

We're making changes to our Queensland Research Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for a *Jumpstart* or *Leading Edge* grant?

The Principal Investigator on the grant application must be a Queensland Health* clinician who is providing direct clinical care to patients in emergencies within the pre-hospital or emergency department environments. This includes nurses, paramedics, allied health professionals as well as doctors (emergency specialist or rural generalist).

I am not employed in a Queensland public hospital or pre-hospital setting, but I am interested in emergency medicine research – can I apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply as a Principal Investigator (PI) for a grant scheme in the EMF Queensland Research Program. However, you can be a Co-Investigator (CI) on an application. You will need to ensure the application has a Queensland Health* employee who works in an emergency department as a PI. The application also requires at least one CI to be a Queensland Health* employed FACEM (Fellow of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine) or FRACP PEM (Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians – Paediatric Emergency Medicine).

Do co-investigators on a *Jumpstart* or *Leading Edge* grant have to be employed by Queensland Health?

You will require at least one Queensland Health-employed FACEM or FRACP PEM providing direct clinical care to patients in pre-hospital or Emergency Department setting as a co-investigator. However, no one else is required to be a Queensland Health employee. EMF strongly urges applicants to collaborate with other hospitals, institutions and, where relevant, industry and government.

Can an emergency trainee or registrar apply for a *Jumpstart* or *Leading Edge* grant? Yes, you are eligible to apply for both grants as long as you are employed by Queensland Health.

If a FACEM applies for a *Jumpstart* or *Leading Edge* grant do they still require a FACEM as a coinvestigator?

Yes, for now they do. Our aim is to encourage collaboration across hospital sites. We will continue to evaluate the grant schemes and make changes if needed.

I was going to apply for a *Program* grant – what should I do now?

EMF encourages you to select one or more of the key research projects you were planning to undertake with a *Program* grant and apply for *Project* or *Staff Specialist* grants.

* All EMF Principal Investigators on grants must be employees of Queensland Health. This includes employees of Mater Misericordiae Health Services Brisbane Ltd, who work in the Mater Public Hospital

Our Emergency Department was planning to apply for a *Capacity Building* grant. Is there another option for us?

EMF recommends your Department select one or more of the key research projects you were planning to undertake with a *Capacity Building* grant and apply for a *Project* grant (worth up to \$450,000). EMF will view your application as highly desirable if you can still secure joint funding from your Hospital.

Are there any alternatives for a research scholarship?

Yes, numerous groups offer research scholarships:

- Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office (HIRO): https://www.health.qld.gov.au/hiro/html/rpu/sen_clin_res_fel
- NHMRC: <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants-funding/apply-funding/postgraduate-scholarships>
- RACP: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/prizes-grants-scholarships-and-fellowships>

Hospital and Health Services (HHS), research institutes and universities also offer scholarships to complete PhDs and Research Masters.

Why is EMF making changes to its grant schemes?

After 10 years, the Queensland Research Program has, without a doubt, successfully fostered the research capability and capacity of emergency specialists. EMF's funding has also seen nurses, paramedics, rural generalists and allied health professionals become actively involved in research projects led by specialists. The EMF Board would now like to see EMF actively grow the research capability of these clinicians to create an even richer and innovative emergency medicine research community in Queensland.

Is there any chance that EMF will re-introduce the grants it has removed?

EMF will continue to evaluate and review its grant schemes. If EMF were to re-introduce grant schemes in the future, it is more than likely that they would be open to all emergency healthcare clinicians employed by Queensland Health (not just FACEMs).

Is EMF's funding for the Queensland Research Program ongoing?

EMF has a three year funding agreement with Queensland Health, which ends on 30 June 2020. The Department is very supportive of EMF and we hope to be able to renew our funding for a further three years.

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