

Rural & Remote Research Capacity Building (RRR-Cap) Program

Health Practitioners in rural and remote areas have access to new opportunities to develop skills in research or translate research into solutions for local challenges

What is RRR-Cap?

The Rural and Remote Research Capacity Building (RRR-Cap) Program was established through recurrent funding from the Health Practitioners and Dental Officers (HPDO) Certified Agreement (No. 4), 2022 (https://www.qirc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-06/2023_cb43.pdf). The RRR-Cap is administered by the Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer (OCAHO), Clinical Excellence Queensland. RRR-Cap aims to:

- Establish and maintain research support and mentoring for researchers in rural and remote locations.
- Build research capacity and support evidence-based practice and translation of research into practice in the Health Practitioner workforce in rural and remote health services.

RRR-Cap is available to all Health Practitioner disciplines employed under the HPDO Certified Agreement and working in a base location classified according to the Modified Monash Model Remoteness Classification Level 3 (large rural town) up to Level 7 (very remote community). A full list of RRR-Cap eligible Queensland Health locations can be found here.

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0022/1317442/RRR-Cap_Eligible-Queensland-Health-Locations.pdf

What does RRR-Cap offer?

RRR-Cap includes a suite of strategies to support research capacity development in rural and remote Health Practitioners. Current opportunities include:

- **Graduate Diploma of Research Funding Support – EOI offered twice per calendar year**
 - Funding reimbursement to undertake an approved graduate diploma course in research
- **Research Dissemination Funding Support – No closing date for EOI submissions**
 - Travel reimbursement for conference presentations or fee reimbursement for journal publication (including open access fees).
- **Research-focused placements – EOI Offered twice per calendar year.**
 - Travel reimbursement for attending research development placements
 - Reverse placements also support (research mentor travels to applicant site)
- **Research Emerging From Routine Activities, Measurement and Evaluation ‘REFRAME’ Funding – EOI offered twice per calendar year)**
 - Funding support to upgrade or ‘reframe’ a local existing quality improvement (QI), service development or service evaluation project into a formal research project
- **Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) Fellowship – EOI offered twice per calendar year**
 - Fellowship for clinical backfill for a HP to lead a new or existing TRIP project

Further information is available through the Health Practitioner Research website:

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/hpresearch> or contact the Health Practitioner Research Team in OCAHO at HP-Research@health.qld.gov.au or 3328 9298.