

2026 Research Project Grant Form Preview

Applicant Details

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Applicant

Please refer to the guidelines [Grants and funding | Queensland Health Intranet](#) before starting your submission.

Collection notice: The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) is collecting your information to process your application. Personal information collected by SCHHS is handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009. The personal information provided by you is collected on the SmartGrants platform and will be disclosed to the individuals and entities listed in your application and assessing your application for verification purposes.

Title *

First name *

Last name *

SCHHS Position *

SCHHS Department *

SCHHS Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Co-Investigators

Please list any co-investigators who will be included on your project (IMPORTANT: please include name, job title/student status and organisation).

Collaborators

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If choosing an Individual, please add their organisation/institution/affiliation in a bracket behind their surname	
<input type="radio"/> Individual	<input type="radio"/> Organisation
Organisation Name	
Title	First Name Last Name

Students

Please name any

Eligibility criteria

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IMPORTANT

Please tick/check the appropriate statement relating to all of the eligibility criteria listed below.

If you are unable to check/tick the first option relating to each of the eligibility criteria, it is likely that you are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply to this funding scheme, and your application may not proceed to the assessment stage.

Please contact the Research Governance and Development Unit if you need to discuss your options: SC-Research-Grants@health.qld.gov.au

Research Project Grant stream

Two streams are available in this round:

1. **Seed Grant:** provides up to \$25,000 for novice/emerging researchers, who typically have never held a previous SERTF grant or external funding.
2. **Project Grant:** provides up to \$50,000 to researchers who typically have some previous research experience

Please indicate which stream you are requesting with your justification on how you meet this requirement:

Short project description

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

Principal Investigator status

Status *

- I AM the Principal Investigator of the research project.
- I AM NOT the Principal Investigator of the research project.

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Appointment with the SCHHS

SCHHS appointment *

- I hold an appointment with the SCHHS of AT LEAST 0.4 FTE, and I expect to hold this appointment for the duration of the research project.
- My appointment with the SCHHS is less than 0.4 FTE.
- I do not have an appointment with the SCHHS.

Seed Grant ONLY

Associate Investigator - if you are nominating for a Seed Grant, please provide a nominated mentor

Must be no more than 250 characters.

Genuinely new research

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- The research project IS genuinely new work.
- The research project IS NOT new work.

AND

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- The research project IS NOT currently funded, and HAS NOT previously been funded by any other source.
- The research project IS currently funded, or HAS previously been funded.

Location of funded research

Funded research location *

- The majority of the funded research WILL BE undertaken at the SCHHS.
- The majority of the funded research WILL NOT BE undertaken at the SCHHS.

OR

Direct and positive impact for SCHHS *

- The funded project WILL directly and positively impact service delivery at the SCHHS.
- The funded project WILL NOT directly and positively impact service delivery at the SCHHS.

Strategic Plans

SCHHS Research Strategic Plan *

- My project ALIGNS with the SCHHS Research Strategic Plan.
- My project DOES NOT ALIGN with the SCHHS Research Strategic Plan.

AND

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Departmental Research Strategic Plan *

- My project ALIGNS with my Departmental Research Strategic Plan.
- My project DOES NOT ALIGN with my Departmental Research Strategic Plan.

Please confirm

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- I have submitted ONE application to this Research Project Grant round.
- I have submitted MORE THAN ONE application to this Research Project Grant round.

AND

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- I DO NOT currently hold an existing SERTF-Wishlist Research Project Grant.
- I DO currently hold an existing SERTF-Wishlist Research Project Grant.

Duplicate funding

Are you currently in receipt of funding from any other source - for the same research activities? *

- No
- Yes

If you have recently applied for funding for the same research activities (outcome not yet known), please provide details e.g. funding organisation, amount applied for, project title/activities.

Desirable criteria

Applications will be viewed favourably if you are able to check/tick the first option relating to each of the desirable criteria:

Collaborators *

- The Research Project INCLUDES collaborators.
- The Research Project DOES NOT INCLUDE collaborators.

Multi-disciplinary team *

- The Research Team IS multi-disciplinary.
- The Research Team IS NOT multi-disciplinary.

Grant expenditure *

- Research Project funds WILL be spent within the SCHHS.
- Research Project funds WILL NOT be spent within the SCHHS.

Consumers have been involved in the project development and/or delivery *

- Yes
- No

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Please provide a short description:

Research Project details

* indicates a required field

Please note: if you want to include any figures/diagrams/tables to support your application, these can be uploaded in the Supporting Documentation section of the application form (maximum 2 pages).

