

SRHMRA Submission 63 — Students of Florey Neuroscience Institute

We need to ensure health research is translated from basic science discovery through to the clinical and public health services in our community. As PhD students based at the Florey Neuroscience Institutes (FNI) we are a prime example of how translational research occurs. Most of us are financially supported through University scholarships and conduct our research through established research groups at the FNI. As students we regularly meet to discuss our progress and our projects with other students and colleagues within the FNI. It is through the collaboration of groups of researchers across the research spectrum that translation of research occurs. Students at FNI currently contribute to a wide range of research areas including studies from the genetic determinates of neurodegenerative diseases and behavioural neuroscience through to studies investigating recovery post stroke and to public health issues such as how particular illnesses or diseases impact on patients and Australian society.

It is through combined research institutes like the Florey Neuroscience Institute that translation is possible and encouraged. So we support a focus of funding towards institutes with similar emphasis and researcher that span across the research spectrum from basic science to the clinic and then onto society.