

# Metro South Health Research Support Scheme

## 2020 Funding Guidelines

SERTA Novice Researcher Grants - **\$25,000**

SERTA Innovation (Seed) Grants - **\$25,000**

SERTA Early Career Researcher Grants - **\$75,000**

SERTA Project Grants - **\$100,000**

PA Research Foundation Awards - **\$100,000**

SERTA Program Grants - **\$300,000**

NCCTRC Trauma & Disaster Management Grant - **\$25,000**

NCCTRC Trauma & Disaster Management Grant - **\$75,000**

Funding Guidelines and Application information available at: <http://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/rss>

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## 1. CONTEXT

Metro South Health Research Support Scheme has consistently supported high quality research since it was established in 2012. The Research Support Scheme was initially formed by consolidation of research funding from the PAH Private Practice Trust Fund and the PA Research Foundation. Following the establishment of the Metro South Hospital and Health Service in 2012, as well as the Metro South Health Study, Education and Research Trust Account (SERTA) in 2014, the Research Support Scheme was broadened to include all Metro South Health facilities and services, as well as partner institutions. The Scheme is administered by the Metro South Health Research Office. The Metro South Health Research Support Scheme aligns with the Queensland Government objectives for the community and priorities for health service delivery, as well as the [Metro South Health Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#) and [Metro South Health Research Strategy 2019-2024](#).

### 1.1 QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMMUNITY

- creating jobs and a diverse economy
- delivering quality frontline services
- protecting the environment and
- building safe, caring and connected communities

### 1.2 QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES FOR HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY

- ensuring safe, productive and fair workplaces
- achieving better education and training outcomes
- strengthening our public health system
- providing responsive and integrated government services
- supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders

### 1.3 METRO SOUTH HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Person-centred care
- Connecting care
- Quality care
- Sustainable care

### 1.4 METRO SOUTH HEALTH RESEARCH STRATEGY FOCUS AREAS

- Focus Area 1 - Build research capability
- Focus Area 2 - Increase research capacity
- Focus Area 3 - Embed research in clinical services
- Focus Area 4 - Translate research to better health
- Focus Area 5 - Research excellence

## 2. OBJECTIVES

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

### 2.1 RESEARCH TRANSLATION

Support the translation of the highest quality research evidence into health care policy and clinical practice.

### 2.2 RESEARCH INNOVATION

Support the development of the highest quality new knowledge in health research within Metro South Health and partners.

### 2.3 RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING AND COLLABORATION

Maintain and build the highest quality research capacity and collaborations within Metro South Health and partners.

2.3.1 Support the development of cross-disciplinary and multi-site research collaborations within Metro South Health.

2.3.2 Support the development of inter-institutional collaborations with Metro South Health academic partners based on Metro South Health campuses:

- Griffith University;
- QUT Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI);
- UQ Faculty of Medicine which includes the School of Clinical Medicine of which Southside is a Clinical Unit,
- UQ School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work
- UQ Diamantina Institute (UQDI);
- UQ Centre for Health Services Research

2.3.3 Separate funding streams for the highest quality Metro South Novice and Early Career researchers so that they establish themselves as independent, self-directed researchers, in addition to Seed, Project and Program funding for established researchers.

## 3. FUNDING BODIES

The Research Support Scheme is supported by three (3) funding bodies:

- **Metro South Health Study, Education, and Research Trust Account (SERTA)**
- **PA Research Foundation**
- **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 that decide the type and number of grants they support and the level of funding to be provided.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE MSH RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME

The Research Support Scheme is administered by Metro South Health Research, in accordance with Metro South Health Research Management policy and procedures, which may be accessed at:

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research/about-us/policies-and-procedures>

## 5. OVERVIEW OF 2020 MSH RSS GRANT CATEGORIES

These Funding Guidelines provide information in relation to 2020 MSH RSS grant categories by Funding Body:

### 5.1 SERTA FUNDED GRANTS

Applications for SERTA funded grants are required to demonstrate cross-disciplinary collaboration (E.g. across medical, allied health, nursing departments and basic/clinical research) that will strengthen collaborative research across Metro South Health sites. There must be potential for the research to be translated into improved health outcomes.

5.1.1 **Novice Researcher Grants** provide up to \$25,000 over two years for MSH employees new to research. The aim is to encourage participation in research and the development of a research track record, under the guidance of a Research Supervisor for the duration of the project. The supervisor must be an experienced researcher who is employed by MSH, be willing and have the capacity to provide expert guidance for the duration of the project. The Principal investigator (PI) must be a MSH employee. A new opportunity within this category encourages applications for:

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Novice Researcher Grant** One grant will be provided a MSH employee who is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and is new to research.

