



Special Research Grants Program: Trauma Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Queensland – Round 4 - Scholarships

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PLEASE READ GUIDELINES CAREFULLY
BEFORE SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

About the Emergency Medicine Foundation and the Motor Accident Insurance Commission

The Emergency Medicine Foundation (EMF) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion and delivery of a research, educational and promotional grant programs in the field of emergency healthcare to enhance the patient experience and outcomes, save lives and promote system sustainability in Queensland.

The Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAiC) is the regulatory authority responsible for regulating and improving Queensland's Compulsory Third Party insurance scheme and managing the Motor Accident Insurance and Nominal Defendant funds. MAiC provides funds for research and education in the field of rehabilitation and the provision of rehabilitation services as well as funds for research into the causes of motor vehicle accidents and their prevention.

EMF supports high quality research directed at improving the healthcare of patients in emergencies within the pre-hospital and emergency department settings. EMF research funding initiatives include the Queensland Research Program and special funding programs. The Special Research Grants Program '*Trauma Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Queensland*' is an initiative funded by MAiC.

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1 About the Special Research Grants Program

The Special Research Grants Program ‘*Trauma Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Queensland*’, funded by the Motor Accident Insurance Commission aims to:

- fund research to create an evidence base for the best emergency care of trauma patients, in particular road trauma patients, in regional, rural and remote Queensland
- identify key barriers to optimal emergency care for trauma patients and solutions to overcome those barriers through the translation of research findings into evidence-based health policy and practice
- build research capacity for trauma and emergency healthcare clinicians in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

This Special Research Grants Program is designed for frontline clinicians who have the insight and emotional investment in the management of trauma patients in regional, rural and remote Queensland. This program has been developed to empower these clinician-researchers in their navigation of the research path to ensure that their voices and ideas for improving trauma care are heard. To support clinician-researchers, EMF offers the following:

- Clinicians without any prior research experience can apply for a scholarship to attend a university course for training in emergency healthcare research.
- Clinicians new to research can apply for mentoring support during the application stage and, if successful, for ongoing support by mentors who can provide guidance and assistance through the lifetime of the project.
- Research grants for short to medium term projects addressing the aims of the Special Research Grants Program.

These Funding Guidelines apply to Scholarship applications only, which are offered twice in 2024. Funding Guidelines for research grants are available on [EMF’s website](#).

1.1 Important Dates (2024)

| Actions | Round 4.1 | Round 4.2 |
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| Scholarship applications open | 2 April | 5 August |
| Scholarship applications close | 27 May | 28 October |
| Announcement of outcomes for scholarship applications | Late June | Mid December |

2 How to Apply for a Scholarship

Clinicians interested in emergency medicine research to improve emergency trauma care but who do not have any prior research experience can apply for a scholarship to attend a university course for training in emergency healthcare research. EMF is offering funding for the following courses:

Emergency Medicine Research Course

This course is a semester-long program run conjointly by Monash University and The Alfred Emergency & Trauma Centre. The course is made up of two postgraduate units: 1) Emergency Medicine Research Methods and 2) Evidence Based Medicine. This course can be completed either as a standalone certificate, or as one unit towards the Master of Public Health with Monash University.

Successful applicants in Round 4.1 can choose to enrol in the next course starting in July 2024 or the subsequent course starting in February 2025, whereas successful applicants in Round 4.2 can enrol in the course starting in February 2025. They must commit to submitting a grant proposal of sufficient quality to EMF within two years of completing the course. The grant application can be submitted to any of EMF's research grants programs but must address the objectives of the Trauma Care Special Research Grants Program.

Registration Fees are \$4,950 per person and will be covered by the EMF scholarship. More information on this course is [available here](#).

Short course: Conducting High-Quality Health Research

This course is offered by the University of Tasmania and designed for clinicians who want to develop the practical knowledge required to complete a high-quality health research project. The course will take about 30 hours to complete and is only available online and self-paced.

Successful applicants must complete the course within six months of being awarded the EMF scholarship. They must commit to submitting a grant proposal of sufficient quality to EMF within two years of completing the course. The grant application can be submitted to any of EMF's research grants programs but must address the objectives of the Trauma Care Special Research Grants Program.

Registration Fees are \$1,150 per person and will be covered by the EMF scholarship. More information on this course is [available here](#).

Mentorship

Scholarship applicants must nominate a mentor who has the ability and capacity to guide the applicant through the process of acquiring research knowledge and training. Applicants can either nominate their mentor directly, or where there is no access to mentoring support in the applicant's immediate work environment, applicants can nominate a mentor from a pool of researchers at the Jamieson Trauma Institute (JTI). A list of JTI researchers who are available for mentoring support can be found on the Application Form.

Should the applicant nominate their own mentor, a mentor statement is required for the application and should convey why the mentor has chosen to support the applicant and how they will ensure the applicant receives high quality research training.

