

## Memorandum

**AlfredHealth**

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To Alfred Health Research Staff

From Professor Stephen Jane  
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**Subject Proposal to change arrangements for Research Grant Administration at Alfred Health**

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Each year, the Alfred Research Office submits between 20 and 40 applications for competitive research funding, including NHMRC, from hospital staff. The resulting successful grants that are administered by Alfred Health do not attract any infrastructure funding from the state or federal government to support the indirect costs of research. A change in grant administration from Alfred Health to Monash would enable access to the research infrastructure funding provided to universities by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, which is based on competitive grant income averaged over the previous two years.

From 1 July this year, it is proposed to submit competitive grant applications exclusively through the Monash Research Office. In addition, NHMRC and other grants, fellowships and scholarships currently administered by Alfred Health are to be transferred to Monash University.

For those with appointments with the Monash Central Clinical School, this transition will provide significant benefits by returning infrastructure support funds to the individual Chief Investigators and also allow for greater mentoring of grants, which should translate into higher success rates. The School also plans to introduce increased administrative support for grant preparation, which will facilitate the application process.

To submit applications via Monash, staff are required to hold a Monash adjunct appointment. Such an appointment can readily be arranged through the appropriate School (Central Clinical School or School of Public Health). Those with adjunct appointments through other universities (such as Deakin or La Trobe) would continue to apply through those institutions.

Your comments on this proposal are invited and should be submitted by email to me ([stephen.jane@monash.edu](mailto:stephen.jane@monash.edu)) by **Friday, 13 May 2011**.

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