



HEAL Innovation Fund

Application Form

CLOSING DATE: 12noon AEST Monday 16th June 2025

The HEAL Innovation Fund has been established to support interdisciplinary research on the interaction between the environmental, climate change, and health by funding well-defined projects that include community and stakeholder co-design and that have the potential to lead to further external funding.

The 2025 seed funding on offer will support projects worth up to \$30,000 each, for a period of 12 months. Before submitting an application to the HEAL Innovation Fund, please read and follow the eligibility and evaluation criteria detailed in the [HEAL Innovation Fund – Guiding Principles document](#), also available at healnetwork.org.au

PLEASE NOTE

HEAL Chief, Associate and Affiliate Members can participate as Principal Investigators or Co-Investigators in proposals. Applications (1) must be led by an Early to Mid-Career Researcher (EMCR); (2) include at least one HEAL Network Chief or Associate Investigator; (3) must include at least two HEAL Network partner organisation; and (4) collaboration between HEAL themes/Communities of Practice is encouraged.

Information on how to become a HEAL Affiliate Member is available at healnetwork.org.au

Your application will be assessed by the HEAL Innovation Fund Committee in terms of: (1) Priority for community and other stakeholders; (2) Public health significance and impact; (3) Scientific merit and methodology; and (4) Project team expertise and potential, with equal weighting for each criterion.

Please use the application form below to record the details of your project.

Completed forms should be sent to heal@canberra.edu.au by **12noon AEST Monday 16th June 2025**. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

Any questions or queries should be directed to heal@canberra.edu.au



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Project Title

Associated HEAL Research Theme (maximum 2 themes per proposal)

(e.g., Rural and Remote Health. Pls refer to [Appendix](#) for further information)

- 1.
- 2.

HEAL Hub/Community of Practice (maximum 2 Hubs/CoPs)

(e.g.: Northern Territory CoP. Pls refer to [Appendix](#) for further information)

- 1.
- 2.

Principal Investigators Details

(Please note an application must be led by an EMCR as Principal Investigator. At least one [HEAL Network Investigator \(CI and/or AI\)](#) must be included as either principal or co-investigator; *AND* at least two HEAL Network Organisations must be included).

Full Name	
Email Address	
Title/Position	
Affiliation	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Status (please specify)	Yes / No
Early to Mid-Career Research (EMCR) Status (An EMCR is considered as a researcher who is within ten years of the award of the PhD or with equivalent research experience)	Yes (years since PhD conferral) / No / NA

Co-Investigators Details

(Please note at least one [HEAL Network Investigator \(CI and/or AI\)](#) must be included as either principal or co-investigator; *AND* at least two HEAL Network Organisations must be included).

Please add rows as required

Full Name	Title/Position	Affiliation



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Project Information

Amount Requested

(Funding availability: maximum \$30,000)

Project Summary

Aims and Objectives

How does the project align with the HEAL Network program of work?

(Outline how the project meets the aims of one or more HEAL Research Theme and/or Community of Practice, and more broadly the HEAL Network aims and vision statements, please refer to [Appendix](#))

Framework/Methodology



Timeline

(Please note that available funds must be spent within 12 months from the date of transfer of funds)

Deliverables

Budget

(i.e., administrative and research staffing; supplies; field work; travel, etc.)
Please add rows as required

Item	Justification	Amount (AUD)
TOTAL		

Community or other stakeholder involvement



5 PAGE MAX

Impact and translation

Pathway for Applying for Further Funding

(Please outline the plan to acquire future funding and the specific grant opportunities targeted)

References



5 PAGE MAX

Investigator CVs (1 page each)

Please enclose collated CVs for all investigators as part of this application. Please limit the CV length to 1 page per investigator.

Declaration

(All Principal Investigators must sign this declaration. Electronic signatures are accepted)

By signing this declaration, you declare that:

- A. The details and information included in this proposal are correct; and
- B. All persons listed as Co-Investigators have agreed to take part in the research.

Principal Investigator Signature

Date (DD/MM/YY)

Principal Investigator Full Name

Appendix

HEAL Network Vision Statement

The vision of the Healthy Environments And Lives (HEAL) Network is to catalyse research, knowledge exchange and translation into policy and practice that will bring measurable improvements to our health, the Australian health system, and the environment.

HEAL Network Aims

HEAL aims to take national and international leadership in environmental change and health research that will provide the evidence, capacity and capability and tools urgently needed to:

1. Protect and improve community health, especially at-risk groups and people in regions and communities disproportionately affected by environmental and climate change;
2. Strengthen health system resilience, preparedness and responsiveness to changing environmental conditions and related diseases, and reduce its environmental impact;
3. Reduce inequities and inequalities within and across communities and generations.

HEAL Network Partner Organisations



HEAL Network Research Themes

Indigenous Knowledge Systems
Data & Decision Support Systems
Science Communication
Health System Resilience & Sustainability
Bushfires, Air Pollution & Extreme Events
Food, Soil & Water Security
Biosecurity & Emerging Infections
Urban Health & Built Environment
Rural & Remote Health
At-risk Populations & Life Course Solutions

HEAL Network Communities of Practice

Australian Capital Territory
New South Wales
Northern Territory
Queensland
South Australia
Tasmania
Victoria
Western Australia