

NHMRC Investigator Grants – Research Impact info sheet

Research Impact makes up **20%** of the overall assessment of NHMRC Investigator Grants. Research Impact statements should address the reach and significance of the research impact; contribution of research program to the research impact; and the researcher’s contribution to the impact.

Reach & significance (7%)

Reach: extent of and/or diversity of the beneficiaries.

- **who** – sub-population, sector
- **where** – locality, state, country(ies) – ideally national or international recognition

Significance: **how much** has the impact enabled, influenced, informed or changed policies, practices, products, services, culture, understanding, awareness or well-being.

Don’t mention leadership or the research program here.

Contribution of Research Program (6%)

Must be a cohesive body of research – select just **ONE** research program

What is it and **how** did it contribute to the impact?

Show convincing connections between the research program and impact.

It’s not enough to just describe the research program, use words to emphasise the novelty and/or innovation that enabled the research program to grow.

Your contribution (7%)

Relative to opportunity and field

What was the level of contribution? Leadership, intellectual and/or technical input, collaborations, training, supervision, mentoring.

Make **your contribution** to the research clear and use first person.

This is not your track record – this is your personal contribution and recognition of contribution to the research program.

For personal publication metrics – emphasise your contribution such as number or proportion of first or senior author papers.

General Tips

- Only include **ONE** research program to demonstrate research impact.
- You can select one or more of the four types of impact (knowledge, health, economic, social) – the number of types chosen does not influence score.
- **Robust, verifiable evidence** (qualitative and/or quantitative) is a must to show **exceptional or outstanding** impact in one or more of the following:
 - Development of new knowledge
 - Improved health systems and services
 - Reductions in health care costs or economic growth
 - Improvements in social well-being, equality or social inclusion
- There are no time limits so the researcher’s or research program’s contribution to impact can be from any career point, although it is expected that the impact will have been recent.
- The research impact **does not** need to align with the research proposal/vision in the application.
- Clearly convey the **benefits** that the research impact has had on policy, practice, or community. Impact is not one-way dissemination of knowledge.
- **Be specific** – detail specific (or which part of) policies and/or practices that have been improved or have had cost savings, health benefits etc.
- **Publications:** You don’t need to use the full citation for any references used as evidence of impact. Do include enough information that any claims of impact can be verified – such as title / journal name / vol / year or doi.