



A vaccine for COVID-19.
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What's the connection?

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting lives and livelihoods across Australia and the world.

That's why Glencore Australia has invested \$725,000 into the University of Queensland's program to help develop a vaccine.

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Glencore has provided a A\$725,000 funding injection to the University of Queensland's efforts to develop a vaccine for COVID-19.

UQ's 'Molecular Clamp' project uses technology that ensures the vaccine induces an immune response that recognises and then neutralises the virus.

In mid-July it was announced that a Phase I clinical trial involving 120 healthy adult volunteers has begun with the first does of the UQ COVID-19 vaccine being given at the Brisbane clinic of clinical trials specialist, Nucleus Network.

Glencore's funding comes from the company's Community Support Fund, set up earlier this year to assist communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're honoured to support the Australian medical sector's efforts to find a vaccine for COVID-19," a Glencore spokesperson said.

"The University of Queensland's research is moving at great speed and, while there is a way to go before the vaccine can be considered a success, we are seeing some encouraging results."

We hope our future funding can make a meaningful contribution to these efforts and we will be cheering the team on in the weeks and months ahead."

"Philanthropy has played a critical role in our efforts to fast-track an effective vaccine and help save lives across the world," said Professor Paul Young, co-lead of UQ's vaccine project.

"With the support of Glencore, government partners and a community of almost 2600 donors, we have been able to combine clinical readiness with scale-up manufacturing, reducing the timeframe to a vaccine by up to six-months."