

Research Support Scheme

2018 Funding Guidelines

Updated 21 July 2017 to clarify Eligibility Criteria

- **People Support:**
 - *Postgraduate Scholarships*
 - *Post-Doctoral Early Career Fellowships*
 - *Clinical Research Fellowships*
- **Research Support**
 - *Small Grants*
 - *Project Grants*
 - *Health Systems and Health Economics Project Grant*
- **Trauma and Disaster Management Grants**
 - *Small Grants*
 - *Project Grants*

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1. OBJECTIVES

The Research Support Scheme (RSS) aims to award excellence in research that translates research discoveries into health and medical outcomes. The Metro South Health Research Support Scheme's objectives are to support:

1. Research translation by enabling the translation of the highest quality research evidence into health care policy and clinical practice.
2. Research innovation by supporting the development of the highest quality new knowledge in health research within Metro South Health and partners.
3. Research capacity building and collaboration by maintaining and building the highest quality research capacity and collaborations within Metro South Health. This is supported through the development of:
 - a. cross-disciplinary (e.g: across medical, allied health, nursing departments and basic-clinical research) and multi-site research collaborations within Metro South Health;
 - b. inter-institutional collaborations with Metro South Health academic partners based on Metro South Health campuses [Griffith University; Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI); The University of Queensland School of Medicine (UQ SOM); The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute (UQDI) and The University of Queensland School of Nursing];
 - c. the highest quality Metro South Health early and mid-career researchers, so that they establish themselves as independent, self-directed researchers.

In line with these objectives, priority for research funds will be given to applications that clearly demonstrate the translation of collaborative research into improved health outcomes.

2. FUNDING BODIES

The Research Support Scheme is supported by three funding bodies:

1. **Metro South Health Study, Education, and Research Trust Account (SERTA);**
2. **PA Research Foundation (PARF);** and
3. **Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) Division of Surgery Trauma Research Fund (as agreed with the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC).**

The award of research funds is governed by the regulations associated with each funding body.

The funding bodies approve the type and number of grants they support and the level of funding provided.

3. ADMINISTRATION

The Research Support Scheme is administered by the MSH Centres for Health Research, in accordance with Metro South Health Research Management policy and procedures, which may be accessed at: http://docs.sth.health.qld.gov.au/documents/7/all?alpha_pager=r&keys=&document_type=All&work_area=All&alpha= Please contact Centres for Health Research if you experience difficulty accessing these documents.

Recommendations for grant awards are made to the **funding bodies** by the Research Committee after an external review process.

4. OVERVIEW OF 2018 GRANT CATEGORIES

These Funding Guidelines provide information in relation to the 2018 Research Support Scheme grants available for:

- People Support
- Research Support
- PA Research Foundation Donor Directed Grants
- Trauma and Disaster Management Grants.

4.1 PEOPLE SUPPORT (SUMMARY)

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS provide funding for study towards a research masters or doctorate degree. The recipient works with a supervisor.

EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS (Post-DOCTORAL) provide funding to foster career development in clinical research for medical personnel who have completed a PhD, or nursing and allied health personnel who have completed a PhD, and the relevant qualifications have been completed within the past four years. The recipient works under the mentorship of a senior clinician within Metro South Health.

CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS provide funding for medical graduates wishing to undertake research as part of vocational specialist training, or for a bridging period towards a doctorate degree. The recipient works under the mentorship of a senior clinician within Metro South Health.

4.2 RESEARCH SUPPORT (SUMMARY)

SMALL GRANTS provide seed funding for projects that have the potential to build capacity.

PROJECT GRANTS provide support for defined projects that demonstrate potential for the research to be translated into improved health outcomes and/or result in future NHMRC grants. Research proposals demonstrating multi-centre collaborations within MSH will be highly regarded.

HEALTH SYSTEMS AND HEALTH ECONOMICS PROJECT GRANT specifically supports defined projects focusing on health systems and health economics.

4.3 TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT GRANTS (SUMMARY)

SMALL TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT GRANTS provide seed funding for projects that have the potential to increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice.

TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROJECT GRANTS provide support for research in trauma and disaster management, with the following aims: increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice; develop research collaborations between Queensland Hospital and Health Services and Northern Territory Health; and improve trauma patient outcomes through research.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

5.1 APPLICATION FORM AVAILABILITY

Applications for 2018 Research Support Grants must be prepared using the supplied application form (available for download) at:
<http://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research/grants-and-funding/pa-research-support-scheme/applications>).

5.2 APPLICATION FILE REQUIREMENTS

5.2.1 File size must not exceed 2 MB in size and should be named using the following naming convention:

Applicant Surname_2018 Funding Type E.g., Smith_2018 Postgrad
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5.2.2 Signatures

- i. The Applicant is required to sign the application on behalf of the research team. Postgraduate Scholarship Applicants must also have their Primary Supervisor co-sign the application.
- ii. Digital signatures (electronic or scanned) will be accepted.

5.2.3 Submission of Application

- i. A signed copy of the application to be submitted as a PDF,
- ii. The application must also be submitted in Word format (signatures not required)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO
THE CENTRES FOR HEALTH RESEARCH CHR-RSS@health.qld.gov.au
NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2017

5.3 APPLICATION FORM GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applicants seeking to participate in the Research Support Scheme must comply with these Funding Guidelines, instructions on the Application Forms, and with Metro South Health policies and procedures:
http://docs.sth.health.qld.gov.au/documents/7/all?alpha_pager=r&keys=&document_type=All&work_area=All&alpha=
2. Applicants must be the Principal Investigator.
3. Applicants may apply for more than one category of funding:
 - a. However, applications must not be for the same project (identified through similar aims and/or objectives). Identical research proposals submitted to multiple categories of funding may be deemed ineligible.
 - b. A separate application is required for each submission.
 - c. The Research Committee actively discourages the practice of experienced researchers making multiple applications in the names of dependent researchers.
4. Research teams may contain up to four (4) Co-Investigators and two (2) Associate Investigators.
5. When preparing the research proposal, Applicants must adhere to the formatting requirements specified in the application form:
 - a. This includes font size/type, line spacing and page margins;
 - b. Research proposals that do not comply with formatting requirements may be withdrawn from assessment.
6. All details in the application must be current and accurate at the time of submission.
7. All applications will be assessed for completeness and eligibility prior to external review:
 - a. The Research Committee may, at its discretion, remove applications that are considered to be incomplete, ineligible, not consistent with the guidelines, or non-competitive.
8. Once submitted, the application will be considered final and no changes will be permitted.

5.4 NOMINATION OF REVIEWERS

Applicants must nominate **three** (3) Reviewers of their application. It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to ensure:

- i. All reviewers are independent of all members of the investigative team (PI, CIs and AIs) and without conflict of interest:
 - a. A conflict of interest in relation to nominating a reviewer may arise as a result of a range of factors including personal or work relationships. Conflicts of interest may be pecuniary or non-pecuniary and include any situation that could actually, potentially, or be perceived to bias the reviewer's evaluation of the application;
 - b. To that end, principal investigators must:
 - i. avoid nomination of reviewers with whom any of the investigative team have a personal relationship (including but not limited to those of family, friends and associates with whom the investigator would socialise outside a work context); and
 - ii. avoid nomination of reviewers, with whom investigators have current or previous (within the past five years) collaborations on research, grant applications, publications or cooperative agreements; or with whom a supervisory/subordinate work relationship has existed; and

- iii. avoid nomination of reviewers who are employed by the same organisation as any of the investigators that appear on the application (including Metro South Health, Griffith University, QUT, UQ, RDH or NCCTRC); and
 - iv. declare to their line manager and to the Chair of Research any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the reviewers they nominate on the application.
- c. Co-investigators and associate investigators must review the reviewers nominated on the application and declare to the Principal Investigator any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the reviewers.
- ii. All reviewers are acknowledged experts in the field of work proposed (i.e. publication track record and PhD or equivalent research experience);
 - iii. One nominated Reviewer **must** be interstate or overseas, and
 - iv. All reviewers **have been contacted** prior to submitting the application **and have confirmed their availability**
 - v. **Complete** contact details of all Reviewers **must** be provided.

