

Medical Research Outcomes and Metrics

It is the aim of the Foundation that the projects that it funds will have long-term impact beyond immediate KPIs and outputs. In your Environment and Conservation application, you will be asked to select up to three long-term outcomes. If only one or two apply, that is fine.

Below is a list of the Medical Research outcomes as of December 2017. The right-hand column indicates some examples of ways to measure these outcomes. The list is by no means exhaustive.

The Ian Potter Foundation also recognises that we all can play a small part in broader global movements and adopts a collaborative approach, both in our grant-making and our outcomes measurement. As such, we are beginning to offer relevant indicators from the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) as options for outcomes measurement.

These goals are deliberately broad to serve as a collective playbook that governments and private sector alike can use, they can also serve as a much needed shared language across philanthropy and the non-profit sector to signal areas of common interest, and measure shared progress.

While grantees are free to select outcomes measurements that are best suited to their stakeholder needs, as a Foundation we support the global goals and, as such, offer the option to use of the global indicators behind these goals (such options are indicated in *orange italics*, with the goal listed in parentheses). We encourage grantees to learn more about the SDG goals.

Technical

Equipment and capital infrastructure to support outstanding medical research groups

Long-term outcome	Example metrics
Improved financial sustainability	Research group receives ongoing funding (NHMRC/ARC/corporate)
Improved health and wellbeing	<i>Mortality rate attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease (3.4.1);</i> Reduced/eradicated prevalence rates of [a particular] disease
Dissemination of best practice/new knowledge	# papers produced [overall; by focus]; # papers presented at domestic and international seminars [overall; by focus]; # resources developed; adoption of research findings [take-up into practice]; # publication citations; H-factor/number of publications (e.g., connected to the equipment)

Strategic

Long-term outcome	Example metrics
Improved service system/sector collaboration	% service improvement across # organisations; # MOUs signed; # joint publications/projects; Number of extramural scientific collaborations (e.g., connected to the equipment)

We understand that while some organisations have stellar evaluation systems, others may have limited capacity to evaluate. We also recognise that strong evaluations can often improve sustained service and/or build a case to leverage government and other philanthropic funding. Past grantees have found it helpful to know their measures at the beginning of a project so that they can collect baseline data (to prove progress). Also, careful data collection can be time-consuming. This is why we are asking questions about outcomes at the application phase.

As part of our commitment to improving the sustainability of our projects, if your grant is successful, our Research and Evaluation Manager will contact you to provide support through the evaluation process (e.g. workshops, mentoring with past grantees, assistance in finding publicly available datasets, [recommendations for external evaluators](#), etc.)