5.1.2 **Innovation (Seed) Grants** provide up to \$25,000 over two years for projects that are genuinely new work and not currently or previously funded from any source. The PI must be a MSH employee.

5.1.3 **Early Career Researcher Grants** provide up to \$75,000 over two years for MSH employees with an emerging track record of conducting and publishing research either through a research higher degree or in a clinical setting. Applicants should nominate a Mentor who has appropriate experience in designing and implementing translational research and is willing to provide advice and assistance to the PI for the duration of the project. The mentor may be a MSH employee or external to MSH if the field of research determines the expertise lay outside the organisation. The PI must be a MSH employee.

5.1.4 **Project Grants** provide up to \$100,000 over two years to support research aligned with MSH strategic priorities. Research proposals demonstrating multi-centre collaborations within MSH will be highly regarded. The PI must be MSH employee. Within this category are two new opportunities to encourage applications for:

- **Women in Health Research Grants** – MSH supports the [NHMRC Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2021](#) and initiatives aimed at increasing the retention and progression of women in research. Up to three WiHR grants will be awarded to female-led research teams.
- **Indigenous Health Research Grant** – MSH Research Support Scheme supports the [Metro South Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Closing the Gap Plan 2018-2020](#) aimed at improving health service delivery and health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Metro South Health. One IHR grant will be available for a research project that focusses on improving the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

5.1.5 **Program Grants** of up to \$300,000 over 3 years to sustain a substantial program of research aligned with MSH strategic priorities. The research team must include a research higher degree student or novice or early career researcher as a CI. Personnel employed to undertake research activities in the capacity of a RHD student would be remunerated commensurate with NHMRC stipends. The PI must be a MSH employee.

## 5.2 PA RESEARCH FOUNDATION GRANTS

PA Research Foundation Research Awards provide \$100,000 to fund the first year of clinically driven, significantly innovative, collaborative, translational projects that have a vision of up to 5-10 years. The intent of PA Research Foundation grants is to initiate new projects and develop ideas that deviate from established lines of investigation. Funds will be provided to projects which have the potential for breaking new theoretical ground and/or challenge existing understandings, systems, paradigms or assumptions and/or opening up entirely new lines of investigation to help prevent, improve early diagnosis and treat health conditions in the community. Projects can be initiated through allied health, basic science or clinical settings as long as they address each of the key assessment criteria. The project may be used to develop new methods, technology, techniques, systems and applications as long as it has the potential to result in new knowledge of significant impact and ultimately improve the delivery of better health. Although this mechanism allows for an element of risk, all projects must have a sound rationale. Applications from multidisciplinary and/or multi-institutional collaborations are encouraged and will be weighted more favourably. We also aim to support and foster young and upcoming researchers with the mandatory inclusion of a new researcher on collaborative project teams.

The PA Research Foundation's funding model is donor directed in the key research areas of:

- 5.2.1 Prostate cancer, breast cancer, skin cancer, other cancer or other health research project.
- 5.2.2 The PI must be a Metro South Health employee and the research must be conducted on the PAH Campus.
- 5.2.3 Project teams from all disciplines, services and facilities at the PA Hospital Campus are eligible but must include representatives across clinical and allied health and a new researcher (less than 5 years) and basic science (where relevant).
- 5.2.4 An unspecified number of grants will be awarded for a one-year period with continuation of funding dependant on a satisfactory Annual Progress Report.

## 5.3 TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (TRADIM) GRANTS

TRADIM grants are provided through the Division of Surgery, PAH in collaboration with the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC).

- 5.3.1 **Small TRADIM Grant** provides seed funding up to \$25,000 over two years for research projects that have the potential to increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice.
- 5.3.2 **Project TRADIM Grant** provides up to \$75,000 over two years to support research in trauma and disaster management with the following aims:
  - i. Increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice.
  - ii. Develop research collaborations between Queensland Hospitals and Health Services and Northern Territory Health.
  - iii. Improve trauma patient outcomes through research.

## 6. APPLICATION PROCESS

### 6.1 APPLICATION TIMEFRAME

The 2020 MSH Research Support Scheme

- **opens** 5pm Thursday 20 June 2019, and
- **closes** 5pm Wednesday 7 August 2019.

