

Media Release

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Australia's first national research grants supporting people to live well with diabetes

New research grants to enable people to live well every day with diabetes were announced by the ADEA Diabetes Research Foundation.

Worth up to \$60,000 per research project, the ADEA Diabetes Research Grants Program supports best diabetes education and care and aligns with the vision, principles and goals of the Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020.

Professor Trisha Dunning AM, Chair of the ADEA Diabetes Research Foundation Council, said the Research Grants Program was an important initiative that enables research to better support people with diabetes to live well every day.

'People with diabetes work hard with their families, carers and the diabetes care team every day to manage their conditions and to live well.

'The ADEA Diabetes Research Grants Program aims to address the research gap in diabetes education and management and complement current research into finding a cure.

'This Research Grants Program invites submissions for research that is related to the Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020 and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023,' Professor Dunning said.

'The ADEA Board is excited that the ADEA Diabetes Research Program has commenced and we look forward to funding high quality, rigorous research projects that involves collaborations and engagement with health consumers,' said ADEA President, Tracy Aylen.

The Research Grants Program invites submissions for research projects that:

1. Seek to inform diabetes education and care in Australia AND
2. Support ADEA Members and other health professionals to deliver excellence in diabetes support for all Australians AND
3. Address one or more of the following goals and potential areas for action in the Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020:
 - Goal 3: Reduce the occurrence of diabetes-related complications and improve quality of life among people with diabetes
 - Goal 4: Reduce the impact of pre-existing and gestational diabetes in pregnancy
 - Goal 5: Reduce the impact of diabetes among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
 - Goal 6: Reduce the impact of diabetes among other priority groups

The ADEA Diabetes Research Foundation was launched on World Diabetes Day 2015 by the Federal Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP.

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Key facts about the ADEA Diabetes Research Foundation

Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)

ADEA is a national member-based organisation for health care professionals providing diabetes education and care. This year ADEA is celebrating 35 years of national leadership in best practice diabetes education and care.

ADEA has over 2000 members – 60% of whom are fully credentialled diabetes educators. ADEA has wide ranging strategic partnerships across the health and community sectors. ADEA's strategic plan prioritises contributing to diabetes research and creating a culture of research with and through its membership.

ADEA Diabetes Research Foundation

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Vision	Research enables people with diabetes to live well every day
Mission	Rigorous collaborative research enables best diabetes education and care
Values	Ethical practice, co-research, innovation & excellence

The Program supports national diabetes priorities, in particular the Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020; the National Health Priorities and associated collaborative diabetes endeavours; the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023. The Program will complement research into prevention and finding a cure.

ADEA Research Council

The ADEA Board has formed an independent Research Council:

- Chair: Prof Trisha Dunning
- Prof Peter Colman
- Prof Sophia Zoungas
- Prof Ines Krass
- Prof David Currow
- Adjunct Associate Prof Marg McGill AM

The Council provides independent oversight of the Foundation's grants process and recommends grant and fellowship recipients to the Board.

The Foundation supports research projects that partner with consumers and ADEA members to ensure projects are meaningful for people as they work hard every day to live well with their diabetes.

For more information, please visit <http://www.adea.com.au/adea-research-foundation>