Information Sheet

Rural and Remote Research Capacity Building (RRR-Cap) Program: Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) Fellowship – Cohort 2, 2025

The Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer (OCAHO) invites expressions of interest (EOI) from eligible rural and remote Health Practitioners to receive a fellowship to conduct a new or existing Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) project. Successful candidates will be supported by telementoring sessions and resources from the existing Allied Health - Translating Research Into Practice (AH-TRIP) Program.

Please read below information before completing the accompanying expression of interest form for this opportunity.

Funding support

Purpose and objective

The Rural and Remote Research Capacity Building Program (RRR-Cap) is supported by the Research Package for Health Practitioners outlined in Clause 80 of the <u>Health Practitioners</u> (<u>Queensland Health</u>) <u>Certified Agreement (No.4) 2022</u>. This funding package aims to build research capacity in the rural and remote health practitioner workforce and facilitate the implementation of evidence-based clinical services.

The purpose of the RRR-Cap-TRIP initiative is to support rural and remote Health Practitioners to develop skills in the translation of research into practice to support implementation of projects that address local health service issues or practices.

Fellowship funding support

Funding support for clinical backfill will be allocated for selected employees in Health Practitioner roles to enable engagement with the TRIP Fellowship. The fellowship will involve:

- 1) Leading a TRIP project.
- 2) Participating in the AH-TRIP telementoring sessions.
- 3) Sharing outcomes and learnings with the local HHS.

TRIP Fellows will also be encouraged to present the outcomes of the project at the annual AH-TRIP Showcase.

An employee cannot independently apply for funding support, and the allocation of funding will consider the support of the operational line manager and HHS. The nominated employee will remain eligible for funding support only while employed in the role specified by the HHS in the EOI.

Funding support details

Backfill for Health Practitioner TRIP Fellow

Eligibility: The nominated Health Practitioner will lead the proposed (new or existing) TRIP project and participate in the rural and remote AH-TRIP telementoring sessions. The Applicant's position base location is classified according to the Modified Monash Model (MMM) as Remoteness Classification MMM Level 3 (large rural town) up to MMM Level 7 (very remote community) OR provide the majority of service delivery to MMM3-7 locations AND the outcomes of the TRIP project will primarily benefit MMM3-7 services or communities.

A full list of RRR-Cap eligible Queensland Health locations can be found here.

Funding term: Funding support is not more than a total of \$21,000 per application from July 2025 for a maximum twelve-month period. The funding support will cover clinical backfill for the Health Practitioner TRIP Fellow for the term period and can be deployed flexibly for example:

- Regular backfill.
- Increase in assistant hours.
- Fixed-term locum for periods of high project demands (corresponding to key translation milestones e.g., stakeholder workshops, developing resources).

Funding transfer: HHSs will be provided funding support via Inter-Entity Journal (IEJ) claims for successful applicants and managed by the applicant's local HHS accordingly as per agreed proposal budget delegation. OCAHO does not have capacity to approve roll-over or extension of funding over multiple financial years.

Costs not covered by the OCAHO

All costs associated with undertaking the Fellowship (including TRIP project and associated activities) other than agreed costs specified in proposal budget will be met by the HP team and/or the HHS. For example, provision of a clinical service as part of the TRIP change in practice is not covered by this funding offer.

AH-TRIP telementoring support

The rural and remote Allied Health – Translating Research into Practice (AH-TRIP) telementor support program offers monthly telementoring sessions for health practitioners around the state with a panel of experts who offer insights from varied experiences across healthcare delivery and evaluation. These sessions aim to provide equitable access to project support for Health Practitioners translating research into practice within a QLD Hospital and Health Service (HHS).

Participants attend eight pre-scheduled one-hour virtual telementoring sessions, held once per month, from their location and device of choice. Sessions will be facilitated by the AH-TRIP and OCAHO team from July 2025 to March 2026. Individual orientations will occur prior to this period.

Participants are expected to present their projects on a rotating roster and have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel and other members. Participants submit a

proforma to the session facilitator one week prior to their scheduled project presentation. All participants retain ownership and responsibility for their projects, are to maintain confidentiality of projects discussed, and are to be active contributors to constructive discussions about peer projects to encourage collaborative learning between experts and novices.

Reporting requirements

As part of the funding support, the nominated employee will:

- Provide a 6-month progress report (draft TRIP implementation plan) detailing alignment to proposed milestones. Development of this is supported through the telementoring sessions.
- Provide a 12-month completion report (final implementation plan) detailing alignment to proposed milestones.

These will be provided to OCAHO as evidence of Fellowship completion.

Expressions of interest

HHSs can submit an EOI for more than one nominated employee (separate EOI forms). EOIs will be assessed by a panel led by the OCAHO, with notifications of outcome distributed within four to six weeks from submission.

This EOI due by 5pm Friday 9 May 2025.

Eligibility

A HHS is eligible to submit an EOI if the nominated employee meets criteria listed below.

Position status

The employee can be temporary or permanent. If temporary, the employee's appointment should extend to at least three months beyond the funding term. The employee can be full-time or part-time.

Position location

The nominated Health Practitioner's base location must be classified according to the Modified Monash Model (MMM) as Remoteness Classification MMM Level 3 (large rural town) up to MMM Level 7 (very remote community) **OR** provide the majority of service delivery to MMM3-7 locations **AND** the outcomes of the TRIP project will primarily benefit MMM3-7 services or communities.

More information

For enquiries contact OCAHO: <u>HP-Research@health.gld.gov.au</u>.