

2022 Metro South Health Research Support Scheme – Grants Coaching for Novice Researchers

General information

The Metro South Health Research Support Scheme (MSHRSS) aims to reward research excellence and support high quality research. As part of the MSHRSS, the Metro South Health (MSH) Study, Education and Research Trust Account (SERTA) funds 'Novice Researcher Grants' which provides up to \$25,000 over two years for MSH employees new to research across any stream.

New Opportunity

A new opportunity within this category encourages applications for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Novice Researcher Grant. One grant will be provided to a MSH employee who is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and is new to research.

Eligibility

Applicants to the Novice Researcher category must have had no previous experience as a Principal Investigator (PI) on a research project/grant. The aim is to encourage participation in research and the development of a research track record, under the guidance of a Research Supervisor ('supervisor'). The applicant (PI) must be a MSH employee. The majority of the proposed research activity must take place within a MSH facility.

Supervisor

The supervisor must be an experienced researcher, with an appropriate track record, be willing and have the ability and capacity to provide expert guidance to the novice researcher whilst preparing their research grant application and for the duration of the project (if applicable). The supervisor may be a MSH employee or external to MSH if the field of research determines the expertise lay outside the organisation.

Aim

The aim of the 'Grants Coaching for Novice Researchers' process is to give novice researchers the opportunity to connect with an experienced supervisor to assist them in preparing for the MSHRSS grant application process. The supervisor can assist the novice researcher to develop their clinically-informed idea to a well-articulated research proposal:

- Review what research has been done in this space to date

- Decide on research aims and consider which methods will effectively evaluate them.
- Think through logistics such as recruitment, optimal sample size & analysis plan, feasibility, consideration of resources and budget).
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and consultation with relevant stakeholders.

A supervisor identified through this process does not have to be the named supervisor on the research grant application.

Expression of Interest (EOI) process

Via an EOI process, Metro South Research aims to identify MSH employees who are interested in receiving coaching and guidance from our local network of experienced research supervisors. All EOI's must be returned to the following email account MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au by 30 April 2021.

Subject to participation by partner institutions and facilities/services, novice researchers may have the opportunity to liaise with representatives of partner institutions and facilities/services, to identify an appropriate research supervisor. A novice researcher and supervisor should plan for 3-4 meetings prior to June 2021 (MSHRSS opening date), either face-to-face or online.

Group coaching may be considered if appropriate.

Information session

Should sufficient interest be received, Metro South Research may facilitate a group information session with relevant representatives (eg from partner institutions and/or facility/service representatives). This information session or sessions (if appropriate) could be held either online via Teams or at a relevant MSH facility. The session/s will likely have the following format:

1. Ethos & principles behind the MSHRSS including an overview of the application process.
2. Areas of strength and weakness for past research grant applications
3. How the 'Grants Coaching for Novice Researchers' process will work

Break-out groups with a representative may be coordinated dependent on attendees at the session.