

Summary of Successful Linkage - Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2010 by State and Organisation

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Approved Project Title **Modelling the lifetime social and economic impacts of fragile x syndrome and the benefits of early diagnosis and intervention**

2010 \$13,334.50

2011 \$26,669.00

2012 \$26,669.00

2013 \$13,334.50

2014

2015

Primary FoR 1607 SOCIAL WORK

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Partner/Collaborating Organisation(s)

The Fragile X Association of Australia Inc

Administering Organisation University of Canberra

Project Summary

This project falls within the National Research Priority, promoting and maintaining good health, through a healthy start to life and strengthening of social and economic outcomes over the course of life. Fragile X is a group of associated genetic disorders affecting individuals across generations. It is the most common identifiable cause of inherited intellectual disability. About 1 in 4000 males and 1 in 8000 females have Fragile X, but up to 1 in 250 females are carriers. For the first time in Australia, this study will reveal the social and economic impacts on the individual, on their family members who are often the lifelong carers, and on the Australian community, and show how these impacts may be minimised through early intervention.