A breach of these requirements may result in an application being deemed ineligible and withdrawal from the assessment process.

6. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

6.1 EVALUATION PLAN

6.1.1 Initial Assessment and Eligibility

Assessment of Research Support Scheme applications will be conducted in accordance with relevant Metro South health policies and procedures.

Applications will be registered and recorded.

Applications will be allocated to a Spokesperson from the Research Committee (who is without Conflict of Interest) to the investigative team.

Spokespersons will undertake an initial assessment of eligibility and confirm Reviewers have been nominated in accordance with these Funding Guidelines.

- If nominated reviewers are identified as conflicted, the application may be deemed ineligible and withdrawn from the assessment process.

6.1.2 External Peer Review

Applications will be sent for external peer review. External reviewers will assess applications for merit according to the Assessment Criteria.

Reasonable endeavours will be made to obtain two external reviews.

6.1.2.1 Assessment Criteria

Scholarship and Grant applications have five (5) separate Assessment Criteria (except for Post-graduate scholarship applications which have 4).

The assessment criteria are as follows:

- i. Scientific Quality (Worth 20% of score).
- ii. Clinical Significance (Worth 20% of score).
- iii. Clinical Originality and Innovation (Worth 20% of score).
- iv. Track Record (All grants worth 20% of score except for post-graduate and clinical research fellowships, which are worth 40%)
- v. Collaborative strength (All grants worth 20% of score except for post-graduate and clinical research fellowships, which are not applicable)

Each of the above 5 assessment criteria will be scored by the reviewers as either:

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| 1. <i>No Evidence</i> | 2. <i>Unsatisfactory</i> | 3. <i>Fair</i> | 4. <i>Good</i> |
| 5. <i>Very Good</i> | 6. <i>Excellent</i> | 7. <i>Outstanding by international standards</i> | |

The details of the assessment criteria are as follows:

Scientific Quality:

Assessment of the scientific quality of the research will be based on:

- i. Definition of project;
- ii. Study Design;
- iii. Feasibility (including assessment of budget);
- iv. Whether the proposal would be competitive nationally
- v. Budget

Clinical Significance: the ability of the research to translate into improvements in human health such as the application of new ideas, diagnosis, procedures, technologies, programs or health policy that will impact on human health. Based on:

- i. Burden of Disease
- ii. Translational Aspect of the Research Proposal
- iii. Research Significance

Clinical Originality and Innovation: the ability of the proposed research to introduce advancements in concept, and the likelihood of resulting in influential publications and attracting future funding from state and national peer-reviewed funding agencies.

Track Record: based on the team's contribution to their field of research, the applicant's track record (relative to opportunity) that is relevant to the proposed research, and the ability of the applicant to lead the proposed research.

- i. In the case of Postgraduate Scholarships, the assessment will also take into account the Student's research experience and the track record of the Supervisor(s).

Collaborative Strength: based on the strength and appropriateness of collaborations, both within MSH and across disciplines, and the potential for the research team to strengthen the research profile of MSH and MSH campuses. (Note: This criteria is not used in post-graduate applications)

6.1.3 Ranking and Recommendation

The Centres for Health Research will collate assessment Reviewers' scores and provide collated scores to Spokespersons responsible for the relevant grant category.

Spokespersons may request an additional external review if reviewers' scores are markedly disparate.

The merit of applications will be discussed by Spokespersons at a Grants Recommendation meeting.

The Grants Recommendation meeting will be overseen by an external Chair without Conflict of Interest with Applicants or MSH.

Applications in each category will be ranked in order of merit:

- The Grants Recommendation Sub-Committee will consider the scores of external reviewers; any relevant information provided by the Spokespersons for that category of grants; and input from members of the Committee;
- In the event that multiple applications in any grant category obtain equal scores from external reviewers, the Grants Recommendation Sub-Committee will determine a ranking and order of merit, based on assessment by members present. This may include (but are not limited to):
 - Consideration of the Research Support Scheme Assessment Criteria and alignment of the proposed research with Research Support Scheme Objectives.
 - Consideration of applicants' previous performance in relation to reporting on Research Support Scheme grants.

