

EMPOWERING RESEARCH FOR A HEALTHY & EQUITABLE AUSTRALIA



THE CURRENT STATE OF AUSTRALIAN HEALTH & MEDICAL RESEARCH

Between 2019 and 2021 the total number of grants supported by the National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) fell by almost



10%



In 2021, one-third of NHMRC Ideas Grants peer rated as *Internationally Outstanding* were unable to be funded

In 2021, the USA spent \$178 per person on health & medical research. Australia's investment was just \$58 per person

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AUSTRALIA
\$58

Increased investment in health and medical research is essential for reducing the inevitable impacts of future pandemics, an ageing population and climate change.

A stronger and more dynamic health and medical research sector will lead to a healthier and more productive Australia.



INVESTING IN THE HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH WORKFORCE

Investing more in health and medical research through the NHMRC, will drive economic growth, reduce healthcare costs and enable Australians to prosper.



Every \$1 invested into the NHMRC supported workforce returns over \$3.20 in health and economic benefits.



Increasing the NHMRC supported workforce by 40% could lead to net gains of \$35 Billion.

ASMR'S GOAL FOR 2022

An immediate doubling of annual investment into the NHMRC to strengthen innovative discovery science, build health & medical research workforce capacity, drive economic growth and deliver health benefits for all Australians.