RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION – Special Research Grants Program ‘*Trauma Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Queensland*’ Round 4

Applications for research grants in Round 4 of the Special Research Grants Programare due on **Monday 29 July 2024 at 10:00am AEST**. This template is available to prepare your application offline prior to submitting via [SmartyGrants](https://emfqld.smartygrants.com.au/).

Please refer to the Funding Guidelines available on [EMF’s website](https://emergencyfoundation.org.au/trauma-care/) to ensure you meet the eligibility criteria and for detailed information on completing your application.

Please note SmartyGrants is not Word compatible therefore the online grant application will need to be populated by copying the content into the online form. There is no requirement to upload this working template to SmartyGrants.

Should you have any questions please contact the EMF Research Team on (07) 3720 5700 or email [grants@emfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@emfoundation.org.au).

## Part A: Executive Summary

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| **A1.** | **Project Title:** [Max 30 words. Please provide a short title.] |

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| **A2.** | **Principal Investigator:** [Title - First name – Last Name] |

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| **A3.** | **Administering Institution:** [Refer to section 3.2 in the Funding Guidelines. The Principal Investigator must have a formal affiliation with the Administering Institution; the affiliation must be clearly shown. A tenuous connection to the Administering Institution will not be accepted.] |

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| **A4.** | **Plain language summary** [Max 250 words. The plain language summary should clearly explain a problem, the research question/s, propose a solution/s, and state the significance, innovation, and expected impact of the project. Write the plain language summary in simple and clear English without jargon and unexplained acronyms.] |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **A5.** | **Scientific Abstract** [Max 450 words. Justify the research in terms of background/problem; aims and objectives; hypothesis/research question; research design and methods; results/analysis and conclusions expected.] |
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| **A6.** | **Please explain how the proposed research addresses the aims of the Special Research Grants round.** [Max 150 words. Refer to Section 1 of the Funding Guidelines. Please also indicate how this proposed research demonstrate research capacity building for trauma and emergency healthcare clinicians in regional, rural and remote Queensland.] |
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| **A7.** | **Total Amount Requested: $** [This value is automatically calculated from Part D Budget.] |

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| **A8.** | **Project duration** [in months] |
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## Part B: Research Proposal - Project Description

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| **B1.** | **Project Background and Rationale** [Max 1500 words. Please provide a concise summary of the current knowledge relating to the aim/s of the research, stating the importance of the proposed research for advancing new knowledge, and identifying the significance of the research to emergency trauma care in regional, rural and remote Queensland. References can be provided in Question B6.] |
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| **B2.** | **Research Aims and Objectives** [Max 300 words] |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **B3.** | **Research Design and Methods** [Max 2000 words. Please provide a concise and robust research design. Provide details on the method/s that will be used, the reasoning behind their use and any necessary stakeholder engagement involved (e.g. patient, inter-departmental, cross-departmental, multi-site).] |
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| **B4.** | **Innovation and Impact** [Max 750 words. Please outline the novelty of the project (e.g. new knowledge & methods for improved patient care) and/or any potential economic, socio-cultural, and educational impacts for best practice (e.g. reduction in patient visits to health service, avoid family separation, etc.).] |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **B5.** | **Potential Knowledge Translation Plan/Strategy** [Max 750 words. Please outline a proposed plan to translate the research findings and achieve the anticipated impact stated in B4.] |
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| **B6.** | **References** |
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| **B7.** | **Project Sites and Collaborating Institutions** [Please provide details of the sites involved in this project and the respective investigator at each named site.] | | | | |
|  | Department | Institution | Location | Investigator  (Name of Principal Investigator / Co-Investigator / Associate Investigator) | Role/comments [Brief description of research activity at this site, e.g. patient recruitment, study coordination, laboratory tests etc.] |
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| **B8.** | **Project Plan** [Please enter details of each key step/milestone that is required to complete this proposed project and estimate the time in months that the milestone will take to complete. Please note, duration must be aligned with your response to Question A8. | |
|  | Milestone | Estimated duration in months |
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| **B9.** | **Additional supporting documentation**  [Optional: Please upload any additional documentation e.g. relevant tables or images on SmartyGrants in this section, if applicable.] |

## Part C: Research Proposal – Additional Information

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| **C1.** | **Does this project involve recruitment of participants (e.g. patient, staff) or accessing data?** [YES] or [NO]. If NO, please proceed to question C3. |

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| **C2.** | **If YES, please provide details on how you are going to ensure you can achieve the targeted number of participants or data points.**  [Max 500 words] |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **C3.** | **Will the research require ethics approval?** [YES] or [NO] – Refer to section 6.2 in the Funding Guidelines regarding provision of ethics approval or waiver if grant application is successful. If you have already obtained ethics approval or waiver, you can upload the document in Section B9. |

