2027 Clinician Researcher Fellowships Application Form
Form Preview

Introduction:

About the Clinician Researcher Fellowships

Clinician researchers are well placed to identify research opportunities of great relevance to the health care of our patients and its delivery. The Clinician Researcher Fellowships (the Fellowships) are available to Gold Coast Health clinical staff, providing an opportunity to develop their clinical research careers while remaining clinically active, by contributing to high-quality research, supporting its translation and contributing to improved healthcare delivery.

Up to two Fellowships will provide Fellows with up to 0.4 FTE research time of three year's duration to further their research career, support a research active culture, develop and undertake a body of research in areas of existing strength, working towards national and international recognition.

Key objectives:

- Support and develop research excellence in early career clinician researchers who are embedded within Gold Coast Health.
- Promote enhanced opportunities for diverse career pathways by attracting and retaining our early career clinician researchers.
- Expand early career clinician researcher capacity in a supportive and appropriately supervised, research-enabling environment.
- Enable capacity building, early career clinician researcher mentoring, and the continued development of leadership and supervision capabilities that align with Gold Coast Health's Values and the broader Gold Coast Health Strategic Plan 2026 - 2030.

Key Dates

21 September 2026

Applications Open

23 November 2026

Applications Close

Week Commencing 15 February 2027

Interviews - recommend applicants for funding

Shortlisted applicants must be available to attend the face-to-face panel interview session

Week Commencing 22 February 2027

Successful applicants notified

4 March 2027 (TBC)Successful applicants announced at the 2027 Research Innovation and Transformation Showcase.

Applicants please note:

- Ensure that you have read and understand the guidelines prior to commencing your application.
- **Save progress** regularly to avoid losing work due to possible timeouts. You can return to the form at any time to make edits, however, once '**submitted**' no further edits can be made.
- An Assessment Framework has been provided to assist when addressing the assessment criteria (see Application Guideline Appendix 1).
- **Obtain the requisite certifications and signatures before you submit the online application form:**
    - download a PDF copy of the application form and Gantt chart (identifying timeline and milestones using Template provided).
    - provide a copy of your PDF application and the certification template to relevant delegates/ parties for signing. Please allow sufficient time for all delegates to review, certify and return the application to you.
    - Once all signatures are obtained on the certification template, upload PDF of the application. Once uploaded, you can 'submit' the application.
- For any questions, please contact the grants coordinator P: 5687 0663 E: grantsgoldcoast@health.qld.gov.au

Eligibility:

- Be employed in a clinical role with Gold Coast Health for the duration of the Fellowship, appointed to a minimum of 0.4 FTE clinician duties, as per the definition above.
- The total Gold Coast Health appointment must not exceed 1.0 FTE. Note: the total concurrent employment arrangement with Gold Coast Health does not have to equate to 1.0 FTE.
- The Fellowship program will be open to clinical staff across all disciplines and will provide up to 0.4 FTE of three years' duration.
- To be eligible, evidence of completion of a Research Higher Degree (aka RHD and including PhD, MPhil, or MD by thesis) within 10 years of the fellowship application closing date (evidence must be provided). If a RHD thesis is imminent or under examination, applications may be considered if the RHD is conferred by 1 March 2027
- Detail any periods of career disruption, that will be considered for applicant eligibility(https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/resources/nhmrc-relative-opportunity-policy).
- Shortlisted applicants must be available to attend the face-to-face panel interview session on the week commencing 15 February 2027.

Letter of Support, Certification and Signature Requirements:

- A signed letter of support (maximum 2 pages) from the relevant Head of Department.
- A signed letter of support (where appropriate), from an Academic Partner or relevant collaborator (i.e., supervisor) (maximum 2 pages)
- Ensure that all requisite certifications and signatures are obtained on the certification template of the application form, including the following representatives:
    - Applicant
    - Head of Department
    - Primary Supervisor
    - Executive Director

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

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Applicant *
Title | First Name | Last Name

Position *

Professional discipline *
Other:

Applicant Department / Unit *

Queensland Health Email *

Preferred Email *

Primary Phone Number *

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)
e.g. FTE 0.8

Employee ID *

Employment Status *
- ○ Permanent
- ○ Temporary

Temporary Contract end date *
Must be a date.

Contract renewal details. *
Please use this section to provide any relevant details in respect of your contract and impact on the Fellowship. Where renewal of a contract has not been confirmed, please consult with your line manager and provide clarification.

Line Manager Name. *

Position. *

Email. *

Clinical Registration or Professional Certification / Membership

Do you have a clinical registration (such as Ahpra) or membership with a relevant professional body? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Name of clinical or professional body. *

Registration or membership number.

ORCID (if applicable)

https://orcid.org/ or type N/A if not applicable

Research Higher Degree (RHD)

Have you been awarded a Research Higher Degree within the last 10 years or currently enrolled?

- ○ Awarded Research Higher Degree within the last 10 years?
- ○ Currently enrolled in a Research Higher Degree

Details of degree

Type of degree *

Year awarded

Institution *

PhD Title (if applicable)

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Type of degree

Institution

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Expected date of completion

Relative to Opportunity and Career Disruption

Have you experienced circumstances or a career disruption that has affected your capacity to undertake research activity?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Details of career disruption/s

Start Date *

End Date *

Duration of career disruption (in years, months or weeks) *

Enter duration as Years, Months or Weeks (eg. 1 year 3 months)

Reduction in FTE *

Must be a number.
Enter the reduction in FTE eg. 0.5

Please provide details of the career disruption or relevant circumstances. *

If the circumstances or career disruption are of a sensitive nature and you wish not to disclose, please note this in the box.

