

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

Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) Fellowship

Information Sheet

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

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 8.1 of the [Health Practitioners \(Queensland Health\) Certified Agreement \(No.4\) 2022](#). This funding package aims to build research capacity in the 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 HPs 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 successful applicants in HP roles to enable engagement with the TRIP Fellowship, including:

- Leading a TRIP project.
- Participating in the QH-TRIP rural and remote telementoring sessions.
- Sharing outcomes and learnings with the local HHS.

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

QH-TRIP Telementoring Support

The rural and remote QH-TRIP telementor support program offers monthly telementoring sessions for HPs 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 HPs translating research into practice within a Queensland HHS.

Successful applicants 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 QH-TRIP and OCAHO team from February 2027 to September 2027. Individual orientations will occur prior to this period.

Successful applicants are expected to present their projects on a rotating roster and have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel and other members. Fellows submit a proforma to the session facilitator one week prior to their scheduled project presentation. All Fellows 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.

Funding Support Details

Funding Term

Funding support is not more than a total of \$21,600 per application for a maximum twelve-month period. The funding support will cover clinical backfill for the HP TRIP Fellow for the term period and can be deployed flexibly for example:

- Regular backfill at level
- Increase in assistant hours
- HP1 backfill
- 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.

Reporting Requirements

The below reporting requirements are to be provided the RRR-Cap Application Portal in order for the HHS and successful applicant to have continued eligibility for the funding support. Failure to meet the reporting requirements may lead to withdrawal of the funding support.

- 6-month progress report (draft implementation plan) detailing alignment to proposed milestones
- 12-month completion report (final implementation plan) detailing alignment to proposed milestones.

Expressions of Interest

Applicants are required to obtain line manager and HHS approval prior to submitting an EOI, and the allocation of funding will consider the support of the operational line manager and HHS.

HHSs can submit an expression of interest (EOI) for more than one applicant if they meet eligibility criteria listed below. EOIs will be assessed by a panel led by the OCAHO, with notifications of the selection outcome distributed approximately four to six weeks after the closing date.

Eligibility

Pre-requisite Training

It is a requirement that the applicant has completed QH-TRIP Foundation Training prior to applying for this initiative. Applicants are required to provide evidence of training completion as part of the EOI. Additional information on the QH-TRIP Foundation Training can be found at [Percipio Channel Queensland Health - Translating Research Into Practice \(QH-TRIP\)](#).

Position Status

The applicant can be employed on a temporary or permanent basis. If temporary, the applicant's appointment should extend to at least three months beyond the support period. The applicant can be full-time or part-time.

Position Location

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 $\geq 80\%$ 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](#).

Conditions of Funding Support

Funding Offer

The successful applicant will remain eligible for funding support only while employed in the role specified by the HHS in the EOI.

Following acceptance of an EOI, the OCAHO will provide a written offer of funding to the HHS representative and successful applicant. The offer will outline the funding commitment of the OCAHO for the applicant. The HHS delegate, operational manager and applicant will sign the offer and return it to the OCAHO by the due date in order to accept the funding support.

Costs not covered by the OCAHO

All costs associated with undertaking the Fellowship (including TRIP project and associated activities) other than clinical backfill 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.

Exception Reporting

The HHS will advise the OCAHO within 7 days of the following:

1. The successful applicant:
 - 1.1. Resigns from the position (or other form of position separation). The applicant will not have access to the funding support if they leave their position permanently.
 - 1.2. Has a change of employment status e.g. is approved to change from full-time to part-time.
 - 1.3. Is at risk of failing to complete the requirements for the funding support.
2. The successful applicant's position status (permanent, temporary, FTE) changes to no longer meet the requirements for funding.

Support for the RRR-Cap Program

HHSs with applicants that have been granted OCAHO funding support will:

- Allow relevant staff to participate in reasonable evaluation activities associated with the statewide rural and remote research capacity building strategy.
- Ensure relevant ethics and governance approvals are maintained, where applicable.
- Grant reasonable requests for staff to contribute to promotion, profiling, and other media opportunities related to their participation in the research capacity building strategy. Formal approvals will be requested from HHS delegates prior to progressing any media activities.