



# Grant writing skills

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# this session will cover

- what funding sources are out there?
- am I ready to apply?
- what makes a successful application?
  - the project
  - the team
  - structure, content, layout
  - navigating the process
- what are your experiences?
- Q&A

# what funding sources are out there?

- NHMRC partnership awards
  - December 2008
- NHMRC project grants
- Cancer Council project grants
- ARC Discovery
  - March 2009
- ARC Linkage
  - November 2008, May 2009
- Other strategic grant programs (NHMRC, CC)
- Institution-specific grants

# CI NSW Grants

- Early Career Development Fellowships
- Clinical Research Fellowships
- International Clinical and Research Fellowship
- Research Scholar Awards
  - 5 September 2008
- Career Development and Support Fellowship
  - Future Research Leaders
- Research Equipment Grants
- Research Innovation Grants
  - 10 October 2008

## am I ready to apply?

- does the project build on published work or pilot data?
- has the intervention been piloted?
- do you have the support of the relevant stakeholders?

# what makes a successful application?

- the project
- the team
- structure, content, layout
- navigating the process

# the project

- significance and innovation
  - descriptive studies .v. interventions
- scientific quality
  - clarity of objectives and hypotheses
  - appropriateness of methods
  - feasibility
- budget

# the team

- track record
- skills and experience
- time commitment

# structure, content, layout

- easy to follow structure
- use diagrams and figures
- stick to the formatting guidelines and page limits
- proof-read and spell-check

# navigating the process

- working with the research office
- responding to assessors' comments
- interviews

**what are your experiences?**

# Q&A