

## Private donors have new tool to help support medical research

Help is at hand for private donors wanting to make a difference to health through medical research.

Research Australia has developed the *Giving to Health and Medical Research: Research Australia Philanthropy Toolkit* to assist those wanting to support health and medical research.

Research Australia CEO Rebecca James said this resource will make giving to health and medical research easier.

“Partnerships between private donors and the health and medical research community could address gaps in knowledge and lead to longer term partnerships dealing with major health challenges,” she said.

The toolkit complements Research Australia’s ‘Linkage Program’ connecting private donors and philanthropists with health and medical research projects.

It is a part of Research Australia’s vision to have four out of five Australians giving regularly to health and medical research by 2025.

The guide contains specific information for philanthropists wanting to support health and medical research. It covers a range of issues including:

- How to identify areas of health and medical research that best match your giving objectives
- Options and mechanisms to support your grant making program
- How to target your call for applications or direct approach to grant seekers
- How to make informed decisions and manage risk
- How to oversee and evaluate your grant making program.

The toolkit was launched by The Hon. Mark Butler MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health and is available through Research Australia.

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