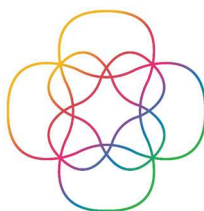


2025
Rethinking Emergency Medicine Research
Grant Guidelines



PA RESEARCH FOUNDATION



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Introduction

For the fifth year the PA Research Foundation (the Foundation) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity made possible by a generous donation to the Foundation for the PA Hospital Emergency Medicine Department (PAH ED).

The Rethinking Emergency Medicine Research (REMR) Program is offering awards of up to **\$10,000** to any SE Queensland university student studying outside of the educational areas of medicine, nursing and allied health.

This program will fund university students to work with direction from their faculties as part of an honours, master's or PhD research project to collaborate with staff from the PAH ED on any project that embraces innovative ways to effect positive change for patients and/or staff of the PAH ED.

Examples of eligible project areas are:

- Music
- Interior design
- Communication
- Transport
- Visual Art
- Journalism
- Indigenous affairs
- Other

Funds may cover research staff time, living stipend, consumables, publishing and conference attendance. After completion of the study a further \$20,000 may be available to implement and translate funded projects.

Application Requirements

It is the Foundation's intention to keep the application process as non-labour intensive as possible, with clear, succinct application directions on the application document.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) application form must be completed in its entirety by the deadline specified on the EOI. Incomplete or late EOIs will not be accepted. There must be a clearly defined hypothesis, tested by the proposed research. The following describes the requirements to apply:

- The applicant must be a university student enrolled at any SE QLD university.
- The planned project must be in a discipline outside of the medical, nursing and allied health disciplines. However, the applicant's area of study can be within one of those disciplines (e.g., a nursing student, who is a musician, can apply for a grant for a program involving music).





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- Successful applicants will be supported to identify a PAH ED staff member with whom they can collaborate.
- The applicant's submission must be endorsed by their university supervisor.
- Any component of the award which is used as a stipend will be considered a "top-up" to any existing scholarship held by the student.

Research must comply with ethical standards as set out by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and will be submitted through Metro South Health Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC).

Assessment and Review Process

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- **Novelty of the Project:** 50% based on the novelty of concept, originality and innovation.
- **Scientific Quality and Feasibility:** 25% based on the scientific quality and feasibility of the project.
- **Translation:** 25% based on the knowledge of where the outcome will benefit health.

Administrative Review: The Foundation will review all applications for completeness. Applications that do not provide all requirements will not progress.

Technical and Peer Review: Peer review is undertaken by a small team of reviewers both internal and external to Metro South Health who are all experienced researchers in emergency medicine.

Shortlisting: Shortlisted applicants will be asked to submit a detailed proposal before final review and selection. Reviewer feedback will be provided to applicants to aid in preparation of their full proposal.

Notification

The Foundation will notify unsuccessful application by email. Successful grant applications will receive a Letter of Award and Funding Agreement which forms the basis of the terms and conditions of funding for the project. The signed Funding Agreement must be returned to the Foundation within one (1) month of receipt.

Support for Successful Applicants

If required, successful applicants will receive support to assist in obtaining ethics approval and governance authorisation per Queensland Health requirements, prior to starting the research project. Additional mentoring can be provided to help with many aspects of your project. Please contact Sandra McGinnis at the Foundation, contact details listed below, for assistance.





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Funds and Reporting Requirements

Grants are effective for two years. Interim progress reports (6 monthly) and a final report upon project completion must be provided to the Foundation.

90% of approved funds will be provided up front with 10% upon submission of the final report. Grant funds not invoiced to the Foundation within two (2) years of the grant award date, or within three (3) months of the final report submittal, will be rescinded by the Foundation. Unspent or uncommitted funds at the end of the project are to be returned to the Foundation to be utilised for this grant program.

Acknowledgments and Promotion

Any publication arising from the funded project must acknowledge the support of the PA Research Foundation. Successful Foundation supported recipients are asked to actively help promote their research through a range of channels, including, but not limited to:

- Providing a 2-minute video on why the REMR Project Grant and your research project are important and what it could mean for future patient/staff outcomes.
- Participating in communications, media releases and publications.
- Permitting professional photographs of the applicant or project team.
- Speaking at events.
- Permitting the Foundation to promote your project through appropriate digital media platforms such as the PAH Emergency Medicine Department website and the PA Research Foundation website and Facebook page.

The above promotion not only helps to promote the individual research projects, but it also provides donors and supporters an insight into where their funds are being directed.

Further Information

All enquiries regarding the grant should be directed to Sandra McGinnis at funding@pafoundation.org.au or call 07 3180 1840.

