



HEALTHWAY RESEARCH FUNDING

There are six categories of funding available, Exploratory Research grants, Intervention Research grants, Research Fellowships, Research Training Scholarships, Aboriginal Research Training Scholarships and Visiting Fellows.

There is a two-stage application process in place for Healthway's Intervention and Exploratory Research grants:

- Stage 1 is submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI).
- Stage 2 is the submission of a full application by invitation only.

Full applications must be submitted for Fellowships and Scholarships.

Applications are accepted anytime for Research Training Scholarships, Aboriginal Research Training Scholarships and Visiting Fellows. Please visit [Apply Now](#) page for Exploratory Research grants and Intervention Research grants closing dates.

The guidelines and application forms can be found on Healthway's website.

Frequently Asked Questions

What changes were announced in 2019?

In summary, the key changes are:

- For Health Promotion Intervention and Exploratory Research grants, Healthway is introducing two funding rounds per year: one open round, and one targeted round that will call for applications to address a particular priority health area, group or setting.
- For Health Promotion Research Fellowships Healthway will cap the number of Fellowships awarded to one per year.

Why have these changes been introduced?

These changes have been introduced to better streamline the application process and ensure that Healthway continues to support applications which most strongly align with our strategic priorities.

What are the categories for research funding?

- Intervention Research grants – funding up to \$120,000 per year for up to three years, and up to \$150,000 in the year(s) the intervention is developed.
- Exploratory Research grants for formative or exploratory studies – funding up to \$75,000 over two years.
- Healthway Research Fellowships - funding for the provision of a salary stipend between \$91,000 and \$102,000 per year over three years, plus super, on-costs and some additional research costs.
- Healthway Research Training Scholarships - funding for the provision of a salary stipend of \$31,500 per year for up to three years, plus super, on-costs, and some additional research costs.
- Aboriginal Research Training Scholarships - funding for the provision of between \$31,500 and \$50,000 per year for up to three years, plus super, on-costs, and some additional research costs.
- Visiting Fellows – funding of up to \$35,000 for the professional stipend plus travel expenses and accommodation.

What is the assessment process for Intervention and Exploratory grants?

- EOIs (Stage 1) will be assessed in consultation with relevant research experts and external agencies at the discretion of Healthway.
- Following the EOI assessment, successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application (Stage 2).
- All invited full applications (stage 2) will be assessed in consultation with Healthway's Research Assessment Committee. Intervention Research grants will also be assessed by relevant research experts outside WA. External agencies may also be consulted at the discretion of Healthway.
- All funding decisions will be made by the Healthway Board. The Board may contact any person or organisation when seeking information on which to base its decisions. Projects approved for funding by the Board also require the Minister for Health's approval for disbursement of funds.

What is the assessment process for Fellowship and Scholarship Grants?

- Applications will be assessed in consultation with Healthway's Research Assessment Committee and relevant research experts, where appropriate. External agencies may also be consulted at the discretion of Healthway.
- The candidate's referees will be contacted by Healthway to discuss the applicant and their ability to conduct the proposed study program.
- Shortlisted applicants may be invited for an interview.

- All funding decisions will be made by the Board. The Board may contact any person or organisation when seeking information on which to base its decisions. Projects approved for funding by the Board also require the Minister for Health's approval for disbursement of funds.

What are the assessment criteria?

Please see the guidelines for the assessment criteria for each scheme.

Do the changes affect the Australian Competitive Grants Register category one status?

The changes do not affect Healthway category one classification for the Intervention Research grants.

What are the changes to the criteria for eligibility?

There are no changes to the criteria or eligibility.

A "four-grant rule" remains for Intervention Research grants, meaning that an EOI cannot be submitted for an Intervention Research grant if four grants are currently active, only one EOI can be submitted if three grants are currently active and so on. Please note that a grant remains currently active until Healthway has received and acknowledged all reports specified in the funding agreement and all funds have been fully acquitted.

Scholarships and Fellowships are excluded from the four grant rule, and there are no restrictions on the number of EOIs that can be submitted for Exploratory Research grants.

Please read the guidelines for each scheme for more information on eligibility.

What feedback will I receive on my EOI and full application?

The level of feedback provided by Healthway will be dependent on the number of EOIs, full applications being processed, and the capacity of Healthway staff.

It is likely that only brief feedback will be provided to applicants who are unsuccessful with their EOI or full application.

What is the process for contracting of research grants?

Projects deemed successful and approved by the Board and Minister for Health will receive a letter of notification. Shortly after notification of successful funding, the contract will be sent to the research office at the relevant research institution, and forwarded to the Lead Chief Investigator for signing and process.

Please note Healthway also requires funded researchers to demonstrate that the study has received clearance through an appropriate Ethics Committee prior to any payments being released.

How do I demonstrate the ability of the research to inform policy and practice, and what is expected in the knowledge translation plan?

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have developed their proposals in collaboration with practitioners and/or policy-makers and clearly describe how the research will be translated to improve community health outcomes. Applications that are not able to demonstrate how the end-users of the research will be involved in the implementation of the study and the translation of the findings are unlikely to be supported.

Where appropriate, knowledge translation plans should identify the specific organisational or government policies or programs that will be informed by the research, and outline how the project or policy will be informed. For example, identify the partnerships you have established and describe how these partners

will be consulted, how they will contribute to the design and testing of the intervention or design of the project and how they will utilise the findings. Also describe how the findings will be communicated in a format and language that is appropriate more widely for policy makers or practitioners.

Successful applicants will be required to meet periodically with Healthway staff during the course of the funding period to provide updates on how the research translation activities are tracking against the plan.

Healthway staff are currently reviewing the requirements for knowledge translation plans and will be developing some case studies to support applicants developing their plans. Further information will be provided in November 2019.

When will I be notified of the outcome of my application?

Grant Type	Notification
Exploratory and Intervention Grants	8-9 months following submission of the initial EOI
Research Fellowships	5-6 months following submission
Research Training Scholarships Aboriginal Research Training Scholarships Visiting Fellowships	4-5 months following submission

Further questions

For further information or to discuss a potential application please contact Healthway's research team on 9488 6700 or via email at research@healthway.wa.gov.au