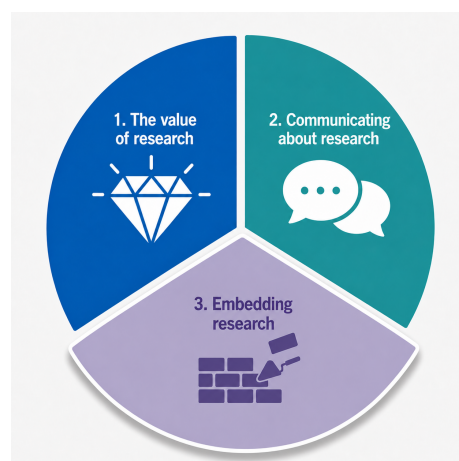


Research supports

Embedding research



This resource provides leaders with information about the types of research supports that are needed to enable and embed research, including research partnerships and networks.

Research requires support

Health leaders can leverage research to develop their services and benefit their workforce. To successfully embed research within their service, teams must use local, adjacent, system-level and even external research support. Research supports can help leaders delegate, allocate, and direct assistance to research activities within the service, reducing labour cost and burden.

How to find research supports

When identifying research supports in a local setting, start with local research groups or champions in adjacent services, or enquire through service line, facility or Hospital and Health Service (HHS) leadership contacts. Some facilities or HHSs have dedicated research leaders, offices, institutes or centres, or established research groups who may be able to provide direct local support, and/or provide further advice about other available research supports and opportunities (including recommendations for partnering with a university).

Partnering with universities to foster research collaborations is a good pathway to access research supports. Universities have dedicated expert staff (including potential research mentors), equipment, facilities, infrastructure and sometimes funding for research and are often interested in partnering with health services to conduct research.

Types of research supports

Support Type	Role in enabling research	Examples and availability
Research Training and Education Support	Supports the research knowledge and skill development of health teams.	The Queensland Health Research Resource Map provides education and training resources. The Queensland Health Allied Health Research Careers Development Framework and self-assessment tool provide tailored recommendations of education and training. Local HHS support may be additionally available.
Allied Health Clinician-Research Career Development	Identifies existing staff research capabilities and supports development of research skills and capability	The Queensland Health Allied Health Research Careers Development Framework and self-assessment tool support staff and their line managers. Local HHS support may be additionally available.
Research governance Infrastructure (Ethics and Governance)	Ensures legislative compliance, patient safety, and identification and mitigation of clinical and legal risks. Provides guidance on appropriateness and operational processes for conducting research within Queensland Health	Queensland Health Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs) and Research Governance Offices (RGOs) - Ethics approval and governance authorisation Queensland Health Ethics Review Manager (an online system that manages ethics and governance applications and approvals for Queensland Health) All HHSs have access to this support, some HHS HRECs support other HHSs who do not have their own HREC.
Biostatistical and Health Economics Support	Provides specific support (statistics or health economics) to inform research project design or data analyses.	CEQ Research Support (Clinical Excellence Queensland) outlines where Queensland Health staff can access support specific to each HHS. Local HHS support may be additionally available.
General Research Project Resources	Provides general research resources and information to support project development and conduct.	Queensland Health has a Research Resource Map to support staff. Local HHS support may be additionally available.

Dedicated Research Funding (separate from operational resource allocation)	Provides dedicated research funding for projects or programs (FTE, equipment or for other research support)	Queensland Health has a Research Resource Map that provides some links to relevant research funding opportunities. Local HHS or external funding opportunities may be additionally available. The Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer has research funding opportunities for Health Practitioner Research.
Research Translation Support	Provides education, and support for planning and conduct of research translation activities.	The Queensland Health Translating Research into Practice initiative (QH-TRIP) provides opportunities for education, resources and other information to support health teams and services to design and conduct research translation.
Consumer Support for Research	Enables opportunity for consumer engagement as part of research activities / projects	Queensland Health, Health Translation Queensland, and Health Consumers Queensland all have information to support staff and their line managers. Partnering with Consumers in Research Research Metro North Health https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/metronorth/research/consumer Local HHSs may have additional support, including processes to identify and engage consumers to be involved in research activities / projects, reach out to your local HHS contacts.