In the event that approved funds cannot be fully allocated in any one category (e.g. in the event that insufficient fundable applications are received), the Grants Recommendation Committee will recommend allocation of funds to another approved category

The recommendations of the Grants Recommendation Sub-Committee will be provided to the relevant delegate of each **funding body**.

6.2 AWARDING OF GRANTS

Recommendations for funding will be considered by the relevant delegate of each **funding body**, who make the final decision on the award of funds.

The Funding bodies and their delegates may, at their sole discretion, choose to award grants on the basis of the recommendations received, or not.

Award of grants will be via a letter of offer, accompanied by grant conditions.

Prospective grant recipients may be required to accept the offer and conditions in writing.

7. PEOPLE SUPPORT GRANTS

7.1 POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The **POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP** provides funding for up to three (3) years full-time (six (6) years part-time) study towards a research higher degree. Up to two (2) scholarships may be funded by **SERTA** and one (1) by **PARF**

7.1.2 Funding Amounts and Duration

Award amounts for a full-time Scholarship are as follows:

Award Type	Applicant Qualifications	SERTA	PARF
Standard	For research higher degree candidates who do not hold medical, dental or allied health qualifications.		\$26,684 pa salary support + \$10,000 consumables
Nursing/Allied Health	For holders of nursing or allied health professional qualifications who are registered with the relevant authority.	\$36,000 pa pre-tax salary support + \$10,000 consumables	\$34,392 pa salary support + \$10,000 consumables
Medical/Dental	For holders of medical or dental qualifications.	\$41,000 pa pre-tax salary support + \$10,000 consumables	\$39,729 pa salary support + \$10,000 consumables

Note: "consumables" refers to \$10,000 / for research-related expenses, consumables, conference attendance and publication of thesis.

The above funding amount is provided annually for salary, conference (travel and accommodation), thesis preparation and research consumables.

Rates for part-time Scholarships will be provided pro rata, with a minimum research higher degree commitment of 0.5 FTE.

Postgraduate Scholarships are provided for a maximum of three years full-time, or three years part-time. Scholarship duration will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken prior to the commencement of the award. For example: If the Student has completed six months of their three year full-time research higher degree prior to the scheduled commencement of funding, the duration of the Scholarship will be 2.5 years (three years minus six months).

Funding of years two and/or three (or part time equivalent) of the Scholarship are conditional upon providing a satisfactory annual progress report each year the award is held.

Of the funding provided, \$10,000 p.a. must be non-salary expenses (e.g. used to purchase research consumables).

7.1.3 Postgraduate Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

Postgraduate Scholarship Student Eligibility

- i. The Student must begin their research higher degree by 1 April 2018.
- ii. The Student must not have entered the third full-time year (or part-time equivalent) of their PhD studies or final year of their Masters studies before 1 January 2018;
- iii. The Student will be ineligible if they hold an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or Postgraduate Scholarship supported by their university/institution, or any other award currently listed in the Australian Competitive Grants Register (or international equivalent).

- iv. For SERTA Postgraduate Scholarships:
 - The student must be a member of staff of Metro South Health, or accept an appointment (with a minimum 0.5 FTE for the duration of the grant) to Metro South Health as a result of the offer of the Scholarship.
 - The student must be approved to work in a clinical department within Metro South Health.
- v. For PARF Scholarships
 - The student must be enrolled as PhD student at a Metro South Health academic partner university school or research institute based on a Metro South Health campus (Griffith University; Queensland University of Technology, or The University of Queensland), or enrol as a result of the offer of the Scholarship.

Postgraduate Scholarship Supervisor Eligibility

- i. For SERTA Postgraduate Scholarships:
 - The supervisor must be a member of staff of Metro South Health, with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.
- ii. For PARF Scholarships
 - The supervisor must be:
 - a member of staff of Metro South Health with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant, or
 - a member of staff of a Metro South Health academic partner university school or research institute based on a Metro South Health campus (Griffith University; QUT IHBI; UQ SOM; UQ SON; UQDI) with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Postgraduate Scholarship Research Team Eligibility Criteria

All nominated co-investigators must be:

- a member of staff of Metro South Health with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant, or
- a member of staff of a Metro South Health academic partner university school or research institute based on a Metro South Health campus (Griffith University; QUT IHBI; UQ SOM; UQ SON; UQDI) with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Investigators from other institutions can only be listed as Associate Investigators (AI's).