### 6.2 APPLICATION FORM

Applications for 2020 MSH Research Support Scheme grants, including PA Research Foundation Awards, must be prepared using *SmartyGrants* at: <http://metrosouth.smartygrants.com.au/>

Applicants must be a registered *SmartyGrants* user.

#### 6.2.1 Certification page

The certification page, page 18 of these Funding Guidelines, must be uploaded as part of your *SmartyGrants* application:

- The Head of Department (HoD) is required to sign the certification page. Allow sufficient time to gain the HoD signature, or escalation of the signature if the HoD is involved in the research.
- The Researcher Supervisor is required to sign the certification page.
- The Mentor is required to sign the certification page.

#### 6.2.2 Submission of Application

Applications must be submitted online via the MSH *SmartyGrants* site:

<https://metrosouth.smartygrants.com.au/>

- **no later than 5.00pm Wednesday 7 August 2019**
- **late submissions will not be accepted**
- **hand delivered applications will not be accepted**
- **email applications will not be accepted**

### 6.3 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

6.3.1 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 located at: <http://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/rss> and <https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research/about-us/policies-and-procedures>

6.3.2 Applicants must be the Principal Investigator.

6.3.3 Applicants may apply for more than one category of funding. However, applications must not be for the same project (identified through similar aims, research teams and/or activities). Identical research proposals submitted to multiple categories of funding will be deemed ineligible; with one exception:

6.3.3.1 Applicants in the Project Grant category can request, via a response in the application form, to be considered for PA Research Foundation funding.

- 6.3.4 Applicants may submit a maximum of two projects per category.
- 6.3.5 Recipients of Program Grant funding from a previous year cannot apply for an additional Program Grant until the third year of the existing grant.
- 6.3.6 The Research Committee actively discourages the practice of experienced researchers making multiple applications in the names of dependent researchers.
- 6.3.7 For the purpose of completing the application form, up to four (4) Co-Investigators and two (2) Associate Investigators can be named. It is acknowledged that research teams may include additional CI's and AI's.
- 6.3.8 When preparing the research proposal, Applicants must adhere to the formatting requirements specified in the application form. This includes font size/type, line spacing and page margins;
- 6.3.7 Research proposals that do not comply with formatting requirements may be withdrawn from assessment. All details in the application must be current and accurate at the time of submission.
- 6.3.8 All applications will be assessed for completeness and eligibility prior to review.
- 6.3.9 The Research Committee may, at its discretion, remove applications that are considered to be incomplete, ineligible, not consistent with the guidelines, or non-competitive.
- 6.3.10 Once submitted, the application will be considered final and no changes will be permitted without the prior written consent of the RSS Sub-Committee.

## 7. EVALUATION PLAN

Grant applications will be evaluated by the Metro South Health RSS Sub-Committee, for the purpose of recommending fundable grant applications to the Funding Bodies. The Metro South Health RSS Sub-Committee is comprised of members of the Metro South Research Committee and Research Council, Metro South researchers and researchers from our partner institutions.

An assessment Panel for each grant category will be formed from the membership of the Metro South Health RSS Sub-Committee:

- Novice Researcher Panel
- Innovation (Seed) Grant Panel
- Early Career Researcher Panel
- Project Grant Panel including PA Research Foundation applications
- Program Grant Panel
- TRADIM Panel

Members of the Metro South Health RSS Sub-Committee are assigned to the Panel in which he/she has declared that they are without conflict of interest. Conflict of Interest is managed in consultation with an independent Probity Advisor and according to the Metro South [Research Management - Research Integrity Procedure](#) and [Research Management – MSH Research Support Scheme Procedure](#).

Each Panel will have a designated Panel Lead. Panel Leads will act as Spokesperson on behalf of their panel at the Grants Recommendation Meeting. Should additional expert opinion be required during the evaluation period a Panel Lead may engage an expert selected by the Panel or engage the applicant's nominated External Expert. To this end, applicants will be asked to provide the contact details of up to three External Experts. The External Expert will only be engaged once the External Expert has executed a Confidentiality and Conflict Declaration form and has been cleared to perform this role.

## 7.1 EXTERNAL EXPERTS

All nominated experts must be independent of all members of the investigative team (PI, CIs and AIs), external to MSH and the university school/research institutes of all named investigators, and without conflict of interest. Each External Expert will need to complete a Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest declaration form prior to receiving any applications.