How has this career disruption affected your clinician and research capacity?

Researcher potential (30%)

* indicates a required field

Researcher track record and career trajectory

Describe how you have generated and applied evidence into clinical practice? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Ability to generate and apply research evidence in practice

What are your research career goals and how will this fellowship help you achieve this? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.
Must be no more than 300 words

Upload your CV/Resume including details of research projects, grant funding and publications *
Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.
PDF only - six pages maximum. File Name: CRF_2027-XXX _ Resume.pdf

Research program significance (30%)

* indicates a required field

NHMRC Research Area and Group

Please nominate the Broad Research Area and Group as they relate to this research proposal. Select a broad research area from the options provided.

Follow the link to the list of Groups and Fields of Research (FOR) to select the appropriate option/s.

You may include more than one option.

Broad Research Area | **Group** | **Field of Research (FOR)**

Significance and impact

Please refer to the Gold Coast Health Strategic Plan 2026-2030 and Research Roadmap 2025-2028 with reference to the alignment of your Fellowship program.

Program of Research Title. *

Describe how your proposed research program aligns with the Gold Coast Health Strategic Plan 2026-2030

Describe the potential impact that the proposed research program will have for Gold Coast Health's service delivery and wider community. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Background and Rationale *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.
Describe a specific issue or problem you want to address and how your research program will contribute to the current evidence base.

Aims and Objectives *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.
Describe the aims and objectives of your research program

Research Plan *

Word count:
Must be no more than 1000 words.
This section should include a plan of the proposed research activity (e.g., design, methods, participants, sample size, procedures/data analyses plan etc.)

Describe how you would use the Fellowship and research program to deliver benefits beyond the proposed study?

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.
No more than 300 words

Research program feasibility (20%)

* indicates a required field

Feasibility

Describe how you will balance clinical duties alongside the requirements of the Fellowship program. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Describe the opportunities and plans for new collaborations both internally and externally to support the program. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Describe how you plan to incorporate consumer engagement within your research program throughout the Fellowship? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.
Please specify whether resources are from within Gold Coast Health or external.

Please upload your timeline and milestones here.

Upload Timeline Gantt Chart *
Attach a file:

File name: CRF-2027-XXX Gantt Chart.pdf

Supporting documents

Upload reference list and supporting images, graphics or graphs for the research proposal(s) above. No extra content will be accepted.

Upload supporting documents
Attach a file:

Please upload references and supporting images, graphs etc. as 1 PDF file. File Name: CRF-2027-XXX-Proposal Supporting Document. 1. References one page max. 2. Images, graphs etc. one page max.

Research environment (20%)

* indicates a required field

Research capacity building

Describe how you will use this Fellowship to advance your own research and clinical professional development? Provide examples of what specific skills and/or knowledge you hope to develop and how this will be achieved. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Describe how you intend to use this Fellowship to actively build research capacity and collaborations within your clinical department across Gold Coast Health and the wider research and clinical community? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Health service support

Describe the supervision, infrastructure and resources that will be available to you during this Fellowship. Please include any contingency management strategies for any deviations from your original plan. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Primary Supervisor / Mentor

Name * Title First Name Last Name

Role / Position *

Organisation * Organisation Name

Email *
Please provide most frequently used email address

Phone Number *

ORCID (If applicable) *
Please add ORCID number or type N/A if not applicable

Role and contribution *
Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

Secondary Supervisor / Mentor

Name * Title First Name Last Name

Role / Position *

Organisation * Organisation Name

Email *

Please provide most frequently used email address

Phone Number *

ORCID (if applicable)

Please add ORCID number or type N/A if not applicable

Role and contribution *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

Please select 'Add More' if you are nominating additional Supervisors.

Supporting documents

Please combine the Supporting Documents into ONE PDF, in the following order:

1. Resume / CV of Primary Supervisor / Mentor (six pages maximum) (optional CV Template)
2. Resume / CV of Secondary Supervisor/s / Mentor (six pages maximum per Supervisor)
3. Signed Letter of Support from Head / Director of Gold Coast Health Clinical Department / Unit (two pages maximum)
4. Optional Signed Letters of support, where appropriate, from an Academic Partner or relevant collaborator (i.e., supervisor) (two pages maximum)

Upload Research Environment Supporting Documents *
Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.
PDF only - File name: CRF-2027-XXX- Research Environment Supporting Documents.pdf

Certification and Signatures

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How to create your certification page

- Ensure your application is complete ***(do not submit at this stage).***
- Complete the **Applicant Certification statement template.**
- Download a PDF of your completed application.

- Attach the PDF of your application to the Certification Statement template and circulate to all delegates for signature (please note all signatures should be on the one document)
- Once you have obtained all signatures, please review your application and once satisfied that all requirements have been met and the fully certified copy of your application has been uploaded, you may **Submit.**

Please ensure you allow enough time for all delegates to review the application and sign.

Remember, once you have '**submitted**' your application, you will be able to view it but you will be unable to edit.

Certification

The certification page and PDF of your application must be signed by all delegates and uploaded as an attachment into the online application. Please retain a copy for your records.

Certification upload *
Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.
PDF only. File Name: CRF-2027-XXX- Certification.pdf

Thank you for your application to the Gold Coast Health Clinician Researcher Fellowships 2027.