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| **C4.** | **Please declare any potential conflict of interest that may be inherent in this submission whereby a named investigator represents EMF in an advisory or governance capacity.** [For example, EMF Board or any Committee membership] |
|  | [Your response here] |

## Part D: Budget

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| **D1.** | **Budget request (GST exclusive)**  Please refer to the [Funding Guidelines](https://emergencyfoundation.org.au/trauma-care/) (dated May 2024) for eligible expenditures. An example of how to calculate and justify budget requests that can also be used as a template is available [here](http://emergencyfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/EMF-Example-for-budget-request_Trauma-Care_May2024.xlsx).  Please detail each budget item and note the following:   * EMF funds up to 30% of direct on-costs only * The direct on-cost percentage calculation MUST be entered on a separate line * Your business manager (or equivalent) can offer guidance on projected salary for personnel * EMF does not allow for institutional overheads and administrative charges * Where applications include requests of over $5,000 to engage third-party services or skilled specialists, e.g. health economists or statisticians, a detailed quote for the service must be provided. | | | |
|  | **Budget item** | **Unit Cost or  Annual salary (AU$)** | **Number of Units  or FTE p.a.** | **Total per budget item (AU$)** |
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Detailed quote:

Where applications include requests of over $5,000 to engage third-party services or skilled specialists, e.g. health economists or statisticians, a detailed quote for the service must be provided.

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| **D2.** | **Budget Justification** [Max 700 words. Please supply the rationale for each budget item requested and any supporting information regarding appropriateness of costs. Budget items with no rationale may not be considered. Please group the budget justifications under the appropriate category e.g. Personnel, Maintenance, Equipment, Travel or Other (e.g. third party service). If you are not requesting any items in a given category, please indicate n/a.] |
|  | Personnel: |
|  | Maintenance: |
|  | Equipment: |
|  | Travel: |
|  | Other: [items that cannot be placed in another category, e.g. third party service, consumables] |

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| **D3.** | **Alternative Funding: Have you sought or obtained leverage funding, cash or in-kind support for this project from any other source?** [It is important for EMF to understand how the potential funding will be spent in combination with other funds, or how EMF funds are being leveraged to achieve larger amounts of funding. An approximate dollar value would be helpful.] |
|  | [Your response here] |

## Part E: Principal Investigator

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| **E1.** | **Name:** [Title First Name – Last Name] |

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| **E2.** | **Clinical Load:** [Please provide hours per week] |

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| **E3.** | **Time Commitment to the Project:**  [Please provide hours per week] |

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| **E4.** | **Your hospital or pre-hospital service:** [If you hold joint appointments, please specify your primary place of practice that is most relevant to the proposal.] |

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| **E5.** | **Will you be residing predominantly in Australia for the duration of the Project:** [YES or NO. Please note that the Principal Investigator must be based in Australia for at least 80% of the funding period.  If NO, please provide details of any foreseen absence in excess of three months continuous. Periods greater than three months (continuous) overseas will require prior EMF approval.] |

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| **E6.** | **PI Eligibility** [Please explain briefly how you meet the Special Research Grants eligibility requirement for Principal Investigators as listed in Section 3.3 of the Funding Guidelines.] |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **E7.** | **Project Role, Relevant Experience and Capacity** [Max 500 words. Please describe your role in the project and how your skills/experience is relevant to the proposed project as well as your availability to commit time to lead this research, taking into account any other projects you are involved in.] |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **E8.** | **Are you currently undertaking other projects in the same field, or directly related to this proposed project, outside your current workload?** [YES or NO. If YES, please list brief information on the nature of the other projects, source and level of funding and how they are different to this proposal.] |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **E9.** | **EMF funding: Have you have been awarded EMF funding in the last five years as Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator?**  [If required, contact EMF to obtain a list of EMF grants awarded to the Principal Investigator. Please send the Principal Investigator’s name, institution and email address to [grants@emfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@emfoundation.org.au) at least one week before the grant round closing date. |
|  | [YES] or [NO]. If [YES] go to question E10. If [NO] go to question E12.] |

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| **E10.** | **Please provide details for each of your EMF grants below.** |
|  | Grant Application ID:  Grant amount awarded $:  Active or completed:  For each active grant: is the project on track? [YES or NO]  For each active grant: is reporting up to date? [YES or NO]  If you responded that one or more of your EMF grants is not on track or up to date with reporting please explain below.  [Your response here] |

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| **E11.** | **For each completed EMF grant, please provide a summary of the main achievements and impact resulting from the grant, focusing on translation into change in policy and practice.** |
|  | [Your response here] |

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| **E12.** | **Principal Investigator’s CV** [Please upload a CV less than 12 months old, detailing relevant research experience including the past five (5) years of publications and past funding success if applicable, max 3 pages] |

