

Improving Health Outcomes in the Tropical North: A Multidisciplinary Collaboration (HOT NORTH)

INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING AWARDS TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Improving Health Outcomes in the Tropical North: A multidisciplinary collaboration (HOT NORTH) is led by Menzies School of Health Research and funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) from 2017 to 2020 under the *Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Programme*. In collaboration with other key research institutes across Australia (Telethon Kids Institute, James Cook University, Doherty Institute, Marie Bashir Institute, Burnet Institute, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, QIMR Berghofer) HOT NORTH will build a Research Academy to support early to mid-career researchers working on projects of priority to the North.

The purpose of the Indigenous Development and Training Awards is to build Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clinical, public and allied health capacity with the ultimate aim to improve outcomes in the five target themes supported by HOT NORTH: skin health, respiratory health, antimicrobial resistance, chronic diseases, and vector borne and emerging diseases.

Awards may support:

- (a) Development opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders studying or working in the health sector in northern Australia (awards of between \$1,000 - \$10,000)
- (b) Indigenous Traineeships leading to VET qualifications (award of up to \$25,000)

Eligibility:

- The Indigenous Development and Training Awards are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants studying or working in any capacity in the health sector in northern Australia.
- Applicants must have a HOT NORTH Chief or Associate Investigator (listed below) as supervisor or mentor for their activity. Award funds will be managed by the institution of the HOT NORTH Chief or Associate Investigator.
- Applicants proposed activities must be related to one or several of the HOT NORTH research themes.
- Applicants are generally expected to be located in Northern Australia. Other applicants will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Only activities supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers are eligible.

Assessment of awards will be based on the quality of the application, clear linkage to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, anticipated benefits of the activity to the applicant's career, contribution to practical improvement of health in northern Australia,

equity between the five research themes of HOT NORTH, value for money and practical and measurable outcomes.

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HOT NORTH Chief or Associate Investigators

Theme leaders (marked with x)	Skin health	Respiratory health	Antimicrobial resistance	Chronic diseases	Vector borne and emerging diseases
Chief Investigators					
Bart Currie					
Jonathan Carapetis	x				
Nick Anstey			x		
John McBride					x
Anne Chang		x			
Gail Garvey					
Louise Maple-Brown				x	
Tania Sorrell					
Cameron Simmons					
Stephen Graham					
Associate Investigators					
Alex Brown				x	
Anna Ralph			x		
Cheryl Jones					x
Christopher Blyth					
James McCarthy					
Joshua Hanson		x			
Ric Price					
Robyn McDermott				x	
Scott Ritchie					
Steven Tong	x				

Conditions:

1. Commencement

- a. Successful applicants must complete the approved activities within the timeframe specified in their proposals.
- b. Successful recipients shall adhere to the approved activities. Any significant alteration to the initial proposal shall be submitted in writing, and in advance for approval.

2. Employment

- a. Awardees are required to abide by the terms and conditions of their employer.

3. Reporting

- a. Awardees are required to submit a progress reports on the template to be provided detailing the activities completed and the benefit to their career.
- b. Awardees may be required to supply or present information to forums such as HOT NORTH meetings or for research transfer activities, media releases and/or promotional activities.

4. Finances

- a. Payments for the project will be managed by the institution of the HOT NORTH CI or AI named in the application. The institution will be required to submit a tax invoice to Menzies School of Health Research for the amount awarded to the project.
- b. The applicants employer will cover all normal insurance, employment and salary costs during the activities.

5. Intellectual Property (IP)

- a. IP created under the award will be governed by the MIA entered into between the HOT NORTH collaborating institutions.

6. Publications

- a. Any publication arising from work supported by the HOT NORTH award must
 - i. Include the NHMRC-funded 'Improving Health Outcomes in the Tropical North: A multidisciplinary collaboration (HOT NORTH)', grant identification number 1131932;
 - ii. Specify that the contents of the published material are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not reflect the views of the NHMRC.
- b. Awardees must ensure that publications arising from their HOT NORTH award adhere with the NHMRC Open Access policy and are deposited into an open access institutional repository and/or made available in another open access format within a twelve month period from the date of publication.

7. Termination

The award may be terminated for reasons including:

- a. The awardee has not complied with the Guidelines and/or Terms and Conditions;
- b. The awardee has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, ethical breach or provision of false or misleading information.