

SHP's Expression of Interest (Eoi) for NHMRC 2024 Collaborations in Health Services Research Grant

Sydney Health Partners (SHP) is inviting Expressions of Interest (Eoi) from our Clinical Academic Groups (CAGs) to propose a project for SHP's application for the NHMRC's [2024 Collaborations in Health Services Research](#) grant.

We want to put in a competitive bid that demonstrates SHP is meeting the overall aim and the objectives of the grant, to show that SHP is already working collaboratively with our health partners, addressing health services' needs. We feel the best way to do this is via the Clinical Academic Group Program and our CAGs.

In responding to this Eoi please refer to these guidelines **and** the NHMRC documentation including the 2024 Collaborations in Health Services Research Grant Guidelines.

Overall Grant Aim: To stimulate health services research to improve health outcomes by increasing collaboration and building research and translation capacity and competitiveness of the health services sector.

Grant Objectives:

1. Programs of small-scale research projects identified as important by health services and their communities to improve health care.
2. Partnerships that foster collaboration between researchers, health service providers and end users, including consumers and community.

Intended Outcomes:

1. Research translation and innovations in health care and practice are stimulated, with research outcomes showing potential for scalability.
2. Increased collaboration between research, health service providers and communities occurs, and building research and translation capability.

NHMRC's Assessment Criteria:

1. Addressing health system needs (40%)

NHMRC assessment will consider the extent to which the research findings of the projects will address the objectives and intended outcomes of this grant opportunity including:

- Significance of the proposed research – how it will address health system needs that are identified as of value to the community, health care providers and system managers.
- Plan to translate research outcomes – i.e., what do you plan on doing with the findings to improve health outcomes or the health system?

2. Collaboration's strength and record of achievement (40%)

NHMRC assessment will consider the strength of the collaboration as demonstrated by:

- Evidence of an existing collaborative partnership, including demonstrations of previous research translation success with health service providers.
- Co-development of the proposal by all partners.
- Strong governance arrangements, including how projects will be monitored for success.
- Commitment of health system funders, through leveraged contributions.

3. Proposed research (20%)

NHMRC assessment will include the following considerations:

- Feasibility of the proposed research projects, including objectives, available resources, timeframes, and risks.
- The involvement of end-users throughout the proposed research projects, from conception to completion.

What is SHP looking for in your EOI?

1. A CAG can submit one project proposal, endorsed by the CAG Leadership. SHP will select at least 5 projects across the CAGs to put forward for the SHP grant application.
2. A CAG can also submit an additional project in conjunction with one or more CAGs (joint-submission). Each CAG can only be involved in a maximum of two projects.
3. Projects of approximately **18 months** duration with budgets of up to **\$200,000** (this may change and is dependent on the number of projects included in the application):
 - a. The proposed projects should be ready to commence or are ready to take to the next step in scale up.
 - i. Projects focused on the implementation of an intervention, practice or policy (i.e. model of care, new treatment/therapy, preventative intervention, behaviour change, clinical or care pathway/protocol, public health policy).
 - ii. projects can't already be funded by MRFF or NHMRC
 - b. Projects that demonstrate the objectives:
 - i. Programs of small-scale research projects identified as important by health services and their communities to improve health care.
 - ii. Partnerships that foster collaboration between researchers, health service providers and end users, including consumers and community.
4. Projects outcomes that demonstrate the intended outcomes of the grant to create a pathway to larger scale research translation and collaboration scheme.

Out of Scope: clinical trial-related projects or projects for individual researchers are not within the scope of this grant (*see page 7 of 2024 Collaborations in Health Services Research Guidelines*)

How will the EOI applications be evaluated?

SHP aims to submit a competitive grant that demonstrates SHP is meeting the objectives of the grant and showcases how SHP is already working collaboratively with our health partners to address health services' needs. We are looking for a diversity of projects, CIs and A1 and spread across the partnership.

1. The project Eois submitted by CAGs will be reviewed internally by an SHP working group to evaluate the fit with the NHMRC grant aims, objectives and assessment criteria.
2. This will include an assessment of the research translation component of the project and track record of the proposed CIs and AIs
3. SHP may also seek external guidance to assess the competitiveness of the projects against the NHMRC standard assessment criteria.

We may come back to you to discuss components of your EOI with suggested modifications, to enable us to achieve more cohesive narrative.

What happens if your EOI is successful?

- If your EOI is successful, the CI or an appropriate representative will be asked to join a grant application working group to develop the overall grant application.
- A proposed timeline is outlined below. It is anticipated most of the grant will be developed online, in a shared platform, but weekly meetings may be organised on Thursdays to bring the entire team together.
- SHP is also engaging a strategic reviewer from the University of Sydney to assist in the grant application.

Proposed Timeline (dates are subject to change)

EOI Opens	4 th July
EOI Closes (2 weeks)	Sunday 21 July
Review Period (1 week)	22 nd July – 25 th July
Decide on 5 project and broader theme	27 th July
Collate Grant Application (5.5 Weeks to internal deadline)	29 th July – 4 th Sept
Minimum Data submitted	28 th August
Hard internal deadline (USYD)	4 th Sept
Grant Submitted	18 th Sept

Submission process

Completed Eoi forms are to be submitted by **21st July 2024 (11:59pm)** to:

sydneyhealthpartners.snprojectofficer@sydney.edu.au

Your application should be one consolidated file, converted to pdf.

Please label your application using the following format:

SHP__Eoi_CAG name.pdf

e.g. **SHP_Eoi_CAG MSK.pdf**

Questions?

If you have questions regarding research translation, please email them to:

shp.implementationscience@sydney.edu.au

General questions regarding the EOI can be emailed to:

sydneyhealthpartners.snprojectofficer@sydney.edu.au