Grand Challenges: Transformative research on the world's most intractable problems



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ANU Grand Challenges: Overview

Large scale, long-term, interdisciplinary

AUD\$10m base investments

Drive collaboration within and beyond the University

Co-investment expected



Selection Process

- Stage 1: Call for short video pitches. Complementary teams encouraged to amalgamate.
- Stage 2: Two page proposals + pitch videos assessed by internal expert panel, leads to long list of 8.
- Stage 3: 15 minute presentations + Q & A with external expert panel determines three finalists
- Stage 4: Full business cases developed, with public pitch showcase for the three finalists
- Stage 5: Winner announced



Your Health in Your Hands: Personalised Medical Technologies

- Revolutionise personalised medicine through wearable sensor technologies combined with genome sequencing
- Enable patients to manage their disease through personalised treatment programs
- Two global health priorities diabetes and multiple sclerosis
- Future applications to other critical diseases, including asthma and cancer.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=lgAfOVO8agw



Challenges for Grand Challenges

- Many great teams: One winner
- Avoiding the hype cycle
- Long term commitments vs annual budgets
- Integrating with BAU of the University
- Interdisciplinary + cross-institutional = complexity
- Reversion to the siloed norm



