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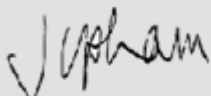
Research news

The September edition of our newsletter comes as we enter a new stage in managing the transmission of COVID-19 in our community. Whilst there has been uncertainty in our Health Service over the past few months, I'd like to assure our researchers that Metro South Research will continue to adapt and respond in order to deliver the necessary processes that will support our research community.

This month we saw a record number of grant applications submitted to the 2021 Metro South Health Research Support Scheme which closed on Thursday 17 September 2020. This reflects our dedication and investment in growing research across Metro South Health.

As we commence the application evaluation process, I'd like to personally thank our assessors who volunteer their time to review applications and participate in meetings throughout October. We also look forward to our upcoming research grants announcement ceremony which will be held in late November early December.

We wish all of you and your families well during this time and look forward to continuing to support you to the best of our ability.



Professor John Upham
Chair | Metro South Research
Metro South Health

Education



Date: Thursday 15 October 2020

Time: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Venue: Zoom

Registration: LEAPOnline

<https://leaponline.learnflex.com.au/>

More information:

Metro South Research Education

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research/education>

- Information regarding Metro South Research training and development opportunities are available on our website <https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research/education>

External courses

Queensland Human Research Ethics Training Conference

18 – 20 November 2020

- Virtual Training Conference (free to attend)
- Registrations close 13 November 2020
- For further information contact the BDHP Research Governance Manager info@diamantina.org.au

UQ Clinical Trials Opportunities Information Session

As there are a number of current funding opportunities to support clinical trials and clinical research, UQ R&I will hold an information session on Clinical Trials Research Opportunities.

- Date: 7 October 2020
- Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
- Location: Zoom presentation
- Zoom link: <https://uqz.zoom.us/j/95131264079>

Research funding

Grant opportunities	Closing date
QH Health Practitioner Research Scheme 2021	8 October 2020
NHMRC Targeted Call End of Life Care	Min data 14 October
Cancer Australia 2020 PdCCRS	4 November 2020
2020 Brain Cancer Survivorship Grant Opportunity	20 October 2020
Arthritis Australia	Opens April 2021
Advance Qld Women's Research Assistance Program	Open
Novartis Grants Program	Open
NHMRC	Various

Ethics and governance updates

- **E-signatures or wet ink?** Our office is accepting both wet ink signatures (via pdf) on agreements, as well as facilitating e-signature pathways such as DocuSign. Please ensure any documents uploaded into Ethics Review Manager (ERM) in pdf form are 'unlocked' to avoid delay in obtaining sign-off.
 - **Low/Negligible Risk (LNR) review:** Submissions via the LNR pathway are available by submitting applications on an Human Research Ethics Application (HREA) form and requesting LNR review at Q4.5.
 - **Exempt from Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) review:** For Quality Assurance (QA) projects requiring ethical consideration, please complete the LNR form in ERM up to Q6 and upload your project plan, as well as Head of Department approval.
 - **Full HREC review:** Please ensure all requirements are met prior to submission. The HREC requires documents to be in their final version prior to approving a study.
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Collaborations

- The George Institute for Global Health has developed a national research register of people directly supporting Australian Research.
- Please see www.joinus.org.au for more information.



Research events



- Please see the [Bayside Research Showcase 2020](#) (staff intranet page) for more information.
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Have your say

- Metro South Research would like to continuously improve the services we provide.
 - Please submit any ideas or feedback to our email MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au
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Frequently Asked Questions

What constitutes an amendment?

- Amendments to a research project which may affect the ongoing ethical and scientific acceptability of the research project or the suitability of the research at the Metro South Health site must be submitted for review to either the Metro South Health HREC Office and/or Metro South Research Governance Office.
 - For more information please see our website [Post approval - amendments reporting and closure](#).
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If you need help or support, contact the Metro South Research team

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research>

To submit an article for inclusion in the Metro South Research monthly newsletter please email MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au.

Missed a previous newsletter or Metro South Research update? Previous editions can be found on our [Metro South Research webpage](#).

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