NEW FELLOWSHIPS TO BOOST HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Andrews Labor Government’s new fellowship program to support talented health and medical researchers to grow their careers is now open.

Minister for Health Jill Hennessy today opened applications for the inaugural Victorian Health and Medical Research Fellowships, with three four-year fellowships on offer, each worth a total of $800,000.

The Fellowships will support a university, health service or medical research institute to employ a highly skilled researcher that is working across the areas of bioinformatics, genomics and health services research.

The fellowship program is part of the Labor Government’s $20 million plan to ensure Victoria stays a world leader in ground-breaking health and medical research that has the power to change lives.

The plan, Healthier Lives, Stronger Economy: Victoria’s Health and Medical Research Strategy 2016-2020, outlines our key priorities over four years to support new and evolving fields of world class medical research.

This is the first time in 10 years that a health and medical research strategy has been developed for Victoria.

It details six priority areas which focus on how Victoria will develop the workforce of the future, integrate research, education and health, develop advanced convergence science, stimulate more industry engagement, attract more clinical trials and optimise big data and informatics.

In its first year, the strategy is delivering better health outcomes for Victorians by quickly translating breakthroughs in health and medical research into clinical practice.

It will also create jobs and drive economic growth across the state by investing in areas where Victoria can lead the world.

Last November, a new 14 member Science, Medical Research and Technology Panel was established to drive leadership and excellence in Victorian health and medical research, attracting more investment and jobs to Victoria.

Applications for Victorian Health and Medical Research Fellowships are now open. For more information, including eligibility criteria, please visit www.biomedvic.org.au/fellowships/

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Jill Hennessy

“Victoria is home to some of the world’s best and brightest medical minds, and we’re leading the way in breakthrough discoveries that improve quality of care for patients.”

“The Victorian Health and Medical Research Fellowships will support up-and-coming researchers to continue, and build on, this inspiring work.”

Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research Frank McGuire

“These targeted investments are designed to help deliver life-saving and life-changing results for patients.”

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