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Dr Kok-Leong Ong
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Dear Dr Kok-Leong Ong

Next Generation Graduates Program Successful Application – ‘Developing Digital Capabilities to Support the Aged Care Sector’

Thank you for your application to the Next Generation Graduates Program. All applications underwent a competitive review process with a panel comprised of experts from CSIRO and a representative from the Department of Industry, Science, and Resources. We are delighted to inform you that your application was successful. Congratulations!

Your program ‘**Developing Digital Capabilities to Support the Aged Care Sector**’ will receive funding from the Next Generation Graduates Program up to **A\$1,012,820.00** to fund **13** students. The review panel noted that your application proposed a program in a very relevant area – ‘reimagining the role of technology in aged care’ - with very broad aims that may be challenging to address. Your program has been successful as it presented a strong cohort approach with pointy-end technical solutions, complemented by broad approaches in human centred design, and accessibility to technology.

Through this collaboration, we believe **RMIT University, Victoria University and University of New Castle** together with partner organisations, **Fronitha Care, McKenzie Aged Care, SmartHeal Pty Ltd, Netlinkz Ltd and Data61** will build a cohort of students that will work towards solving a real-world challenge, where the sum of the student projects is greater than the parts.

Next steps:

- Please confirm your intent to progress with this grant to data61-nextgengrad@csiro.au
- Keep the outcome **under embargo** until advised it is appropriate to do so. The Next Generation Graduates Team will be in touch regarding a plan for communications.
- The Next Generation Graduates team will provide a copy of the draft Program Agreement by Friday 18th November 2022, should this agreement not reach execution by 31st March 2023, we may reallocate the funding.

We look forward to following your success as you embark on this program.

Please contact Jess Cornock (jess.cornock@data61.csiro.au) or the Next Generation Graduates team (data61-nextgengrad@csiro.au) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Whittle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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