A conflict of interest in relation to nominating an expert 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:

- i. To that end, Principal Investigators must:
  - Avoid nomination of experts 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
  - Avoid nomination of experts, 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. If a PI wishes to nominate an expert with whom they have collaborated in the past 5 years they must contact the [CHR-RSS@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:CHR-RSS@health.qld.gov.au) or 3443 8057 and ask for consideration of their nominated expert, giving reasons why they should be included.
  - Avoid nomination of experts who are employed by the same organisation as any of the investigators that appear on the application, except where expressly authorised by the panel. An alternative expert should also be provided to ensure that, where the panel do not exercise their discretion to accept the preferred expert, another expert can be contacted; and
  - Declare to their line manager and to the Chair of Research any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the experts they nominate on the application.
- ii. Co-investigators and associate investigators must review the experts nominated on the application and declare to the Principal Investigator any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the reviewers.
- iii. All experts must be acknowledged experts in the field of work proposed (i.e. publication track record and PhD or equivalent research experience);
- iv. One nominated expert **must** be interstate or overseas, and
- v. All **experts must be contacted** prior to submitting the application **to confirm their availability**
- vi. **Complete** contact details of all experts **must** be provided.

## 7.2 INITIAL ASSESSMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY

An initial administrative assessment of eligibility is undertaken by the Research Support Scheme administrative coordinator.

## 8. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND WEIGHTING

### 8.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA for SERTA FUNDED GRANTS and NCCTRC FUNDED TRADIM GRANTS

SERTA funded and NCCTRC funded TRADIM grant categories have five (5) Evaluation Criteria:

Grant Type	1	2	3	4	5
	Scientific Quality	Justification of Budget	Clinical Significance	Clinical Originality and Innovation	Collaborative Strength / Capacity Building
SERTA Novice Researcher	40%	15%	15%	5%	25%
SERTA Innovation (Seed) Grants	40%	10%	10%	25%	15%
SERTA Early Career Researcher	40%	15%	15%	5%	25%
SERTA Project Grants	40%	10%	20%	10%	20%
SERTA Program Grants	35%	10%	20%	15%	20%
TRADIM Small Grant	40%	10%	20%	10%	20%
TRADIM Project Grant	35%	10%	20%	10%	25%

- **Scientific Quality** (Score 1 to 7)
  - Is the project well defined and clearly understandable?
  - Are the design and methodology sound?
  - Feasibility: Can the project be completed in the timeframe?
  - Is the proposal competitive nationally?
- **Justification of Budget** (Score 1 to 7)
  - To what extent is the budget justified, appropriate and able to be managed within the Metro South Health financial guidelines?
- **Clinical Significance** (Score 1 to 7)
 

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. Based on:

  - Burden of disease
  - Translational aspect of the Research Proposal
  - Research significance
  - Clear articulation of the beneficiaries

- **Clinical Originality and Innovation** (Score 1 to 7)
  - Is the research project proposing an important step forward in the progress of clinical knowledge (Originality)?
  - Is the research project proposing a new methodology for the benefit of our patients (Innovation)?
- **Collaborative strength / Capacity building** (Score 1 to 7)
  - Based on individual team members contribution to their field of research relevant to the proposed research and;
  - 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.
  - Evidence of consultation with relevant stakeholders.
  - Novice researchers will be assessed on sound project idea, methodology and good understanding of the research area, as well as the nominated Research Supervisor’s ability and capacity to support a Novice Researcher.
  - For Program Grants - Demonstration of how the inclusion of a novice, early career, or research higher degree student will strengthen the capacity and capability of research at MSH or MSH campuses.

## 8.2 SCORING

Each of the Evaluation Criteria will be scored by RSS Sub-Committee Panel members on a scale of 1 to 7 where:

- 1 = No evidence
- 2 = Unsatisfactory
- 3 = Fair
- 4 = Good
- 5 = Very Good
- 6 = Excellent
- 7 = Outstanding by national standards

## 8.3 EVALUATION CRITERIA for PA RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARDS

Where an applicant has indicated their Project Grant application should be considered for PA Research Foundation funding the following Evaluation Criteria and Scoring applies:

	<b>Evaluation Criteria for PARF Awards</b>	<b>Percent Weighting</b>	<b>Scoring system of each criteria</b>
1	Novelty, originality, innovation, new implementation	50%	From 0 to 5 where:  0 = No evidence 1 = Unsatisfactory 2 = Fair 3 = Good 4 = Very Good 5 = Outstanding
2	Scientific quality and feasibility; a clearly enunciated hypothesis, tested by the proposed research.	20%	
3	Understanding of Translation - knowledge of outcomes to benefit health	20%	
4	Track Record of the Team	10%	

8.3.1 Examples of research projects that are favoured for funding through this scheme include but are not limited to:

- Testing a novel hypothesis about the aetiology, diagnosis, early detection, classification or management of a disease, where there is a clear success/fail end point
- Pilot projects to translate, develop and or implement new clinical practices or processes within the health system

## 9. RANKING AND RECOMMENDATION

Applications in each grant category are scored according to the Evaluation Criteria and ranked in order of merit. Scores will reflect the relative strength of the application in terms of how well it addresses and meets the criteria. All applications will be determined to be fundable or otherwise. At any time an application may be considered not for funding if alignment with MSH RSS objectives has not been demonstrated.

