



## ***PRODUCTIVITY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (PES) THEME***

### ***NEW COLLABORATION GRANT PROGRAM***

#### **Overview**

A fundamental aim of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well is to facilitate and encourage the development of collaborative and inter-disciplinary approaches to research that significantly advance knowledge in high priority topics for actions addressing an ageing Australia. The resources of the Network will be applied flexibly to support research development across a wide spectrum of ageing topics.

The Network is now inviting applications from Network participants for funding to support new collaborations in ageing research. The funds can be used to support the formation of new multidisciplinary collaborative groups coming together to develop project plans, and engage in preparatory work towards a submission of a funding application. It is also envisioned that this program can support users of the Network's workshop program to take the next step to advance their workshop outcomes.

The collaborations should be in the Productivity and Economic Security Theme area.

The amount of funding awarded will be considered on a case-by-case basis, up to a maximum of \$20,000. It is expected that a second call for applications will be made over the funding life of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well.

Funding will normally be for a period of 6 months.

#### **Funding Rules**

Funding will only be provided if the proposed collaboration is intended to lead to undertaking some form of significant research project. It is to fund the establishment of the collaboration, not the research.

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

1. The convener of the proposed collaboration must be a Network Participant.
2. At least 75 per cent of the collaboration members named in the EOI should be network members.
3. Proposals should include a least one early career researcher.
4. Applications must focus on the Productivity and Economic Security Theme Area, alone or in collaboration with one of the other theme areas.
5. A multi-disciplinary focus must be reflected in the range of participants.
6. Acknowledgement of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well's support should appear on any grants applications, papers, reports or other publications that result directly from the collaboration.
7. Applicants must undertake to notify the Network of any grant applications, papers, reports or other publications that result directly from the collaboration.



8. The collaboration must be mentioned in the Network's e-mail bulletin, annual report and on the Network's website.
9. A 'Collaboration Report' must be delivered to the Network within 6 weeks of the end of the funding period.

Funding cannot be used for research activity per se, including supplementary funding for existing projects or basic research facilities.

The funds will be made available on notification of funding and signing of a letter of acceptance.

### **Collaboration Report**

A 'Collaboration Report' must be submitted to the Network within 6 weeks of the end of the funding period. The Report should:

- Clearly identify the topic addressed by the collaboration
- List the names of participants, their affiliations, disciplines and Network membership status (the early career researcher should be identified)
- A final budget
- Feedback concerning the Collaboration Program in relation to its objective
- Identify any collaborative process that worked well and less well

The 'Collaboration 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.

### **Application Process**

Applicants must use the attached form.

Please forward

1. An electronic version (either Word or PDF attachments) of the application via email to [anna.lane@flinders.edu.au](mailto:anna.lane@flinders.edu.au) with the subject line 'Application for Network New Collaboration Support Program', and,
  - A hard copy of the application and attachments to

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### **Selection Process**

An independent selection committee will review all applications. Applicants will be notified of their application within 4 weeks of the close of applications.

### **Further Information**

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](http://www.ageingwell.edu.au)

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<b>Application New Collaboration Support</b>	
Project title	
Theme area	Productivity and Economic Security
Name and title of Convenor	
Name of University (or other institutional affiliation) and Convenor's position	
Address	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email	
Brief, current CV of the convenor indicating expertise for this role	
Names, positions, institutional affiliations, disciplines and Network membership status of other applicants. (identify the early career researcher)	
Statement outlining the content area of the proposed collaboration and the importance of the problem to be addressed (up to 3 pages)	
Statement intended outcomes (e.g. grant applications) of the proposed collaboration (2 pages maximum)	
Nature of activities to be supported through funding.	
Total funds requested	
Required Attachments	a) Brief CVs of other key participants b) Timeline of activities (from notification of funding) c) Budget