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### Ethics and Governance

Metro South Research in conjunction with the Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office (HIIRO) is leading the RAPID project.

***The new Research Approval Pathway for the Queensland research community is facilitated by a co-designed collaborative approach based on best practice. State-wide consistency through policy redesign will***

***enable efficiencies in approval time frames and enhancing Queensland's capacity to deliver an efficient and streamlined research regulation framework.***

As a result, changes to research compliance processes will be delivered and implemented based on co-design and input from the wider researcher community. If you have any recommendations on process change, please direct them to HIIRO via [HIIRO-REG@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:HIIRO-REG@health.qld.gov.au) or complete this [feedback form](#).

### **Ethics**

- The first step in the changes is the removal of the LNR QLD application form. Low and negligible risk applications are to be submitted via the HREA form on the Ethical Review Manager (ERM) [website](#) moving forward. This change in practice is to bring MSH HREC in line with other Qld HHS HRECs as well as across the National Mutual Acceptance participating organisations.
- The ECF5 form used for applications for ethical consideration of quality audit activities ("Exempt") will also be changing in the near future. Prior to submitting your application for exemption, please seek review and endorsement from your department's Quality Officer, and provide this with your application.
- If you have a tight timeframe, alternative HREC options for ethical review are available to Metro South research projects. Metro South HREC is a certified Committee participating in The National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) scheme. The [NMA](#) hosts an average of one HREC meeting per day (ie 365 meetings per annum). If your project is multicentre across several sites in different states, you can submit your ethics application to any NMA participating Committee. In addition, Metro South Research will accept ethical review of projects from any QH based HREC including Mater HREC.

### **Governance**

- Equally, changes to the SSA will be implemented on a rolling basis. The first of the changes is the removal of the mandatory requirement to upload the CVs of the research team.
- For studies that are low risk and non-interventional, the BDHP Research Passport Agreement is recommended to facilitate streamlined contract management between collaborating BDHP partners as well as third party collaborators. For more information please refer to the [BDHP Research Passport](#) website.

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## **Research Funding**

### **Grants**

- The [2021 MSH Research Support Scheme](#) is now open. Exciting new collaboration opportunities. Full details in the 2021 Funding Guidelines - available on the Metro South Research website. Email the Research Support Coordinator on [MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au) if you have questions.
- Round 6 of the QH [Nursing and Midwifery Research Fellowships](#) is open now until 10 July 2020. Only the authorised delegate of the administering organisation can certify the application and sign the Funding Agreement Declaration page. Please notify the Metro South Research Support Coordinator via the email above if you intend to nominate Metro South as the administering institution. The Research Support Coordinator will facilitate the appropriate signature for you.
- The Queensland Department of Health [Health Practitioner Research Scheme 2021](#) is accepting applications from now until 8 October 2020.

- The [Defence Health Foundation](#) funds medical research designed to improve the health and wellbeing of serving and ex-serving ADF members and their families. Applications for grants commencing in 2021 close on Friday 17 July 2020.
- The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) [funding calendar](#) and [latest news and alerts](#).
- [RACP Foundation Grants and Awards](#) now open. Fellowships, Scholarships and Travel Grants closing in June and July 2020.
- [Emergency Medicine Foundation](#) Round 34 of the Queensland Research Program is open now, closing 14 August 2020.
- Cancer Australia [call for applications to the 2020 PdCCRS grant opportunity](#) is open.
- Register to be notified of the opening date for Diabetes Australia [2021 Research Grant Round](#).
- Advance Queensland's Women's Research Assistance Program offers [grants of up to \\$26K](#) to contribute to employing a researcher or research/laboratory assistant to help maintain research progress during or immediately following a maternity break.

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### Research Development

- We are currently updating all Metro South Research Policies, Procedures and Website content. If there are any requests for content or layout suggestions from the wider research community, please feel free to contact [MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au) for feedback recommendations.
- The George Institute for Global Health has developed [Count Me In](#), an online national research register that can be used quickly and easily to engage and mobilise the Australian community in the research process.

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### COVID-19

- HIIRO is maintaining a database of COVID research projects.
- If you would like to start a new study, please contact HIIRO ([HIIRO-REG@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:HIIRO-REG@health.qld.gov.au)) regarding your proposed plans.

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### Did you know?

- Researchers who have a collaborative partnership with a non QLD Health organisation (eg pharmaceutical company) and receive an honorarium must declare this on the [Metro South Gifts and Benefits Register](#).
- Do you have an idea for reducing the research administrative burden? Please submit your idea to [MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au) or alternatively you can have your process highlighted via this newsletter.

Next Month: Spotlight on Research Project Managers:  
Research Strategy Implementation – Enna Stroil – Salama  
Research Finance and Performance – Aarti Sharma

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If you need help or support, contact the Metro South Research team via the

relevant email address:

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