Panel Leads will request an additional assessment of an application if panel member's scores are markedly disparate.

The merit of applications will be discussed by the RSS Sub-Committee at a Grants Recommendation Meeting in November 2019.

The Grants Recommendation Meeting will be overseen by an external Chair (who is without Conflict of Interest).

- i. Assessment information will be presented by the Panel Lead for each category of grants with input from members of the RSS Sub-Committee;
- ii. In the event that multiple applications in any grant category obtain equal scores, the RSS 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 Evaluation 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. insufficient fundable applications are received), the RSS Sub-Committee may recommend allocation of funds to another approved grant category.

At the conclusion of the Grants Recommendation Meeting the recommendations of the RSS Sub-Committee will be provided to the relevant delegate of each funding body for approval.

### 9.1 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 grants.

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 will be required to accept the offer and conditions in writing by the date identified in the grant award letter.

## **9.2 2ND ROUND OFFERS**

In the event that an offer of funding is declined, unallocated funds may be used to enable an offer of funding to the next application identified as meritorious (in any category) by the RSS Sub-Committee.

## **9.3 FEEDBACK AND ISSUES/DISPUTES**

Feedback on Research Support Scheme processes or outcomes should be directed to the Research Support Coordinator at [CHR-RSS@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:CHR-RSS@health.qld.gov.au) in the first instance. Issues and concerns will be managed in consultation with an independent Probity Advisor.

## 10. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SERTA FUNDED GRANTS

### 10.1 FUNDING AMOUNTS, DURATION & INDICATIVE NUMBER OF GRANTS OFFERED

Grant Type	Purpose	Eligibility	Value (up to)	Duration	Indicative # grants offered
<b>Novice Researcher Grant</b>	To encourage participation in research and the development of a research track record, under the guidance of a research supervisor	Open to MSH employees, new to research, must nominate a Research Supervisor who is also a MSH employee (see 10.2.3 ii)	\$25K	Up to 2 years	7
<b>Innovation (Seed) Grant</b>	For projects that are genuinely new work and are not currently or previously funded from any source	Open to all MSH employees	\$25K	Up to 2 years	5
<b>Early Career Researcher Grant</b>	To encourage and provide research opportunities for early career researchers	Open to MSH employees, with an emerging track record of conducting and publishing research either through a research higher degree or in a clinical setting, must nominate a Mentor.	\$75K	Up to 2 years	4
<b>Project Grants</b>	To encourage and provide opportunities for experienced researchers to undertake projects that align with MSH strategic priorities.	Open to all MSH employees (see 10.2.3 iii and iv)	\$100K	Up to 2 years	13
<b>Program Grants</b>	To provide opportunities for significant programs of research, which include activities and salary support for a research higher degree student or novice or early career researcher as a CI	Open to all MSH employees but more suitable for established researchers	\$300K	Up to 3 years	3

## 10.2 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SERTA FUNDED GRANTS

The following criteria apply to all SERTA funded grants:

### 10.2.1 Applicant Eligibility

- i. For SERTA funded Grants the applicant must be a Metro South Health employee, with a MSH appointment for the duration of the grant.
  - a. Honorary Appointments are not eligible;
  - b. Conjoint appointments are not eligible if their sole employment contract is with a university partner – even in cases where Metro South Health pays the university for part of the conjoint appointee’s salary.

### 10.2.2 Research Team Eligibility Criteria

- i. All nominated co-investigators must be:
  - a Metro South Health employee with a MSH appointment for the duration of the grant,  
Or
  - An employee of a Metro South Health academic partner university school or research institute based on a Metro South Health campus with an appointment for the duration of the grant. [Eg: Griffith University; Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI); The University of Queensland Faculty of Medicine (UQ) which includes the School of Clinical Medicine of which Southside is a Clinical Unit, and research institutes such as the University of Queensland Diamantina Institute (UQDI); Centre for Health Services Research and The University of Queensland School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work]
- ii. Investigators from other institutions can only be listed as Associate Investigators (AI’s).

