NHMRC –EU Collaborative Research Grants
How do I get one?

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Rules for Australian Participants

3. OBJECTIVES

The NHMRC – EU Scheme aims to provide assistance to Australian health and medical researchers to participate in multinational research collaborative projects with international researchers that have been selected for funding under the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) Cooperation Calls for proposals. As stipulated in the EU FP7 Work Programme, the project collaboration, which includes an Australian participant, should involve at least two other participants from different EU Member States or Associated States.

4.1 Level of funding

A maximum of $200,000 per year may be applied for by the Australian Chief Investigator.

4.2 Duration of funding

Applicants for NHMRC – EU Scheme grants may apply for funding of between one and five years duration, but the period must be justified within the application.
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4.3 Chief Investigators and Research Teams

Chief Investigators

A NHMRC – EU Scheme application should have only one Australian Chief Investigator (CI). The role and contribution of the CI must be described in the NHMRC – EU Scheme application.

5. ELIGIBILITY

a) The Australian CI must be listed as a participant in the original application to the EU which has been peer reviewed by the EU assessment process;

b) the EU FP7 application submitted by international partners must be successful in gaining EU funding;

c) A CI must be based in Australia for the duration of the grant;

d) Holding an NHMRC – EU Collaborative Research Grant does not affect a Chief Investigator’s ability to hold other NHMRC Grants.
The EU Partners - Forbes

Centre for Regenerative Medicine

Research

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- Themes
- CRM Researchers
- Affiliated Researchers
- Other Collaborations
- Publications

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Curriculum Vitae

- Publications
- Council memberships
EU Partners - Bayer

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Basis of collaboration

• EU Partners
  – Access to human liver biopsies
  – Established track record in hLPC research
  – Tissue regeneration infrastructure
  – Commercial links through clinical strengths

• Australia (us)
  – Established track record in mLPC research including generation of numerous LPC lines
  – Potential makers to detect and purify hLPCs
  – Will establish hLPC lines from material
  – Diagnostic marker for human liver CSC.
Challenges

• EU Partners
  – Do not have the resources to mount such a administratively intensive undertaking
  – May require more partners
  – Shift in emphasis between FP7 and “FP8”

• Australia (us)
  – Having the resources to support our own application and to partly support the EU application
  – The tyranny of distance
  – We need them more than they need us? Need to keep a continuing dialogue