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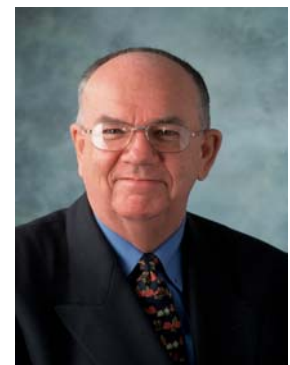
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#### Senior Director's Message – Professor Robin Mortimer

Welcome to the third issue of the Office of Health and Medical Research E-newsletter. Again, we have been very busy over the past three months with the first round of the Health Research Fellowships recently closing and the Clinical Academic Fellowships round one now open for applications.

The Office of Health and Medical Research is proud to support the 2009 Queensland Life Sciences Globally Engaging Events organised by QCTN. The events, running from 21 October to 26 October, align closely with initiative three in the *Research for a healthier future: 2020 Health and Medical Research and Development Strategy* by facilitating collaborations across the broader Queensland, National and International health and medical research sector.



I encourage you to consider attending the Translational Research Excellence (TRX09) Symposium, on Friday 23 October, as it will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase our health and medical research sector to the large number of international speakers and delegates. The symposium will be followed by a networking event at the Gallery of Modern Art which aims to provide a forum for networking and collaboration. The program for the evening will include the presentation of a Queensland Life Sciences Award for outstanding contribution and excellence within the Life Sciences industry. For more details please see page 3 of this E-Newsletter.

The first round of the Clinical Academic Fellowships is now open for applications. The Clinical Academic Fellowships are designed to provide salary support for newly created positions between Queensland publicly funded health facilities and Queensland universities.

We had an excellent response rate of 113 applicants for the first round of the Health Research Fellowships and I am looking forward to announcing the successful applicants early next year.

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## General Funding Update

### Clinical Academic Fellowships – Round One now open for applications

The [Clinical Academic Fellowships](#) are designed to provide top-up salary funding of up to \$75,000 pa for five years for health service professionals holding full-time academic appointments in health disciplines. The Clinical Academic Fellowships are to create new positions between Queensland publicly funded health facilities and Queensland universities. The first round is now open and will close 8 January 2010.

### Senior Clinical Research Fellowships

Round Two of the [Senior Clinical Research Fellowships](#) is scheduled to open soon.

### Health Research Fellowships – Round One

The [Health Research Fellowships](#) provide salary support of up to \$150,000 pa for five years. Round One has now closed with 113 applications received. Round Two is due to open in February 2010.

### Medical Devices Financial Incentive Program – Round One

The four successful Queensland Medical Devices Financial Incentive Program applicants will be announced on the 26 of October 2009 at the Globally Engaging Life Sciences Investment Forum at the Hilton Hotel.

### External Funding Opportunities

#### *Call for Expressions of Interest – Health Professional Research Grant Schemes*

Expressions of Interest are now open for the HP Research Grant Schemes 2010–2011. This includes: Health Practitioner Research; Allied Health Research; Allied Health Cancer Care Research; and Clinical Education and Training Research Schemes. These grants are open to Queensland Health staff only. The closing date for the EOI is Wednesday 11 November 2009.

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## Queensland Life Sciences Globally Engaging Events

As part of the Office of Health and Medical Research's role in promoting health and medical research we are providing support for the Queensland Life Sciences Globally Engaging Events held from 21 October to 26 October in Brisbane. This series of events is run by Queensland Clinical Trials Network (QCTN) with the additional support of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation and includes:

- Wednesday 21 October: [Export Awards](#)
- Thursday 22 October: [MediQ Breakfast Workshop](#)
- Thursday 22 October: Stem Cell Symposium (by invitation only – please contact [QCTN](#))
- Friday 23 October: [TRX09](#)
- Friday 23 October: [Networking Event](#)
- Monday 26 October: [Investment Forum](#)

The [Translation Research Excellence \(TRX09\) symposium](#) and the following [Networking Event](#) on Friday 23 October are the flagship events of the week and will provide numerous networking opportunities for the health and medical research sector. The Networking Event is promising to be an exciting evening with the presentation of a Queensland Life Sciences Award for outstanding contribution and excellence within the

industry and the guest speaker being the Honourable Peter Beattie, Queensland's Trade Commissioner for the Americas and former Premier of Queensland.