Postgraduate Scholarship Other Eligibility Criteria

- i. The majority of the proposed research activity must take place within a MSH facility;
- ii. A complete and full application, including signatures must be received electronically by the Centres for Health Research by 9.00 am on the due date (on the application form);
- iii. The proposed research must not be concurrently funded by the ARC, NHMRC or any other organisation currently listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register.

7.2. EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS (POST-DOCTORAL)

The **EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS (POST-DOCTORAL)** provide funding to foster career development in clinical research for medical, nursing and allied health personnel who have completed a PhD or equivalent within the past four years. The recipient works under the mentorship of a Senior Clinician within MSH. ECFs will provide flexible support up to 1.0 FTE for up to three (3) years. Up to two awards may be available:

- i. One for a Medically qualified Applicant
- ii. One for a Nursing / Allied Health qualified Applicant

7.2.1 Funding Amount and Duration

The **EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS (POST-DOCTORAL)** provides up to three years of funding at the following rates:

- Medically qualified Applicant – provides salary support up to \$121,000 / annum (full-time, pre-tax) + \$5,000 / annum for research-related expenses and consumables. Part-time awards are adjusted pro-rata.
- Nursing / Allied Health qualified Applicant – \$97,000 / annum (full-time, pre-tax) + \$5,000 / annum for research-related expenses. Part-time awards are adjusted pro-rata.

This award is funded by **SERTA** and therefore grant payments can only be made to MSH employees

7.2.2 Early Career Fellowship Specific Eligibility Criteria

Early Career Fellowship Applicant Eligibility Criteria

The Applicant must be a member of staff of Metro South Health, or accept an appointment (with a minimum 0.5 FTE for the duration of the grant) to Metro South Health as a result of the offer of the Fellowship.

Early Career Fellowship Mentor Eligibility

The mentor must be a member of staff of Metro South Health, with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Early Career Fellowship Research Team Eligibility Criteria

All nominated co-investigators must be:

- a member of staff of Metro South Health with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant, or
- a member of staff of a Metro South Health academic partner university school or research institute based on a Metro South Health campus (Griffith University; QUT IHBI; UQ SOM; UQ SON; UQDI) with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Investigators from other institutions can only be listed as Associate Investigators (AI's).

Early Career Fellowship Other Eligibility Criteria

- The majority of the proposed research activity must take place within a MSH facility;
- A complete and full application, including signatures must be received electronically by the Centres for Health Research by 9.00 am on the due date;
- The proposed Fellowship must not be concurrently funded by a Fellowship from any other organisation currently listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register.

7.3. CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The **CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS** provides one year of funding to medical graduates who have completed, or about to complete, clinical training, and wish to undertake research as part of vocational specialist training, or for a bridging period towards consideration of a doctorate degree. Clinical Fellows work under the mentorship of a Senior Clinician in a Clinical Department within Metro South Health. Clinical Fellowships provide support 1.0 FTE for one year. Up to three awards may be available.

7.3.1 Funding Amount and Duration

The **CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS** provides funding for one year at the following rate:

- Salary support up to \$75,000 / annum (full-time, pre-tax) Part-time awards are adjusted pro-rata.

This award is funded by **SERTA** and therefore grant payments can only be made to MSH employees

7.3.2 Clinical Fellowship Specific Eligibility Criteria

Clinical Fellowship Applicant Eligibility Criteria

The Applicant must be a member of staff of Metro South Health, or accept an appointment (with a minimum 0.5 FTE for the duration of the grant) to Metro South Health as a result of the offer of the Fellowship.

Clinical Fellowship Mentor Eligibility

The mentor must be a member of staff of Metro South Health, with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Clinical Fellowship Research Team Eligibility Criteria

All nominated co-investigators must be:

- a member of staff of Metro South Health with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant, or
- a member of staff of a Metro South Health academic partner university school or research institute based on a Metro South Health campus (Griffith University; QUT IHBI; UQ SOM; UQ SON; UQDI) with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Investigators from other institutions can only be listed as Associate Investigators (AI's).