Research Project title *

Please provide a lay summary of your Research Project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Please write the summary for an audience who is not an expert in your field. Guidance is available here (if required): <https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/schsd/education-and-training/serf/current-research-funding-opportunities>

Please explain how the project aligns to the SCHHS Research Strategic Plan *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

The SCHHS Research Strategic Plan can be accessed here: https://www.sunshinecoast.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/103743/research-strategic-plan-2016-2021.pdf

Please explain how the project aligns with your Departmental Research Strategic Plan *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Significance and Impact *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 800 words.

Briefly describe the relevant literature relating to your study. Provide justification as to why your research should proceed, including need/ knowledge gaps/significance. Provide justification as to how your research will advance knowledge and the expected benefits to the SCHHS, other organisations, patients and communities.

Research aims and objectives *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

State the key research aims and objectives, and any hypothesis(es) that you intend to test.

Research methods and outcomes *

Word count:

Must be no more than 1600 words.

Outline the proposed methods, including data collection techniques, how the data will be analysed, and any innovative aspects. Provide justification for your proposed methods, including your power calculations where relevant.

Project milestones

List up to 10 milestones. Suggested format (example): Milestone 1. Description of milestone. Month 1-3.

Research communication and dissemination *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Outline how the results of the research will be communicated, shared and disseminated amongst peers, other research groups, and the SCHHS - to support translation into clinical practice.

Research consumer engagement *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Outline how the planned research has/will incorporate input from relevant health care consumers and clinical staff.

Future research funding *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Outline your plans to apply for State/nationally competitive research funding in the future, and how the outcomes of the Research Project Grant will increase your competitiveness in this endeavour.

References

Reference list: detail the references you have used in this Fellowship application. You may use any referencing style as long as it is consistent.

Budget

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Funding requested

Total funding requested *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Grant funds to be spent within the SCHHS *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Funds to be spent externally (outside of the SCHHS) *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

SCHHS In-kind *

Must be a dollar amount.

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External organisation In-kind *

Must be a dollar amount.

Budget detail *

Attach a file:

Please use the SCHHS research budget template (excel file). Budget template is available here: <https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/schsd/education-and-training/serf/current-research-funding-opportunities>.

IMPORTANT: if your project will receive funding from other sources, please ensure this is shown on the budget template (if required, the Research Office can provide advice regarding how to display funding from other sources).

Budget approval *

Attach a file:

Please use the SCHHS Budget template (summary page) signed by the PI, Head of Department (if not the PI on the application) and Service Group Business Manager. Budget template is available here; <https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/schsd/education-and-training/serf/current-research-funding-opportunities>

Budget justification

Budget justification *

Word count:

Must be no more than 800 words.

Provide a justification of your budget, indicating how grant funds will be spent, and why the amounts are needed. Ensure you provide evidence of careful consideration of the time and resources required to undertake the activities.

Supporting Documentation

* indicates a required field

Investigator CVs (max. 2 pages)

Applicant/Principal Investigator CV *

Attach a file:

Upload a 2-page CV including career summary, publications and grants awarded.

Chief Investigator CVs

Attach a file:

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Please upload a 2-page CV for any other chief investigators on the project - amalgamate CVs into one PDF/Word document file.

Associate Investigator CVs

Attach a file:

Please upload a 2-page CV for any Associate Investigators on the project - amalgamate CVs into one PDF/Word document file.

Approval Documents

Note: Please include letters of support from all Departments/Service Groups to be involved in the research project. (Letters should be amalgamated into one PDF).

SCHHS internal Letter of Support - Head(s) of Department

Attach a file:

A signed Letter of Support from the Head of Department (signatory must not be the Applicant).

Template is available here: <https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/schsd/education-and-training/serf/current-research-funding-opportunities>

SCHHS internal Letter of Support - Service Group Manager(s) *

Attach a file:

A signed Letter of Support from the Service Group Manager (signatory must not be the Applicant, if this is the case, the letter should be signed by the Manager of the Service Group Manager). Template

is available here: <https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/schsd/education-and-training/serf/current-research-funding-opportunities>

Support from Collaborating Organisations - if applicable

Please upload a Letter of Support from any Collaborating Organisations

Attach a file:

The content of the letter(s) need(s) to be determined by the Collaborating Organisation(s), and should include their contributions to the project (cash and in-kind). A template Letter of Support is available here: <https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/schsd/education-and-training/serf/current-research-funding-opportunities>. If there is more than one Collaborating Organisation, please amalgamate letters into one PDF document. (IMPORTANT: please do not use the SCHHS internal Letter of Support template.)

Departmental Research Strategy

Upload a copy of your Departmental Research Strategy. *

Attach a file:

Figures/diagrams/tables

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Optional: if you would like to include any figures/diagrams/tables to support your application, please upload a PDF/Word document here (maximum 2 pages).

Attach a file:

Please review your application

Please take the time to review your application before submission.

Ensure that you have uploaded the correct files where required.