

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

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) scheme was established through recurrent funding from the Health Practitioners and Dental Officers (HPDO) Certified Agreement (No. 4), 2022. 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 Category A (rural) and Category B (remote) locations, as defined in HR Policy C42 (https://www.health.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0037/395893/qh-pol-146.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** – *EOI submissions encouraged all year; no closing date.*
 - 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
- **Research Emerging From Routine Activities, Measurement and Evaluation 'REFRAME' Funding** – *EOI offered twice per calendar year*
 - Funding support to upgrade 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

How do I become involved in RRR-Cap strategies?

Access information through the Health Practitioner Research website:

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/hpresearch> or by contacting the Health Practitioner Research Team in OCAHO at HP-Research@health.qld.gov.au or 3328 9322/9298.