

Making a difference

- ✓ Connecting philanthropy and medical research
- ✓ Promoting Australian health and medical research
- ✓ Building healthier communities
- ✓ Advocacy and leadership in health and medical research philanthropy

Giving to health & medical research

Each and every one of us can contribute to our nation's research efforts to help fast track better ways to prevent or treat disease. Together we can build a bridge between research and community. We can support excellent scientists, investigate novel ideas and innovative approaches to improve health and wellbeing. Philanthropy can help with much needed equipment or provide access to the latest technologies or provide scholarships and training to help bright young researchers establish their careers.

Australian excellence in basic science has formed a rich platform on which to build a strong life sciences industry, opening pathways to commercialization and the potential to strengthen the national economy.

The Hunter Medical Research Institute's "Impact of HMRI Philanthropic Funding 1998–2008" report shows that in the period from 1998–2008, \$1.00 dollar of HMRI grants funded by charitable donations lead to an average return of \$21.00 from external competitive grants, 74% of which were from the NHMRC.

The Return on Investment was even greater (34:1) when HMRI grants were awarded through their annual peer-review process.

Research Australia Philanthropy

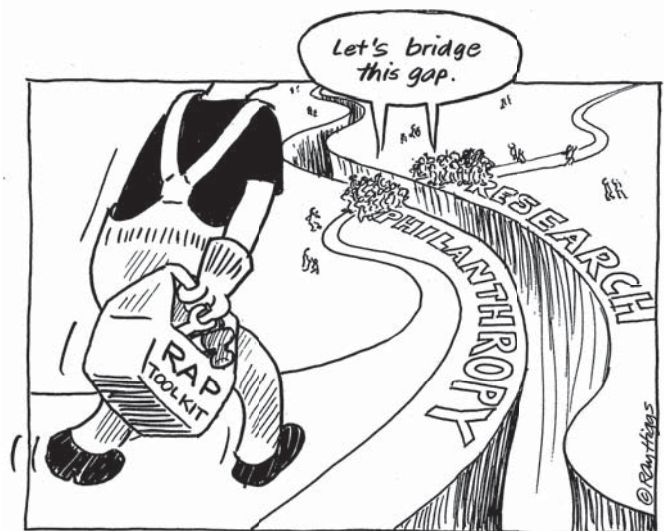
Australian researchers are at the forefront of health and medical research discovery, often leading the world in developing new ways to treat and manage disease. They have helped develop many medical breakthroughs including; the antibiotic Penicillin, the Bionic Ear, the cancer vaccine Gardasil, and the antiviral drug Relenza.

Our vision is, by 2025 four out of five Australians will give regularly to health and medical research and it will be named in two out of five Australian wills. Philanthropic donations will match government funding. Philanthropic giving will make a difference to Australians health through a thriving science base.

Research Australia Philanthropy was established to encourage philanthropic support for health and medical research in Australia. We aim to make giving easier, implement good practice and provide cost effective avenues to help philanthropists make a difference through best practice giving.

Our tools and resources provide authoritative, reliable, easily accessible information and guidance to help philanthropists, trusts and foundations, professional advisors and researchers plan, implement and maintain giving programs.

Our services will assist grant makers introduce new efficiencies, levels of governance and quality to their giving practices.



RAP to the rescue

Helping grant makers to make a difference

Deciding to support health and medical research is relatively easy. However, determining which project to support can be harder.

Granting in medical and health research often poses problems for philanthropic foundations, unless they have a range of medical expertise on their boards. Research Australia's new Health and Medical Linkage Program provides an answer to this problem through its wide network of medical experts. – **State Trustees Limited**

Research Australia's proprietary tools, experience and expertise can help you identify, review and maintain research projects that meet your giving needs. Our personal advisory service, offers confidential, independent and transparent governance procedures linking you with Australia's leading scientists.

Our suite of linkage services can help you by:

- ✓ Developing effective giving strategies that make a difference.
- ✓ Identifying quality research projects that meet your giving needs.
- ✓ Reviewing research projects using our advisory panel whose considerations include scientific merit and community benefit.
- ✓ Providing recommendations against alternative research options to assist decision making.
- ✓ Assisting with your acquittal processes.
- ✓ Delivering administrative efficiencies to grant making programs conducted by established trusts and foundations.
- ✓ Providing independent and transparent processes to assist in delivering best practice solutions.
- ✓ Expanding your networks.

Supporting grant seekers

Researchers spend many hours applying for grants. Our services are designed to minimize the administrative time and make it easier for grant seekers to identify suitable philanthropic partnerships.

Research Australia invites researchers to register projects and support needs with us. This way we can help researchers connect with grant makers. We will contact researchers when potential funding opportunities have been identified to commence a review process and to act as a broker linking researchers with potential supporters.

How we can help

RAP Linkage Program

Our RAP linkage program is operated through a centrally coordinated unit within Research Australia preserving anonymity for philanthropists and researchers.



Advisory panel

Research Australia has established an advisory panel to provide expert review of research projects including scientific merit and community benefit. This service is part of the linkage program but may be accessed separately where a grant maker has independently identified a short list of projects for potential funding.

Research Register

The Research Register is managed by Research Australia to facilitate linkages between grant seekers, grant makers and philanthropic service providers. The register is not publicly available and assists Research Australia to identify potential research programs that match the criteria provided by grant makers.

Administration

Research Australia can assist organisations with the management of their grant making administration by undertaking this role in a contractual capacity. In particular, this service provides cost savings to smaller organisations where the size of gifts may not justify the resources to manage them in-house.

Toolkit

The "Research Australia Philanthropy Toolkit: Giving to Health & Medical Research" is an educational resource for grant makers, grant seekers, service providers, corporate entities and the community. Copies will be available for purchase by non members. A free copy of this toolkit is available to our members upon request.

Membership

Research Australia's Medallion members and above are entitled to a discount on our linkage program services. They have access to a member's only area on the Research Australia website and receive invitations to participate in Health & Medical Research Philanthropic roundtables.

For further information please visit our website www.researchaustralia.org or call 03 9662 9366.

"Research Australia's services makes program selection easier for us and promotes more effective grant making," said State Trustees Managing Director, Mr. Tony Fitzgerald.

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