



ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR NETWORK SUPPORTED WORKSHOPS

1. Overview

This Workshop Program is an initiative of the Central Hub of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well along with the Network's four Research Theme Areas. The ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well aims to increase the scale, focus, and capacity of Australian research to inform national efforts to respond constructively to an ageing society. The Network does not fund research.

The ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well is funded by the Australian Government, as part of their Research Networks Program. Funding is provided through the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

For further information about the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well or any of its programs, visit www.ageingwell.edu.au

2. Purpose

The fundamental purpose of the Call for Proposals is to make it possible for researchers from different disciplines and different locales to meet in order to generate multidisciplinary, ambitious research ideas.

Funding of up to \$5,000 can be requested for a Workshop. This amount is intended to cover airfares, accommodation and other costs associated with staging the workshop.

3. Scope and Format

Workshop topics are expected to come from a multidisciplinary perspective and relate to one or more of the Network's Research Theme Areas, as outlined below:

- Productivity and Economic Security
- Independent Living and Social Participation
- Healthy Ageing
- Population Research Strategies

There are very few constraints on the format of workshops. The workshops are expected to be no more than two days in length. Participant numbers would usually comprise 5 to 10 participants to allow for the development of a coherent research proposal and team. All participants supported by Network funding must agree to attend the entire workshop program.

4. Conditions of Funding

The following specific requirements must be met for the receipt of funding:

1. The proposed workshop must be convened by a Network Participant Member.
2. Applications must focus on one or more of the Network's Research Theme Areas.
3. A multi-disciplinary focus must be reflected in the range of participants.
4. Acknowledgement of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well's support should appear prominently on any materials associated with the workshop. The Network's logo and name should be visible at the workshop itself.
5. The workshop must be mentioned in the Network's e-mail bulletin, annual report and on the Network's website.
6. The workshop must deliver outcomes. A Next-Steps Report is required within one month after the workshop date.
7. The workshop must be scheduled to take place no later than six months from the date of application.

5. Next Steps Report

To demonstrate that the Workshop aim has been met, the organisers must produce, within 1 month of the workshop date, a Next-Steps Report of no more than 2 pages. The Report should:

- Clearly identify the topic addressed by the workshop
- Clearly identify the relevant Network Research Theme Area/s
- The names of participants, their affiliations and disciplines
- On the basis of the workshop discussion, specific next steps aimed at progressing the workshop ideas must be outlined
- A final budget
- Feedback concerning the Workshop Program in relation to its objective

The Next-Steps Report will not be published. However, it will be distributed to members of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well Management Committee and incorporated into the Network's Annual report.

6. Application Process

The application must be submitted by a Participant Member of the Ageing Well Network who will convene the proposed workshop. Associate Members of the Network and researchers from outside the Network may be invited to be workshop participants. Applicants should use the attached 'Workshop Application' template.

There are no application deadlines; applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

The Research Theme steering committee relevant to the workshop topic will assess the application, and decisions will normally be made within three weeks of receipt of an application. In the case of workshop topics crossing one or more topics, the Network's Central Hub will review the application in consultation with the relevant Research Themes.

Applications should be sent by email as either Word or PDF attachments to the appropriate Research Theme or Central Hub contact listed below, with the subject line 'Application for Network Workshop Program'.

Research Themes

- Productivity and Economic Security
- Independent Living and Social Participation
- Healthy Ageing
- Population Research Strategies

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Central Hub

- All applications crossing multiple areas

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7. Further Information

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