHMRC Ideas Grants scheme only.

Grants are assessed in a two-step process:

Step 1

PdCCRS Standard Project Grant applications:

- For applications submitted through the Ideas Grants scheme, NHMRC assesses grant applications for research quality, innovation and creativity, significance and feasibility.

- For applications submitted through the Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants scheme, NHMRC assesses grant applications for research quality, significance, and team quality and capability.

PdCCRS Early Career Researcher Project Grant applications:

- NHMRC assesses grant applications for research quality, innovation and creativity, and significance.

Step 2

Grant Review Committees constituted by Cancer Australia and its Funding Partners assess:

- PdCCRS Standard Grant applications for outcomes and impact, translation, and involvement of consumers; and
- PdCCRS Early Career Researcher Grant applications for track record, career development, relevance to cancer control, and involvement of consumers.

### **Awarded grants 2007 - 2020**

432 grants awarded – total funding \$153 million

Cancer Australia has funded or co-funded 78% of these grants