Clinical Fellowship Other Eligibility Criteria

- The majority of the proposed research activity must take place within a MSH facility;
- A complete and full application, including signatures must be received electronically by the Centres for Health Research by 9.00 am on the due date (on the application form);
- The proposed Fellowship must not be concurrently funded by a Fellowship from any other organisation currently listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register.

8. RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

8.1 SMALL, PROJECT AND HEALTH SYSTEM AND HEALTH ECONOMICS GRANTS

SMALL GRANTS provides seed funding for research projects that have the potential to build capacity.

PROJECT GRANTS provides funding for defined projects that have the potential for the research outcomes to be translated into improved health outcomes and/or result in future NHMRC grants.

HEALTH SYSTEM AND HEALTH ECONOMICS PROJECT GRANTS provides funding for a defined project focusing on both health systems and health economics.

8.2 FUNDING AMOUNTS AND DURATION

- **SMALL GRANTS** \$25,000 for one year. Up to three (3) may be funded by **SERTA**.
- **PROJECT GRANTS** \$75,000 for expenditure within two years. Up to three (3) may be funded by **SERTA**.
- **HEALTH SYSTEM AND HEALTH ECONOMICS PROJECT GRANTS** \$75,000 for expenditure within two years. One (1) grant may be funded by **SERTA**

8.3 PROJECT GRANT SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Project Grant Applicant Eligibility

For SERTA Project Grants the applicant must be a member of staff of Metro South Health, with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Project Grant Research Team Eligibility Criteria

All nominated co-investigators must be:

- a member of staff of Metro South Health with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant, or
- a member of staff of a Metro South Health academic partner university school or research institute based on a Metro South Health campus (Griffith University; QUT IHBI; UQ SOM; UQ SON; UQDI) with a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment for the duration of the grant.

Investigators from other institutions can only be listed as Associate Investigators (AI's).

Project Grant Other Eligibility Criteria

- i. The majority of the proposed research activity must take place within a MSH facility;
- ii. The research must demonstrate cross disciplinary collaborations (e.g. across medical, allied health, nursing departments and/or basic/clinical research).
- iii. A complete and full application, including signatures must be received electronically by the Centres for Health Research by 9.00 am on the due date (on the application form);
- iv. The proposed research must not be concurrently funded by any organisation currently listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register

9. TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT GRANTS

9.1 SMALL AND PROJECT GRANTS

SMALL TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT GRANTS provide seed funding for projects that have the potential to increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice.

TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROJECT GRANTS provide support for research in trauma and disaster management, with the following aims:

- Increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice.
- Develop research collaborations between Queensland Hospital and Health Services and Northern Territory Health.
- Improve trauma patient outcomes through research

9.2 FUNDING AMOUNTS AND DURATION

- **SMALL GRANTS** (\$25,000 for one year). Two (2) are funded by **PAH Division of Surgery Trauma Research Fund**.
- **PROJECT GRANTS** (\$75,000 for expenditure within two years). One is funded by **PAH Division of Surgery Trauma Research Fund**.

9.3 TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT GRANT SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Small and Project Grant Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- the Principal Investigator on the application;
- a member of staff of a Queensland Hospital and Health Service, or Northern Territory Health Service for the duration of the grant.

Small and Project Grant Research Team Eligibility Criteria

Investigative teams must contain:

- a medical doctor, nurse or allied health professional.;
- no more than four Co-Investigators and two Associate Investigators.

Project Grant Other Eligibility Criteria

- The majority of the proposed research activity must take place:
 - within a Queensland Hospital and Health Service, or Northern Territory Health Service; or
 - in partnership with another health service facility or organisation within Queensland or the Northern Territory that is acceptable to the NCCTRC
- A complete and full application, including signatures must be received electronically by the Centres for Health Research by 9.00 am on the due date (on the application form);
- The proposed research must not be concurrently funded by the ARC, NHMRC or any other organisation currently listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register.