

Intensive Research Training Program

Information and Expression of Interest (EOI) application

The Queensland Rural Health Innovation and Research Collaborative (QRHIRC) invite expressions of interest for the upcoming Intensive Research Training Program (IRTP).

This program supports health sector staff who are new to research to develop research skills and knowledge. Participants partake in practical workshops and receive one-on-one research mentoring to lead the design and development of a research project.

The program includes 4 block-training days delivered across four months. Each training day involves intensive face-to-face teaching in research skills, with an expectation that participants apply learnt skills in their own time in between sessions, towards the development of a research protocol. However, each training day also involves dedicated time to work on their protocol alongside program facilitators.

The program will run from June to November 2026 and is open to individuals or teams. EOIs will be assessed as they are submitted and application remains open until May 19th 2026, or when places are full, whichever occurs first.

What you bring:

- A workplace challenge or research idea to develop and submit to a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) by the end of the program.
- A commitment to attend all four workshop days in person, and willingness to use leave (PD, RDO, Annual) where necessary, to attend these events.
- **Participants must agree to participate in evaluation surveys as part of their commitment to the program.**

What you get:

- 4 full-day targeted workshops with practical guidance to design and implement a robust research project.
- Experienced research mentors providing support between workshops for the development of your research project.
- **Your research mentors will be listed as Associate Investigators or Mentors on your project to assist project development and implementation.**
- Certificate of Completion awarded upon program completion and submission of an ethics application.
- Specified program hours may be claimed as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for allied health, nursing and some medical professionals (participants should confirm eligibility with their relevant professional college).

Training

- Training will be provided in four blocks: 4 full-day (8:30 am-4:30 pm) workshops run as follows:
 - Wednesday 17th June: Orientation; Meet your mentor; Identifying a research problem and refining your research question; Literature search and EndNote basics; Identifying literature that is appropriate.
 - Tuesday 14th July: Identifying your aim, objectives, and outcome measures; Beginners' guide to qualitative research methods; How to write a literature review; Engaging consumers in your research.



- **Tuesday 11th August:** Beginners' guide to quantitative data collection and analysis; Q&A session to choose methodology; Basic survey design (quantitative); Beginners' guide to developing an interview guide for qualitative research and thematic analysis.
- **Wednesday 16th September:** Writing a protocol; Completing your ethics application; Academic writing tips; Budgets and contracts; PICF, recruitment, ethical considerations.
- All workshop days will incorporate dedicated writing time to help participants apply learnings on the day.
- This program is provided free of charge with workshops presented by members of the QRHIRC network. Any health sector staff interested in research are invited to submit an EOI, however preference will be given to staff in organisations within the QRHIRC network.
- All workshops will be face to face at Baillie Henderson Hospital Campus. Attendance is required at all workshop days.

Outcomes

- The program includes targeted outputs or deliverables for each workshop day, which participants/teams are required to complete to maintain a place in the program. Deliverables must be emailed to the QRHIRC Coordinator one week prior to the next scheduled workshop.
 - June workshop deliverable – prior to the July workshop: A finalised research question.
 - July workshop deliverable – prior to the August workshop: Finalised research aims, objectives and outcome measures, and succinct draft literature review.
 - August workshop deliverable – prior to the September workshop: A finalised data collection plan and a draft data collection tool.
 - September workshop deliverable – final program deliverable: evidence of project submission to HREC due by 10th November 2026.
- Publication of results is expected as a part of the research process, and mentors who contributed to the project will be co-authors of any external research outputs.

Mentors

- Will be listed as mentors or associate investigators on projects and co-authors on papers.
- Provide support to participants to develop an identified project.
- Will be available in person at the orientation workshop, plus provide additional support across the life of the program, including ongoing support for manuscript publication.
- Will review the projects' HREC application prior to submission.

Enquiries

For initial enquiries contact the QRHIRC Coordinator: QRHIRC@health.qld.gov.au, 0436 934 545.

Submission

Please complete the Expression of Interest and return to QRHIRC@health.qld.gov.au by **COB Tuesday 19th May 2026**. Teams must submit a separate EOI for each participant. Each EOI should clearly indicate the intention to participate as part of a team working on a single shared project idea and identify the other team member(s).

It is not the responsibility of your Line Manager to submit your application. Please follow up with your Line Manager to ensure the EOI is returned to you in time for you to meet the submission deadline.

Late submissions cannot be accepted. You will be notified by 26th May 2026 of the outcome of your EOI, giving you time to arrange leave for the workshop days if successful.



EOI for Intensive Research Training Program

Name of individual or team applicant/s	
Profession	
Position title/s	
Organisation	
Location <i>If you work across several sites, please state the location of your office or your most frequent location.</i>	
Work contact details <i>Email and phone, as well as designated workdays</i>	
Summary of idea for improvement/research <i>You are not expected to have a fully detailed plan. The IRTP will help you to develop this.</i>	<i>What is the problem or issue to be investigated?</i>
	<i>Why is it important to investigate this problem or issue?</i>
	<i>Ideas on how you might investigate it (optional).</i>
Do you have sufficient leave to attend the 4 full day workshops?	
Summary of your/team research strengths	
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Line Manager acknowledgement of staff capacity to undertake research in work time AND provisional support for intended leave for attendance of program days	<p>I have discussed the requirements for involvement in the Intensive Research Training Program with the staff member/s named above. I understand engagement in the program will require 4 full days leave from their position, and dedication of work time to research activities.</p> <p>I approve their participation and agree they have the capacity to undertake this program within their current role.</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Position:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>