

# Rural and Remote Research Capacity Building Program (RRR-Cap)

## Research Dissemination Funding Support

### Information sheet

The Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer (OCAHO) provides support for eligible rural and remote health practitioners (HP) to receive funding for the dissemination of research findings through either conference presentations or journal publications.

Expressions of interest (EOI) are invited from hospital and health services (HHSs) for **travel support** to present research findings at a conference or **publication/ open access fee support** to submit a research publication to a peer-reviewed journal.

Please read the information below before completing the [EOI form](#), which is also available on the [Rural and Remote Research Capacity Building Program \(RRR-Cap\) website](#), or by contacting the OCAHO ([HP-Research@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:HP-Research@health.qld.gov.au)).

### 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 [Health Practitioners \(Queensland Health\) Certified Agreement \(No.4\) 2022](#). 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 RRR-Cap also supports the research enabler in the *Optimising the allied health workforce for best care and value: A 10-year Strategy 2019-2029*. The Program is a key initiative of Priority 1 in the [Allied Health Research Plan 2020-2029](#) which aims to promote and embed a research culture through supporting clinicians and leaders to demonstrate and communicate the value of investing in allied health research, including articulating the outcomes for health services and the health system, consumers and communities.

The purpose of this initiative is to support eligible rural and remote HPs to gain research skills and experience associated with disseminating research findings, provide opportunities for research networking, and enable communication of the value of health practitioner research.

### Funding support

Funding will be allocated for selected employees in HP roles to either attend a conference and present research findings or publish research findings in an open access journal.

An employee cannot independently apply for funding support, and the allocation of funding will take account of 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

### Travel reimbursement (Conference presentations only)

**Eligibility:** The employee will attend a suitable conference and present the nominated research findings.

**Term:** Travel and accommodation costs will be limited to support that is for a reasonable period to attend the nominated conference. On completion of the event, the nominated employee will need to provide the following to OCAHO as evidence of completion:

1. evidence of attendance (via a copy of conference registration) and evidence of presentation (via a copy of conference program including detail of presentation)
2. a summary report of the event experience and presentation.

**Value:** The funding support will cover travel (flights and accommodation, as well as airport transport/transfers) incurred for in-person attendance at the nominated conference (within Australia) in accordance with Directive 13/23 - Domestic Travelling and Relieving Expenses.

**Travel:** Successful applicants will be required to make travel arrangements following the usual processes through their HHS Staff Travel unit.

**Reimbursement:** HHSs will be reimbursed for eligible travel and associated costs for successful applicants through an inter-entity journal (IEJ) process upon submission of;

- Evidence of attendance, presentation and summary report (as described above)
- relevant IEJ forms
- evidence of staff travel booking confirmation details and relevant tax invoice/receipts.

HHSs must submit inter-entity journal reimbursement claims to OCAHO by **1 June 2024** ([allied\\_health\\_advisory@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:allied_health_advisory@health.qld.gov.au)) to meet end of financial year deadlines.

If the nominated employee fails to attend the conference and/or submit evidence of attendance, the employee will be responsible for funding their travel. If the travel payment has been processed, the employee will be responsible for repaying the HHS/OCAHO for the costs incurred.

### Journal fee reimbursement (publications only)

**Eligibility:** The nominated employee will submit as lead or first author, an original research report manuscript to a peer-reviewed and/or open-access journal.

**Term:** The term of the funding support is not more than reasonable journal publication fees. On completion of the submission and payment of fees, the nominated employee will need to provide the following to OCAHO:

1. evidence of acceptance of publication
2. a summary report of findings from their submitted publication.

**Value:** The funding support will cover:

- peer-reviewed journal publication fees for an original research study manuscript

AND/OR

- fees to enable open access of manuscript from journal.

***Reimbursement:*** HHSs will be reimbursed for eligible costs for successful applicants through an inter-  
entity journal (IEJ) process upon submission of:

- evidence of acceptance of publication and the summary report (as described above)
- relevant IEJ forms
- evidence of acceptance of manuscript and relevant tax invoice/receipts.

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entity journal reimbursement claims to OCAHO by **1 June 2024** ([allied\\_health\\_advisory@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:allied_health_advisory@health.qld.gov.au)) to meet end of financial year deadlines.

If the nominated employee fails to submit evidence of manuscript submission, the employee will be responsible for funding the associated fees.

### Costs not covered by the OCAHO

All costs associated with undertaking conference attendance and presentation other than travel costs, and all other costs associated with preparation and submission of research study manuscripts (other than indicated journal submission and open-access fees) will be met by the nominated employee and/or the HHS.

### Expressions of interest

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

### Eligibility

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

#### Position status

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

#### Position location

The nominated employee's base location must be classified as Category A (rural) or Category B (remote) in [HR Policy C42](#).

### More information

For enquiries, please contact the OCAHO via email: [HP-Research@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:HP-Research@health.qld.gov.au).