

CRGS-2027-MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

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INTRODUCTION:

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About the Major Research Project Grants

Up to two Major Research Project Grants (Major Grants) will be awarded and will provide a maximum of \$150,000 to support research projects up to two years duration.

The Major Grants are open to established researchers and early career researchers across all disciplines in Gold Coast Health.

Two Major Grant opportunities are available for Gold Coast Health researchers and clinicians to co-lead an application:

- Opportunity 1: in collaboration with an academic partner from **Griffith University** (funded by Griffith University Health Group).
- Opportunity 2: in collaboration with an academic partner from a **university or a research institute** based in Queensland (funded by Gold Coast Health).

Please refer to the Major Research Project Grant [application guidelines](#) for further details.

Key Dates:

13 July 2026

Application - Opening Date

28 September 2026

Application - Closing Date

W/C 22 February 2027

Applicants notified of outcome

4 March 2027 -TBC

Formal announcement of 2027 grant recipients at the Research, Innovation and Transformation Showcase

Enquiries

Grants Administrator

Research Office, Gold Coast Health

Phone: 07 5687 0663 Email: grantsgoldcoast@health.qld.gov.au

Collaborating partner university / research Institute applicable to this application:

Please select the university partner on this application *

☐ Griffith University

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- ☐ Bond University
- ☐ Southern Cross University
- ☐ Other:

Please select the school with which the academic co-lead CI is associated. *

- ☐ School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences
- ☐ School of Medicine and Dentistry
- ☐ School of Allied Health, Sport and Social Work
- ☐ PRECISE Centre
- ☐ School of Nursing and Midwifery
- ☐ Centre for Mental Health
- ☐ Other:

Please select the faculty / institute with which the academic co-lead CI is associated.

- ☐ Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine
- ☐ Institute for Evidence-Based Healthcare

Please select the discipline with which the academic co-lead CI is associated within the Faculty of Health.

- ☐ Faculty of Health (Nursing, Midwifery staff)
- ☐ Faculty of Health (Allied Health Staff)

Please provide details of the faculty / school / area which the collaborating partner co-lead CI is associated.

Applicants please note:

Before commencing this application, please ensure that you have read the [guidelines](#). If you have any questions, please contact the grants administrator, phone: 5687 0663 or email grantsgoldcoast@health.qld.gov.au

Applications close midnight (end of day) 28 September 2026. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

RESOURCES:

Several webinars have been developed to assist applicants with their submission . Gold Coast Health staff should visit the Research Development Hub to access these [resources](#) before commencing their application, and contact the grants administrator for any specific advice.

TEAM MEMBERS:

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The **applicant, co-lead Chief Investigator (CI)** who signs off the application must be a Gold Coast Health employee at the time of applying, with a minimum 0.4 FTE at Gold Coast Health for the duration of the grant. The Gold Coast Health applicant (CI) will hold administrative responsibility for the grant.

Gold Coast Health Early Career Researchers (ECRs) applying for the Major Grant must include an established researcher as a Chief Investigator (CI) on the project.

A Gold Coast Health ECR is defined as a researcher with **no more than a total of 10 publications published or in press at the close date of applications (any order of authorship)**.

The **co-lead CI** from the collaborating partner institution must have a paid appointment, with a minimum 0.4 FTE for the full duration of the project.

For this Major Research Project grant, up to four additional CIs can be named in the application from either Gold Coast Health or the collaborating partner institution. All CIs named in the application must be employed by Gold Coast Health and/or the relevant partner institution.

The CI team must include at least one academic partner ECR, defined as “within 5 years of PhD award date”. If the academic partner ECR does not have a PhD, revert to the definition of ECR for Gold Coast Health applicants of “no more than a total of 10 publications published or in press at the closing date of applications (any order of authorship)” as outlined in the [guidelines](#).

The application can also name a maximum of four Associate Investigators (AIs). The AIs are not required to be aligned to the Gold Coast Health for this Major Grant.

Gold Coast Health co-lead CI career stage

Career Stage *

- ☐ Early Career Researcher (no more than a total of 10 publications published or in press at the close date of applications - any order of authorship)
- ☐ Established Researcher (>10 years research activity))

Confirmation of Applicant eligibility:

Please note: Applications not meeting all eligibility requirements will not progress.

By ticking the box, you are indicating that you meet each of the eligibility criteria.

