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\$750,000 FOR BIOINFORMATICS GRANTS

Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research Jillian Skinner today encouraged researchers interested in bioinformatics to apply for grants under the Bioinformatics Collaborative Grants Program.

The NSW Government is providing a total of \$750,000 to innovative projects that can demonstrate the benefit of integrating and analysing state-wide data to enhance research and evidence-based healthcare.

“I am excited by the enormous potential that bioinformatics offers to clinical research and personalised medicine,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Bioinformatics is an analytical tool that can be applied to many aspects of health and medical research. It can be used to interpret large, complex sets of data and images.

“The Bioinformatics Collaborative Grants Program emphasises working together and sharing expertise in pursuit of a common goal - better patient care. We are inviting researchers and clinicians to work with bioinformatics and computer analytics experts to develop their projects.”

The NSW Government invests over \$200 million annually in medical research.

“I am proud of the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government’s commitment to supporting innovation to cement NSW’s reputation as a centre of excellence for medical research,” Mrs Skinner said.

Projects will link a range of available data for research which could potentially translate into treatment options or help researchers come up with more targeted questions.

Mrs Skinner said she looked forward to learning about the innovative ideas put forward by researchers, clinicians and bioinformaticians.

Applications to the Bioinformatics Collaborative Grants Program close at 5pm on Tuesday April 22. An application kit and guidelines are available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/ohmr/Pages/bio.aspx>