

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth)

**Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects for VicHealth
Partnership**

Round 2– 2013

Expressions of Interest VicHealth Funding Guidelines

Quick Reference Guide

These grants are for Victorian organisations who intend to apply to the [ARC](#) for a Linkage Project Grant in the ARC funding round that is scheduled to open from September to November 2013. Funding is expected to commence in June 2014, this is dependent on the ARC announcement of dates.

Key dates

- **VicHealth Expression of Interest (EOI) applications close: 3:00pm, Thursday 29th August 2013.**
- VicHealth announcement of successful applicants: 1st October 2013.
- Full applications due to ARC: Mid November
- ARC announcement of successful applicants: June 2014
- VicHealth funding agreement to be signed and processed: May 2015

Submissions

Applications must be submitted from researchers at an eligible administering institution in Victoria (see www.arc.gov.au) by **3:00pm, Thursday 29th August 2013.**

Applications must be submitted using the online application form available on the VicHealth website.

Acknowledgement will be by return email. Please call 03 9667 1368 if you do not receive a confirmation email.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Further information

If you have queries after reading these guidelines, or wish to speak with VicHealth staff regarding the ARC Linkage funding round, please contact Candice McKeone at cmckeone@vichealth.vic.gov.au or on (03) 9667 1368. If you have any issues with the online application form, please call the VicHealth helpdesk on (03) 9667 1380 or email helpdesk@vichealth.vic.gov.au.

About the ARC Linkage Partnership Projects

These grants are for organisations planning to apply to the Commonwealth for an [ARC linkage grant](#) who wish to have VicHealth represented as an **industry partner** in their application to the ARC.

VicHealth is interested in being an industry partner with projects that focus on health promotion and public health research and development.

As an industry partner, VicHealth aims to:

- encourage and develop strategic research partnerships between higher education institutions and practitioners and policy makers to advance knowledge in health promotion and public health
- support small cross-disciplinary teams working on practical problems that have the potential to generate large health gains for Victorian population groups
- generate applied research outcomes that can be used to make a difference to the health of Victorians
- generate research and knowledge that is immediately useful for health promotion practice
- increase the communication and translation of research in innovative ways
- develop partnerships between policy makers, influencers, and practitioners.

VicHealth Action Agenda for Health Promotion

Applicants are advised to read [VicHealth's Action Agenda for Health Promotion](#) to ensure their application is aligned with our approach, goals and priorities before applying.

In particular, to be considered for funding:

- Projects **MUST** be aligned with VicHealth's primary focus of preventing chronic disease at a population level (projects with an individual focus or those addressing disease treatment or management will not be considered).
- Projects **MUST** also contribute to providing an evidence base to support VicHealth in achieving one of the three year priorities and the associated ten year goal listed against one of VicHealth's five strategic imperatives. Please refer to [VicHealth's Action Agenda for Health Promotion](#) on pages 24 to 35.

Your application should demonstrate an understanding of the social determinants of health, and the capacity to generate research findings that are immediately useful for health promotion practice.

VicHealth prefers to support cross disciplinary teams working on practical problems that have the potential to generate large health gains for Victorian population groups.

There is an expectation that successful applicants will engage with knowledge translation and dissemination activities with VicHealth.

What will not be funded

VicHealth will not fund:

- **biomedical and clinical research that does not have a clear link to health promotion. In particular we will not fund laboratory-based science or health services research unless there is a strong justification for the relevance to health promotion.**
- capital works (e.g. buildings or maintenance or purchase of major equipment, purchase and lease of land/vehicles)
- commercial activities or individual persons
- core organisational operating costs
- projects that are considered by VicHealth to be the funding responsibility of local, state or federal government (e.g. population-based surveillance)
- projects that have commenced or have already been funded to commence
- videos, films, publications, conferences or travel in isolation of the specific project.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by senior VicHealth staff as well as external experts.

If eligible, EOIs will be assessed as follows:

Criteria	Weighting
Alignment with VicHealth's health promotion approach, three year priority and ten year goal	50%
Evidence of a creative and innovative approach	10%
Demonstration of cross-sectoral and/or multi-disciplinary collaborations and partnerships	10%
The potential practical application of the research outcomes	10%
The applicants track record in research, and expertise in the area of enquiry	10%
The staffing, timelines and budget are realistic	10%

Funding available

VicHealth will provide \$25,000 cash plus \$12,500 in-kind support per annum, for a maximum of three years. This amount is not negotiable.

As required by the ARC, VicHealth will also nominate a partner investigator. It is envisaged that the VicHealth partner investigator's role will focus on knowledge translation and dissemination of the research findings.

Eligibility

Criteria for researchers

Funding will not be granted if any of the researchers and/or their host organisations are in receipt of any support from the Australian Tobacco Research Foundation, or other like bodies.

Please note, Research Officers, Research Assistants, and current PhD students cannot usually apply as Chief Investigator for these grants.

Criteria for industry partner(s) other than VicHealth

Other industry partner(s) for the ARC Linkage Projects seeking funding from VicHealth must not be in receipt of any support from the Australian Tobacco Research Foundation or other like bodies.

In the case of funds awarded from another source for the same research or a part of the research, it is incumbent upon the Chief Investigator to advise VicHealth as soon as possible.

Grant conditions

Final offers

The ARC announcement regarding successful applications is expected in June 2014. Applicants who are made an offer by ARC must notify VicHealth in order to proceed with the application process.

Funding agreements

By submitting an application, you must agree that if you are successful in receiving VicHealth funding you will agree to the terms and conditions in the VicHealth Standard Collaborative Funding Agreement. For a copy of the agreement, please email cmckeone@vichealth.vic.gov.au

Conditions relate to:

- timely completion of the project
- appropriate financial management, and
- compliance with VicHealth evaluation and reporting processes.