Biospecimen Collection Grant – Round 3

- Grants capped at $100K

- $877,000 is available

- The grant funds:

  - collection, processing and storage in the NSWHSB

AND covers:

  - data linkage to health administrative datasets

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Aim: to build research assets for the state that can be used to investigate priority health issues affecting the NSW population.

Objectives

- support collections that support research on priority health issues in NSW
- build capacity in research that draws from linked data
- reduce time from evidence generation to implementation

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- Two step application process (EOI **due on 30 Nov,** full application **due on 31 Jan**)

- Eligibility criteria:
    - use Consent Toolkit
    - accessible to researchers by an agreed milestone (see Access Policy)
    - have biospecimens linked to BLSDA by agreed milestone
    - assessed as feasible by NSWHSB and CHeReL (see EOI)
    - if previously funded, funding must be for additional biospecimens and previous collection must be onboarded.

Access Policy

- Samples/data are available to bona fide researchers (including internationals) with approved applications

- Applications for access:
  - are only granted after the milestone for open access is reached
  - must be approved by the Collection Access Committee
  - must be approved by the Collection Custodian

- Researchers are required to return results (ie. make them available) and report Incidental Findings.

Selection Criteria

- **40% collection** – priority health issue, research asset, uniqueness, collaboration

- **30% flagship research –** concept, scientific basis, feasibility, use of linked data

- 10% project management
- 10% team
- 10% budget

Project Aim: *Write the overall aim of the project here.*

Program Logic

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Funding *List funding amount and sources (include NSW Health funding and other funding) here* **Staff resources** *List key project staff here* **Other project resources** *List other in-kind resources (e.g. equipment) provided by other sources here* **Partners/Collaborators** *List organisations who are partnering/ collaborating on your project here*	*What are you going to do with the funds? List the activities required to produce program outputs here (eg. recruit and consent participants, process biospecimens)*	*What will your activities produce? List the deliverables of your project (products or services) needed to achieve short term outcomes (impacts) here (eg. a collection that will enable the investigation of xyz)*	**Short Term** *List short term outcomes (impacts) of the flagship research project that are required to meet long term outcomes (impacts) here (eg. discovery of a new biomarker).* **Long term** *List long term outcomes (impacts) of the flagship research project here (eg. diagnostics, drug targets, new clinical prototypes, changes in clinical practice, new models of care).*

Assumptions *Identify assumptions here (i.e. What assumptions are made about the link between: inputs and activities, activities and outputs, outputs and short term outcomes, short term outcomes and long term outcomes? Are these assumptions supported by evidence?)*

Plain English

- Reviewers may not work in your content area

- Clearly explain and justify your research proposal

- Explain technical terms

- Plain English, descriptive title

- Informal peer review

Process to apply

By 30 November

- Provide an EOI to NSWHSB for feasibility assessment and quote
- Provide an EOI to CHeReL for feasibility assessment

By 31 January

- Submit application with Letters of Support from CHeReL and NSWHSB

Notification

- May 2022

Onboarding to NSWHSB

You will need to sign

- Standard Agreement
- MTAI – for deposit of collection to NSWHSB

You may be interested to see:

- MTAII – for withdrawal of collection from NSWHSB
- Ethically Defensible Plan Guidance and IF Policy