

GOVERNMENT BACKS INNOVATIVE COVID-19 RESEARCH EFFORT

COVID-19 FACT SHEET

Australian Government funding medical research to combat coronavirus.

The Australian Government is supporting world-leading research into the latest COVID-19 treatments through a dedicated round of the Medical Research Future Fund's Biomedical Translation Bridge.

The Government, in partnership with the not-for-profit organisation MTPConnect, has announced a new round of its \$22.3 million Biomedical Translation Bridge (BTB) Program to support COVID-19 related research projects.

The BTB Program, now launching its third round, is a four-year Australian Government initiative to help researchers transform their ideas into new treatments to help tomorrow's patients.

This latest round will match funding of up to \$1 million per project to help find new COVID-19-related medical devices, diagnostics, vaccines, or therapeutic approaches.

HOW IT WILL WORK

The projects must make an impact within 12 months to ensure research can be quickly translated into products and treatment options.

The Round 3 Rapid COVID-19 Response Funding will provide up to \$1 million to support eligible organisations develop medical devices, diagnostics, prophylactic or therapeutic approaches that will

achieve an impact on the global response to the pandemic in less than 12-months.

It is hoped the research will help improve the health of Australians and people around the world suffering from COVID-19, as well as create new research jobs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

There must be a clear value proposition for the proposed product and differentiating features from currently available solutions or those in development globally.

All kinds of medical devices are eligible under the BTB Program including hospital equipment, surgical instrumentation, implantables, diagnostic devices (including in vitro diagnostics), therapeutic devices, assistive technologies, clinic software, personal devices and apps, and medical simulators.

However, a preference will be given to those that meet the definition and are regulated under the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

The Australian Government is proud to provide unprecedented backing for the best and brightest researchers, as Australia and the rest of the world work to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Expressions of interest close on Monday, June 1, 2020.

Fast facts...

- The Australian Government is supporting world-leading research into the latest COVID-19 treatments.
- This funding is made available under the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), a \$20 billion long-term investment supporting Australian health and medical research.