



## NHMRC Ideas Grants 2024 for funding in 2025 – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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### FAQ – 1: Effects of NHMRC’s grant program eligibility framework on Ideas Grant applicants

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**Question:**

How do changes to NHMRC’s grant program eligibility framework, implemented in the 2024 Synergy Grant Guidelines, affect Ideas Grant applicants?

**Answer:**

Changes to NHMRC’s grant program eligibility policy, introduced from the 2024 Synergy Grant round, have simplified eligibility policy for applicants to the 2024 Ideas Grant opportunity.

The new cross-cutting eligibility policies for the Investigator, Ideas and Synergy Grant schemes have:

- streamlined the capping limits (from the Synergy Grants 2024 round onwards) on CIs to holding up to 2 grants from the Investigator, Ideas and Synergy Grant schemes concurrently (removing the exceptions to this rule for CIs holding 2x Ideas Grants)
- adopted a ‘last-in, first-out’ approach to ruling ineligible applications that have breached capping polices, where only the last submitted application in a funding round will be removed from further consideration (previously, all active applications were ruled ineligible)
- meant that eligibility determinations are now based on the ‘original’ end date of the held grant, such that variations that extend the original end date of the grant will no longer impact the eligibility of CIs to apply for further grants.

These changes have been implemented after sector feedback indicated the previous exceptions to grant capping limits caused confusion and were the cause of the majority of applications being ruled ineligible.

### FAQ – 2: Being offered an Investigator Grant while applying for an Ideas Grant

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**Question:**

I applied for an Investigator Grant in the 2024 funding round and am planning on applying for an Ideas Grant through this Grant Opportunity. When should I expect to be advised of my Investigator Grant outcome? If I am offered the Investigator Grant, will this make my Ideas Grant application ineligible? I don’t currently hold any Ideas, Investigator or Synergy grants.

**Answer:**

As advised in the 31 July 2023 NHMRC Tracker article, Investigator Grant outcomes (under embargo) are expected to be advised in early-May 2024 ahead of the 2024 Ideas Grant scheme



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closing on 15 May 2024. Ideas Grant 2024 applications must ensure that any CIs who have been offered an Investigator Grant in the 2024 funding round, are removed prior to submitting the Ideas Grant application to NHMRC. While changes to CIs after minimum data are usually discouraged, NHMRC understands this is required to ensure Ideas Grant applications remain eligible.

The 2025 Investigator Grant round will open in mid-June 2024, allowing outcomes to be provided under embargo ahead of the 2025 Ideas Grant scheme opening the following year in March 2025. This is intended to provide potential Ideas Grant applicants with certainty on the eligibility of their proposed CI teams, prior to commencing their applications in Sapphire.