

Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway Research Grants

Purpose

The Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway's (QRGP) purpose is to provide medical graduates with a supported training pathway to a career in rural and remote medicine; and rural and remote communities with a skilled medical workforce.

The QRGP Research Grants initiative aims to:

- Promote rural health and medical research opportunities to QRGP Trainees and Rural Generalists
- Provide a supportive framework that reduces the barriers to research and encourages participation
- Contribute to evidence based decision making and rural health research publications.

Funding

Up to \$5000 per Grant is available to support the costs associated with research endeavours such as travel, conference registration and article processing fees for publication.

Eligibility and conditions

1. Applicants must be QRGP Trainees or Rural Generalists who are principally working in Queensland. Applications by novice researchers will be well regarded. Grants will be awarded on the basis of merit of both the applicant and the proposed research.
2. Research proposals must align with QRGP research priorities:
 - 1) Rural and remote health workforce and service delivery models
 - 2) Health and wellbeing of rural and remote communities
 - 3) Embedding research into rural and remote practice
 - 4) QRGP program evaluation
3. Research projects will require approval or exemption from a Queensland Health Human Research Ethics Committee. Assistance will be provided to successful applicants if required.
4. The Grant provides funding to cover expenses associated with the research project such as article processing fees for publication, purchasing a licence for a measurement tool/questionnaire, training related to the research project, travel and accommodation for research presentation and dissemination activities such as conference presentations (including conference registration). The Grant is not designed to reimburse the costs associated with the recipient's time for the duration of the research project.
5. Payment and coordination of pre-approved research expenses for Queensland Health employees will be arranged by the QRGP. Pre-approved expenses incurred by non-Queensland Health employees will be reimbursed via submission of tax invoice by the individual. Expenses must not exceed \$5000 (including GST) without prior written approval from the QRGP Medical Director.
6. Research projects should be completed by June 2019. Successful applicants will be encouraged to submit an abstract of research findings to relevant conferences (such as the Rural Medicine Australia conference) and/or for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. All publications, presentations and appearances should acknowledge the QRGP as a funding source.

7. Successful applicants will need to provide six monthly reports and a final report at the expiration of the Grant tenure.
8. Upon acceptance of a QRGP Grant, the applicant consents to the QRGP including information about the applicant and the research project in QRGP marketing and media materials.
9. Any Intellectual Property created during the term of the Grant remains the property of the Grant recipient.
10. The QRGP must be advised of any changes that are likely to impact on the Grant, including changes that may impact on eligibility, research milestones, project funding and reporting.
11. All applications submitted to the QRGP are treated in confidence and are not public documents. Details of unsuccessful applications are confidential.

Application

Applicants must download and complete the QRGP Research Grant Application Form and submit it along with their Curriculum Vitae (CV) to rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au by 5pm 3 December 2017.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a panel. Applicants who are successfully shortlisted may be invited to an interview via teleconference or videoconference as appropriate. The assessment panel may also request further information. The decision of the assessment panel will be final.

Applications will be assessed on merit in accordance with the following criteria:

- **Impact:** The extent to which the project aligns with QRGP research priorities and will make an original and/or important contribution to rural health.
- **Approach:** The extent to which the conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses are appropriate to the aims of the project.
- **Feasibility:** The likelihood that the proposed work can be accomplished by the investigator/s, within the specified time frame.
- **Budget:** The amount requested being reasonable and justified.

Research support

Applicants will require a mentor to provide guidance and support during the research project. A suitable mentor is a person who has significant experience in the development and implementation of research that is relevant to the research area. The mentor is expected to provide guidance of a strategic nature. The team is able to assist applicants with identifying potential mentors if needed.

Successful applicants will also be supported by the QRGP Research Officer who has extensive experience in the development and implementation of research methodology.

Further information

Further information or specific queries regarding the QRGP Grants should be directed to Priya Martin, QRGP Research Officer via rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au or 1800 680 291.