Application process

Applications for scholarships must be submitted via SmartyGrants, EMF's online grants management platform. Applicants can login or register with SmartyGrants [here](#). A Microsoft Word application template is available on the [EMF website](#) to assist with offline preparation.

Eligibility checks

Applicants must satisfy EMF's eligibility check for their application. This includes:

- full compliance with the closing date and time of the grant round
- satisfactorily meeting eligibility, content and format requirements

Review process

For scholarship applications in this Special Research Grants Program, a review panel will assess all applications and make funding recommendations to EMF.

Selection criteria

Scholarship applications will be assessed against the following review criteria:

- The applicant demonstrates a strong motivation to engage in emergency medicine research.
- The application provides a coherent strategy for the applicant to gain research knowledge and training through a scholarship offered by EMF, including availability to commit time to the research training.
- There are clear future research plans based on the knowledge gained from the scholarship and these research plans are relevant to the objectives of this Special Research Grants Program (refer to Section 1). Applicants who aim to submit a grant proposal to this Special Research Grants Program will be prioritised.

3 Eligibility Criteria

3.1 Applicant

The applicant is the person to attend the selected university course and the corresponding applicant with EMF. Scholarship applicants must meet each of the following requirements:

- Be based in Queensland,
- Provide direct clinical care to patients in medical emergencies,
- Be based in Australia for at least 80 per cent (%) of the funding period. Periods greater than three months (continuous) overseas require prior approval from EMF.

Applicants who provide emergency care to trauma patients in regional or rural and remote Queensland will be prioritised.

3.2 Mentor

If applicants are nominating their own Mentor, the nominated Mentor must meet the following requirements:

- Have research qualifications, i.e. PhD or equivalent and a proven research track record,

- Be compliant regarding final and progress reporting for all EMF grants they are Principal Investigator on, if applicable.

4 Post Decision Process

4.1 Notification of Decision

EMF will notify successful and unsuccessful applicants of the outcome of their scholarship application in writing.

Enquiries relating to the notification of the decision should be forwarded to EMF's Research Manager via email to grants@emfoundation.org.au.

4.2 Timing and Payment

Scholarship recipients must enrol in the course nominated in their application, except where EMF has granted special permission to do otherwise. Upon enrolment, the scholarship recipient should nominate EMF to receive the invoice to cover the course fee.

4.3 Requests for formal outcome reviews

EMF grant outcomes are final. Any requests for formal outcome reviews will be considered by EMF at its discretion and may proceed to a formal review by an independent committee or party.

5 Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities and Considerations

5.1 Conditions for Scholarships

All recipients of a scholarship in the Special Research Grants Program must provide a Final Report outlining their learning experience and future research plans. The Final Report must be provided three months after the university course has been completed.

All recipients of a scholarship in the Special Research Grants Program must commit to submitting a grant proposal of sufficient quality to any of EMF's research grants programs within two years of completing the university course for which they received EMF funding to attend.

Failure to provide reports or submit grant applications may make the scholarship recipient ineligible to apply for future EMF grants. Scholarship recipients who withdraw from the course prior to completion of the semester (i.e. no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid.

5.2 Acknowledgement

An acknowledgement of the funding from EMF and MAIC must be visible either on equipment or in any brochures, reports, posters, multimedia material or other publicity.

5.3 Media coverage

The receipt of a grant from the Special Research Grants Program places obligations on successful applicants to accommodate reasonable requests made by EMF or MAIC or public relations firms engaged by EMF or MAIC to participate in media or publicity. High impact publications arising from

funded research or key presentations at national or international conferences are excellent topics of interest for the media.

5.4 Major alterations

EMF must be notified immediately via grants@emfoundation.org.au if there are any major changes in circumstances, e.g. change in employment, that might affect the scholarship recipient's ability to undertake the course they have nominated or enrolled in.

EMF retains the right to review the award considering these changes.

5.5 Workload

Scholarship recipients are expected to be able to demonstrate how their clinical workload allows them to commit time to the nominated course. This includes time allocated to this application and other EMF and non-EMF related work.

5.6 Intellectual Property

Applicants must adhere to the Intellectual Property Policy approved by the governing body of the host research organisation that is congruent with the document "National Principles of Intellectual Property Management for Publicly Funded Research" released in September 2001.

5.7 Privacy legislation

Applicants consent to the information supplied as part of their application being disclosed for the purposes of the assessment of their application and for purposes connected with the making and administration of the grant. Such disclosure includes, but is not limited to, disclosure to relevant representatives and employees of EMF involved in the review and grants funding processes and legal advisors.

EMF's Privacy Policy is based on the Information Privacy Principles contained in the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) and the National Privacy Principles. Personal information will be dealt with in accordance with our policy, which can be viewed [on our website](#).

If you are concerned about your privacy and the confidentiality and security of any information that may be provided to us, please contact us directly at grants@emfoundation.org.au

5.8 Termination of the Scholarship

Subject to any special conditions specified at the time an award is offered, these conditions shall apply to all scholarship recipients. An award will be terminated if the recipient(s) does not observe the conditions of the award.