### 10.2.3 Other Eligibility Criteria

- i. The majority of the proposed research activity must take place within a Metro South HHS facility;
- ii. For an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Novice Researcher Grant** the PI (applicant) must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;
- iii. For a **Women in Health Research Grant** the PI (applicant) must be female;
- iv. For an **Indigenous Health Research Grant** the research focus must be on improving the health and well-being of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;
- v. The research must demonstrate cross disciplinary collaborations (e.g. across medical, allied health, nursing departments and/or basic/clinical research);
- vi. The proposed research must not be concurrently funded by any organisation currently listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register  
<https://www.education.gov.au/news/2018-australian-competitive-grants-register-acgr-now-available>

## 11. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TRADIM GRANTS

### 11.1 FUNDING AMOUNTS, DURATION & INDICATIVE NUMBER OF GRANTS OFFERED

Grant Type	Purpose	Eligibility	Duration	Number of Grants Offered
\$25K Small Grant	Provide seed funding for a small project that has the potential to increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice.	Applicants must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of staff of a Queensland Hospital and Health Service, or Northern Territory Health Service for the duration of the grant.</li> <li>• A medical doctor, nurse or allied health professional</li> <li>• See specific eligibility criteria below</li> </ul>	2 years	1
\$75K Project Grant	Provide support for research in trauma and disaster management, with the following aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the evidence base of trauma clinical practice.</li> <li>• Develop research collaborations between Queensland Hospital and Health Services and Northern Territory Health.</li> <li>• Improve trauma patient outcomes through research</li> </ul>	The majority of the proposed research activity must take place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• within a Queensland Hospital and Health Service, or Northern Territory Health Service;</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in partnership with another health service facility or organisation within Queensland or the Northern Territory that is acceptable to the NCCTRC</li> </ul>	2 years	1

### 11.2 TRAUMA & DISASTER MANAGEMENT GRANT SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### 11.2.1 Grant Applicant Eligibility

- The applicant must be the Principal Investigator; and
- An employee of a Queensland Hospital and Health Service, or Northern Territory Health Service for the duration of the grant.

#### 11.2.2 Research Team Eligibility

Investigative teams must include:

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

#### 11.2.3 Other Eligibility Criteria

- For the \$75K grant, 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

- ii. The proposed research must not be concurrently funded by the ARC, NHMRC or any other organisation currently listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register:

<https://docs.education.gov.au/node/50206>

## **12. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PA RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARDS**

- 12.1 Research proposals must address the Foundations key focus areas of:
- Prostate cancer
  - Breast cancer
  - Skin cancer
  - other cancer or other health research project.
- 12.2 The PI must be a Metro South Health employee.
- 12.3 Co-investigators (CI's) from all disciplines, services and facilities at the PA Hospital Campus are eligible.
- 12.4 Project teams must include representatives across clinical and allied health, a new researcher, and basic science (where relevant).
- 12.5 The new researcher (a health care professional or a wet or dry lab researcher) will have no more than 5 years of research experience, and the PA Hospital must be their primary employment location. A member of the team must agree to mentor the new researcher for the duration of the project.
- 12.6 The majority of the research must be conducted at the PAH Campus.

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

### 13. CERTIFICATION PAGE

This page must be signed by the appropriate delegate and uploaded as part of your online application.

#### 13.1 CERTIFICATION BY HEAD of DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

I certify that:

- I have been provided with details of the proposed research, consider it appropriate to the general facilities in my Department/Division and I am prepared to have the project carried out in my Department/Division.
- I am not the applicant, or an investigator named on this application.
- Experiments involving humans/animals (will) conform to the general principles set out in the National Health and Medical Research Committee's National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (updated 2018) and the Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes.

Name of Head of Department/Division (print):
Name of MSH site/university school:
Signature:
Date: DD/MM/YEAR

**Note:** *If the Head of Department is also the Principal Investigator then he / she cannot provide certification, and the signature must be escalated to the next appropriate delegate (eg. Divisional Chair or E.D.).*

#### 13.2 CERTIFICATION BY RESEARCH SUPERVISOR or MENTOR (Novice or Early Career applications only)

I certify that:

- I have been provided with details of the proposed research and I am willing and have the capacity to supervise/mentor and provide expert guidance to the applicant for the duration of the project.

Name of Research Supervisor / Mentor (print):
Name of MSH site/university school/organisation:
Signature:
Date: DD/MM/YEAR