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- ☐ I have read the Gold Coast Health Major Research Project grant funding guideline.
- ☐ I am the 'Applicant' Co-Lead CI and employed at Gold Coast Health at a minimum 0.4 FTE.
- ☐ To the best of my knowledge my appointment will be for the duration of the grant.
- ☐ The co-lead collaborating partner institution has an appointment of a minimum 0.4 FTE
- ☐ I do not have outstanding annual or final reports from any previous RGS round.
- ☐ The project has not previously been funded by the RGS (2016-2025)
- ☐ I am not a Co-Lead on another application in this grant round
- ☐ The proposed research activity is NOT already funded by another organisation
- ☐ I am unable to confirm all eligibility criteria as noted above

All eligibility criteria has been met:

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Thank you for confirming your eligibility.

Please proceed to the next question. Should you require any assistance, contact the Research Office grants administrator.

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Unmet criteria:

You have unmet eligibility criteria, please contact the Research Office for assistance and clarification of the eligibility requirements before progressing this application.

Phone: 5687 0663 or Email: grantsgoldcoast@health.qld.gov.au

Assessment Criteria:

An **Assessment Framework** has been provided to assist when addressing the assessment criteria and is provided as Appendix 1 of the application [guidelines](#).

Protocol | Scientific quality and feasibility

You are required to complete a grant [protocol template](#) for upload into the application form, which should address the following:

- Background
- Study Objectives
- Methodology
- Data Management and analysis plan
- List of references
- Research study timeline

Other key assessment criteria will be addressed within this application form. This will include:

- **Significance and impact for Gold Coast Health**
- **Research capability and capacity building**
- **Collaboration and consumer engagement**

(Strict word-limits will apply when addressing all assessment criteria)

Document upload checklist:

Study Protocol: As described above including the research study timeline.

Budget: A [budget template](#) accompanied by a detailed justification for budget items . Please also refer to the budget [guidelines](#) and [examples](#) which will assist with budget preparation.

Team Member CVs: A CV (no more than 2 pages) is to be provided for each team member named in the application. An optional [CV template](#) is available online.

Letters of support: Gold Coast Health [Institutional Letter Support](#) template is available online. The [Academic Partner Letter of Support](#) template is available online. Additional

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external partner letters of support will be required where use of their facilities and resources are necessary to complete the study.

GCP Training: Certificates of completion for co-lead CI (applicant) and co-lead CI academic partner.

SmartyGrants

SAVING YOUR PROGRESS:

When completing your application in SmartyGrants, you can '**save**' your progress at any point in the form to return later. Once '**submitted**' however, you will be unable to access the form again.

SMARTYFILE PORTAL:

To share and collaborate on this application with team members, please contact the [grants administrator](#) to obtain access and permissions to the 'SmartyFile' portal. Once access is obtained, please refer to the [information guide](#) on how to share your application.

Gold Coast Health Co-Lead CI (Applicant) Details

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Applicant details:

Applicant name: *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held at Gold Coast Health: *

Professional discipline: *

Other:

Department: *

Division *

Primary phone number: *

Primary email: *

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Provide an email address that is frequently accessed.

Employment details:

Employee ID Number: *

Full Time Equivalent (FTE): *

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 project. Where renewal of a contract has not been confirmed, please consult with your line manager and provide clarification.

Line Manager Name: *

Position: *

Email: *

Academic details:

University affiliations: *

- ☐ Bond University
☐ Griffith University
☐ Southern Cross University
☐ No current university affiliation
☐ Other:

If applicable, please provide details of any academic partner university appointments: *

eg. conjoint appointments - type N/A if not applicable

Research Higher Degree: (if applicable) *

Please provide details of the Research Higher Degree awarded and the year awarded Type N/A if not applicable.

ORCID ID: (if applicable) *

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type N/A if not applicable

Co-lead CI (Applicant) research performance relative to opportunity

Has there been any significant disruption/s to your career which have impacted on your ability to conduct research that you would like to be considered? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please provide details of your career disruption/s.

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Other research funding:

Have any other research funding applications, either secured or awaiting decision, been submitted to date for (or directly related to) this project that might alter the final budget? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Other funding applications

Grant type: *

Funding body: *

Funding period: *

Amount *

Must be a dollar amount.