For more information please visit the [QCTN site](#).

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## Peer Review and Mentorship Program

The Early-Career Health and Medical Researcher Support Program is designed to minimise barriers for early-career researchers working in the clinical setting within Queensland Health.

The program aims to provide:

- a peer-review program accessible to Queensland Health early-career researchers throughout Queensland covering multiple research disciplines; and
- a mentor network available to Queensland Health early-career researchers seeking links in the health and medical research community.

The Office of Health and Medical Research will be seeking Expressions of Interest from mentors and reviewers from 26 October 2009 and anticipate launching the program in late 2009. For more information please contact us on [ohmr@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:ohmr@health.qld.gov.au) or 07 3405 6121.

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## Research Australia – Research Philanthropy Register

Research Australia, a not-for-profit member organisation, endeavour to make health and medical research a higher national priority.

The Research Australia Philanthropy Register, recently opened, is a register that assists grant makers to match with research projects. This register is designed for researchers to log their projects and funding requirements which are then linked to philanthropic donations. This is a free register and an excellent opportunity for researchers to tap into little known funding opportunities.

More information can be found on the [Research Australia site](#).

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## Staff update

Martin Paterson joins the Office of Health and Medical Research on the 26 October working within Research Ethics and Governance and Research Coordination and Promotion. Martin will be assisting with the development of new initiatives such as the Central Coordination Service and general administration activities. Martin brings a wealth of skills in IT and administration which will be greatly welcomed.

We also welcome Renae Miles who will assist with the marketing and communication requirements of the Office of Health and Medical Research. Renae, starting on 19 October, has extensive experience in the health and medical research sector and will be a very highly-valued addition to our office.

Other recent editions include Nikki Sims-Chilton who is managing the Senior Clinical Research Fellowships and Valmai Roseler who is providing support in administration.

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## News

- Forum tackles issues facing blind and vision impaired. [Read more](#).
- Queensland leading the way in forensic and scientific research. [Read more](#).
- Acting Premier to referee charity rugby grudge match. [Read more](#).

- Peter Doherty Awards presented at Customs House today. [Read more.](#)
- New Chair announced for QIMR. [Read more.](#)
- New deal to boost Queensland's clinical trials industry. [Read more.](#)
- Queensland science showcased on new website. [Read more.](#)
- Specialist care for precious Queensland babies. [Read more.](#)
- JCU research could save up to 1500 lives a year. [Read more.](#)
- Deputy Premier takes a walk for Parkinson's. [Read more.](#)
- Funding helps turn 'eureka' moments into Queensland jobs. [Read more.](#)
- Peter Doherty Awards announced at Science in Parliament. [Read more.](#)
- Trials start on Human Swine Flu vaccine for children. [Read more.](#)
- Record multi-million dollar philanthropic contribution continues scientific investment. [Read more.](#)

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## Calendar 2009

Oct	Nov	Dec
17-18 <a href="#">NorphCAM Conference</a>	1-4 <a href="#">Annual Meeting of the Australasian Flow Cytometry Group</a>	1-4 <a href="#">Epigenetics 2009</a>
22 <a href="#">Heart Foundation Research Program Info Session</a>		3-4 <a href="#">Gold Coast Health and Medical Research Conference</a>
22 <a href="#">MediQ breakfast</a>	4-5 <a href="#">Inviting Innovation – Allied Health Service Delivery, Education and Research</a>	3-6 <a href="#">10th FIMSA Advanced Immunology Training Course</a>
23 <a href="#">Translational Research Excellence Conference</a>	15-17 <a href="#">ASMR NSC 2009</a>	
23 <a href="#">Globally Engaging Networking Event</a>	20 <a href="#">Thank You Day</a>	
26 <a href="#">Globally Engaging Investment Forum</a>	25-27 <a href="#">Health Services and Policy Research Conference</a>	
27-30 <a href="#">AusBiotech 2009 Conference</a>	30-1 <a href="#">Queensland Institutes of Health (QIH) Conference</a>	
28-30 <a href="#">TLROZ 2009</a>		

If you would like to add an event to our website contact us on [ohmr@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:ohmr@health.qld.gov.au) or 07 3405 6121.

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