## Part F: Research team

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| **F1.** | **Co-Investigator/s** [Please provide details of your Co-Investigators in this section (maximum 8 Co-Investigators). If Co-Investigators hold joint appointments, please specify one primary appointment that is most relevant to the proposal.  NOTE: If the Principal Investigator on the grant application is not a clinician providing emergency care to trauma patients in regional or rural and remote Queensland, there must be at least one such clinician included as a Co-Investigator. Please indicate this for the respective Co-Investigator as applicable.  NOTE: Please note that Co-Investigators’ time will not be funded. Funding for specific activities that the Co-Investigator or Co-Investigator’s team undertake using specified skill sets may be considered. This MUST be justified in the budget section of the application form and a strong rationale provided.] |
|  | **Name:**  [Title - First Name – Last Name] |
|  | **Time Commitment to Project:** [Please provide hours per week] |
|  | **Project Role, Relevant Experience and Capacity** [Max 200 words. Please describe the Co-Investigator’s role in the project and how their skills/experience is relevant to the proposed project as well as their availability to commit to the project.] |
|  | [Your response here] |

[Add more Co-Investigators as required. Maximum 8 Co-Investigators.]

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| **F2.** | **Co-Investigator’s CV:** [Please upload a CV less than 12 months old for each Co-Investigator detailing relevant research experience including the past five (5) years of publications and past funding success, if applicable (max 3 pages).] |

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| **F3.** | **Associate Investigator/s** [Please provide details of your Associate Investigators in this section, if applicable (maximum 8 Associate Investigators). If Associate Investigators hold joint appointments, please specify one primary appointment that is most relevant to the proposal.] |
| **Name:**  [Title First Name – Last Name] |
| **Project Role and Relevant Experience and Capacity** [Max 200 words. Please describe the Associate Investigator’s role in the project and how their skills/experience is relevant to the proposed project as well as their availability to commit to the project.] |
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[Add more Associate Investigators as required. Maximum 8 Associate Investigators.]

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| **F4.** | **Associate Investigator’s CV:** [Optional - please upload a current CV (max 3 pages) for each Associate Investigator at your discretion.] |

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| **F5.** | **Team Quality and Capability relevant to this project** [Max 500 words. Please describe how the team will work together to achieve the project aims, taking into account the expertise and productivity of team members relevant to the proposed project.] |
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| **F6.** | **For all Co-Investigators who were awarded EMF funding in the last five years – either as Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator - please provide a summary of the main achievements and impact resulting from the EMF grant/s, focusing on translation into change in policy and practice.**  [If required, contact EMF to obtain a list of EMF grants awarded to the Co-Investigator. Please send the Co-Investigator’s name, institution and email address to [grants@emfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@emfoundation.org.au) at least one week before the grant round closing date.] |
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| **F7.** | **Support Personnel** [If applicable, please include any support that is being provided by others including research specialists or research assistants/managers to demonstrate their availability, suitability and skills for the proposed research] |
|  | [Your response here] |

## Part G: Contact Details

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| **G1.** | **Principal Investigator** |
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|  | **PI Institution, Department and Position:** |
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| **G2.** | **Grant Application Contact** [Optional, should the PI prefer to nominate another contact person] |
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|  | **Application Contact - Institution, Department and Position:** |
|  | **Application Contact - Primary Postal Address:** |
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| **G3.** | **Contact for Administering Institution:** [The Administering Institution will be responsible for the administration of the funding should the grant be approved by EMF. In this case, EMF will issue the Funding Agreement to the Administering Institution via the contact person nominated in this section. The contact person should be the Research Governance Officer, Business Manager or equivalent.] |
|  | **Title – First name – Last name:** |
|  | **Administering Institution Contact – Institution and Department:** |
|  | **Position:** |
|  | **Primary Phone Number:** |
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| **G4.** | **Co-Investigator 1** [Add more Co-Investigators as required. Maximum 8 Co-Investigators.] |
| **Name:**  [Title – First name – Last name] |
| **CI-1 Institution, Department and Position:** |
| **Primary Postal Address:** |
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| **G5.** | **Associate Investigator 1** [Add more Associate-Investigators as required. Maximum 8 Associate Investigators.] |
|  | **Name:**  [Title – First name – Last name] |
|  | **AI-1 Institution, Department and Position:** |
|  | **Primary Postal Address:** |
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## Part H: Certification

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| **H1.** | **Certification Document**  The Principal Investigator, the Head/s of Department/s (or equivalent) and the Administering Institution are required to sign the Application Certification Document which must be uploaded with the application. This document is available on [EMF’s website](https://emergencyfoundation.org.au/trauma-care/).  Amongst others, the Principal Investigator is required to certify that all named investigators on this application have given their consent to be included and that all Co-Investigators are compliant regarding final and progress reporting for all active EMF grants on which they are Principal Investigators.  You will be deemed ineligible for this funding if this is not completed. You can upload the certification document on SmartyGrants in this section. |