Potential overlap with this grant: *

Co-lead CI - Collaborating Partner Details

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Co-lead CI details:

Co-lead name: *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Partner Institution:

- ☐ Griffith University
☐ Bond University
☐ Southern Cross University
☐ Other:

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Faculty / School / Area *

Other:

Position: *

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) *

ORCID ID (if applicable) *

Type N/A if not applicable

Co-lead CI Research Experience

What is the co-lead academic partner level of experience? *

- ☐ Early Career Researcher (within 5 years of PhD award date. If no PhD, then no more than a total of 10 publications published or in press at the closing date of applications (any order of authorship))
- ☐ Mid Career Researcher (5-10 years research activity post PhD or equivalent track record)
- ☐ Established Researcher (>ten years research activity post PhD or equivalent track record)

Co-lead CI (Academic Partner) research performance relative to opportunity

Has there been any significant disruption/s to your career which have impacted on your ability to conduct research that you would like to be considered?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide details of career disruption/s. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training:

Completion of GCP training is mandatory for all researchers conducting a **clinical trial**.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) [defines a clinical trial](#) as "any research study that prospectively assigns human participants or groups of humans to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes."

GCP training is not mandatory, but is highly recommended for researchers undertaking other research projects.

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As the **co-lead CI (applicant)** and **collaborating partner co-lead** for this grant application, it is a requirement to have completed GCP training if the application is successful. Details and dates for upcoming 'Introduction to GCP' workshops and refresher sessions are available to Gold Coast Health staff through [LOL](#). Academic partners should contact their institution for training.

If GCP training has been completed, please upload a copy of your certificate below. If you have not as yet completed GCP training and are successful with this grant, training will need to have been completed and a copy of the certificate provided, prior to release of funding.

Please upload a copy of the current GCP certificates for the applicant co-lead CI and academic partner co-lead CI.

Attach a file:

If you are unable to upload a certificate at this time, please email a copy of the certificate/s to the grants administrator on completion of training.

Preliminary information

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Has this project commenced? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Date project commenced *

A Month & Year is sufficient

Is this a discrete phase of an overarching project: *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Briefly explain the relationship of this phase to the overarching project and why it is essential *

Must be no more than 150 words.

Does the project have HREC approval? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Does the project have Gold Coast Health HREC approval or has the project been reviewed and approved by a public health service based Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) that: is certified under the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) National Mutual Acceptance Scheme) HREC approval?

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HREC reference:

**Does the project have
Site Specific Assessment
(SSA) authorisation? ***

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

SSA reference:

Project details

* indicates a required field

Project Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Accurately and concisely describe the nature of the project.

Short Title (Optional)

Study Sites: *

- ☐ Gold Coast Health
☐ Griffith University
☐ Bond University
☐ Southern Cross University
☐ Other:

Lay Summary: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Fields of Research:

Please select a field of research that best suits your current project. You may select an option from up to 2 groupings. To select more than one or an unlisted option in a field, please use '**Other**'.

Eg. **Nursing and Midwifery** (Aged Care nursing), **Allied Health** (Nutrition and dietetics)

Nursing and Midwifery

Other:

Allied Health

Other:

Clinical Sciences

Other:

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Public Health and Health Services

Other:

Additional Options

Other:

Methodology to be applied: *

Other:

Please choose one option that best describes the primary methodology used in the project.

Assessment criteria

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Significance and impact for Gold Coast Health - 35%

The assessment will consider if the project:

- provides a justification for, and addresses the significance and originality of the study
- addresses an important health issue relevant to the population serviced by Gold Coast Health (refer to the [Gold Coast Health Strategic Plan 2026-2030](#) ; and the [Research Roadmap](#) and the purpose of this Grant Scheme
- has the potential to improve scientific knowledge, technical capability / capacity, or change practice and or likely to result in a successful future national funding application
- has a clear dissemination plan for study results, and;
- will result in impactful outcomes, including publication, support future grant applications, and form long-term collaborations.

In plain English, explain how the research is significant and describe the anticipated clinical impacts of the proposed research and detail the short (within the grant term) and long term plan to translate the proposed outcomes. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Scientific quality and feasibility - 30%

The assessment will consider if the project:

- proposes a clear research question or hypotheses supported by the literature and aligns with the study aim and overall methods, and;

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- provides a rationale and explanation of the proposed study methods that are appropriate and feasible for the research question being proposed.

Please upload your grant protocol here. *

Attach a file:

Research capability and capacity building - 20%

The assessment will consider:

- the track record of investigators and relevance to the proposed study, including evidence of successful management and completion of research projects
- the role of each investigator in undertaking the proposed research
- the career stages of the research team members and any relevant career disruptions
- the research environment, including infrastructure and resources, in which the team will be undertaking the research, and;
- the plan for research capacity building within the team and the roles of mentors.

Describe the capability of the team and how it will enable the research to be undertaken.

Outline how the research capacity of the team will be developed as part of their participation in the project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Collaboration and consumer engagement - 15%

The assessment will consider:

- the contributions of the collaborating organisation/s including in-kind support available;
- the roles of collaborating researchers, including the mutual benefits afforded by the collaboration;
- evidence of previous effective research collaboration or, a clear research collaboration plan for this study if this is the first time the researchers have collaborated; and
- how consumers have been meaningfully engaged in the development of the research and the plan for ongoing involvement in the study.

Describe the collaborations that exist or are intended to be formed to deliver this project. Comment on how it is planned to engage consumers in this project. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

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Team members

* indicates a required field

Co-Lead CIs

CI 1:

Co-lead CI - Gold Coast Health *

Please re-enter your name as the Co-lead CI - Gold Coast Health

Describe your expected contribution to the project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Please upload CV: *

Attach a file:

Must be no more than 2 pages

CI 2:

Co-lead CI - collaborating partner institution: *

Please re-enter name for collaborating partner co-lead CI

Describe the expected contribution to the project of the co-lead CI. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Please upload CV: *

Attach a file:

Must be no more than 2 pages

Additional Project CIs

CI 3

Project CI Name *

Position *

Organisation *

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What is your main professional discipline? *

Research Experience *

This team member's likely contribution to the project: *

Word count:

Please upload CV *

Attach a file:

CI 4

Project CI Name *

Position *

Organisation *

What is your main professional discipline? *

Research Experience *

This team member's likely contribution to the project: *

Word count:

Please upload CV *

Attach a file:

CI 5

Project CI Name

Position

Organisation

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What is your main professional discipline?

Research Experience

This team member's likely contribution to the project:

Word count:

Please upload CV

Attach a file:

CI 6

Project CI Name

Position

Organisation

What is your main professional discipline?

Research Experience

This team member's likely contribution to the project:

Word count:

Please upload CV

Attach a file:

Associate Investigators (AI)

AI 1

Project AI Name

Position

Organisation

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What is your main professional discipline?

Research Experience

This team member's likely contribution to the project:

Word count:

Please upload CV

Attach a file:

AI 2

Project AI Name

Position

Organisation

What is your main professional discipline?

Research Experience

This team member's likely contribution to the project:

Word count:

Please upload CV

Attach a file:

AI 3

Project AI Name

Position

Organisation

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What is your main professional discipline?

Research Experience

This team member's likely contribution to the project:

Word count:

Please upload CV

Attach a file:

AI 4

Project AI Name

Position

Organisation

What is your main professional discipline?

Research Experience

This team member's likely contribution to the project:

Word count:

Please upload CV

Attach a file:

Agreement to project involvement:

As the co-lead CI (applicant), I confirm that all investigators have agreed to be involved in this project. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

By answering 'Yes', you are confirming that all investigators have agreed to their involvement in the project and this application.

Please ensure you have obtained agreement from all investigators before submitting this application.

Budget | Letters of Support

* indicates a required field

Budget details

Please outline your grant budget in the template provided.

A budget must be completed using the required [budget template](#), accompanied by a detailed justification for budget items (see further information on preparing your budget below). Applicants must review the Research [Budget Guide](#) and refer to the [worked example](#) which will assist with budget preparation.

- The maximum value of the co-funded Major Research Project grant is \$150,000
- List each item separately.
- Provide clear descriptions for each item.
- Do not estimate your costs.
- Ensure you refer to the [Department of Health Costing template](#) for calculating labour and non-labour expenses as outlined in the guideline.
- Researchers should also give consideration to potential NAATI accredited translation costs in respect of inclusion/exclusion criteria as set out in the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research updated 2025 - 3.1.14](#)

Please upload your completed budget: *

Attach a file:

Letters of support

Please upload the Gold Coast Health [letter of support](#) signed by the co-lead CI (applicant) Head of Department and the [co-lead academic partner letter of support](#) signed by the university authorised delegate.

Upload letters of support: *

Attach a file:

Feedback

* indicates a required field

Before you click the **SUBMIT** button, please take a few moments to provide us with some feedback.

Please indicate how you found the application process: *

- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Easy

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- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Very difficult

How did you become aware of the Gold Coast Health Collaborative Research Grant Scheme? *

- ☐ Executive Blog
- ☐ Daily News Digest
- ☐ Screensaver
- ☐ Spotlight
- ☐ Research news
- ☐ Word of Mouth
- ☐ Intranet / Internet
- ☐ University communications
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Other: