

2027 RBWH Research Fellowship Grants

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Advice to Applicants

RBWH Research Fellowship Grants

The 2027 RBWH Fellowship Grants aim to support research capacity building at RBWH by funding dedicated research or backfill time for an individual to undertake research activities that align with hospital priorities. The 2027 Research Fellowship Grant scheme has been made possible by the RBWH Study, Education and Research Trust Account (SERTA) Advisory Committee.

In 2026, Research Fellowship Grants will be awarded in two categories:

- 1. Early career researcher (ECR) fellowships.** Six 1-year ECR Research Fellowships (up to \$40,000) are on offer with up to three being awarded for 2 years (up to \$80,000 in total). For this scheme, an ECR is defined as: (a) an individual within three years of completing a research higher degree (MPhil, PhD or equivalent), or (b) an individual who has not commenced or completed a research higher degree and is within 10 years of commencing active research as indicated by grants and publications. Note: for assessment, track record comparisons will be made within groups, not between groups ("a" and "b").
- 2. Research higher degree (RHD) scholarships.** Six 2-3 year RHD Scholarships (up to \$40,000 per year) are on offer with the possibility of 2 years of funding for undertaking an MPhil (or equivalent) or 3 years of funding for undertaking a PhD (or equivalent). Successful applicants must be enrolled in a RHD (MPhil, PhD or equivalent) for the duration of the scholarship.

Track record will have a relatively smaller weighting (10%) and consideration of career disruptions and "relative to opportunity" will be given.

Key Dates

Open: Monday, 7 September 2026

Close: Monday, 26 October 2026

Notification of Outcomes - December 2026

Eligibility

RBWH staff (individual applicants) are eligible to apply for an ECR Fellowship or RHD Scholarship, which are both referred to below by the terms "Research Fellowship" or "fellowship" (or "fellow" for a successful applicant). To be considered eligible for a Research Fellowship, applicants must:

- Be temporary or permanent employees of Metro North Health and based at RBWH for a minimum of 0.2 FTE during the fellowship.
- Nominate at least one appropriately qualified supervisor.
- Provide a proposal to develop and undertake a body of research aligned with RBWH priorities and/or directly involving RBWH patients, staff or community.
- Not be the recipient of a Metro North Health or Queensland Health Clinician Research Fellowship (or similar fellowship) during the RBWH Research Fellowship.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure enough time is allowed for obtaining signatures, i.e. Line Manager, Principal Supervisor and Head of Department. Please consider the time frames of the administrative process and take into

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consideration public holidays and planned leave for delegates. Applications that are late and/or do not include the necessary signatures will not be accepted.

Applicant Information

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Applicant Details

Applicant Name *

First Name

Last Name

Position *

Position Type *

☐ Temporary ☐ Permanent

Note: for applicants not meeting one of these employment categories in 2025, a letter requesting special consideration must be uploaded as part of the "Statement of RBWH Line Manager support."

FTE at RBWH *

RBWH Department *

Service Line *

Other:

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Gender *

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-binary/other

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

☐ Yes, Aboriginal

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- ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to disclose

Scheme being applied for: *

- ☐ Early career researcher fellowship - 1 year
- ☐ Early career researcher fellowship - 2 years
- ☐ Research higher degree scholarship - 1 year (MPhil, PhD, or equivalent)
- ☐ Research higher degree scholarship - 2 year (MPhil, PhD, or equivalent)
- ☐ Research higher degree scholarship - 3 year (PhD, or equivalent)

For Early Career Researcher Fellowship applicants, are you:

- ☐ Within 3 years of completing a Research Higher Degree (MPhil, PhD or equivalent)
- ☐ Have not started or completed a Research Higher Degree and are within 10 years of commencing active research

For Research Higher Degree Scholarship applicants, what Research Higher Degree will you be undertaking in 2026?

- ☐ MPhil
- ☐ PhD
- ☐ Other:

If other (please specify)

Name of enrolled Institution (for Research Higher Degree scholarship applicants only)

Details of Principal Supervisor

(for Early Career Researcher applicants, specify your primary research supervisor or mentor for the research program; for Research Higher Degree applicants, specify your RHD principal supervisor)

Name	Position	Department and Email Address /or Organisation	Telephone Number

Details of Associate Supervisors (if applicable)

Name	Position	Department and Email address /or Organisation	Telephone number

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Research Program Porposal

Full Research Project Title: *

Brief Project Description: (plain English summary) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Background and Rationale: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Research Aims/Objectives: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Research Plan/Methods (must relate to the aims/objectives): *

Word count:

Must be no more than 1000 words.

Potential significance and impact: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Outline key milestones within the Fellowship: *

Word count:

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Optional: upload any supporting material, e.g. reference list or images/tables/graphs, for the research program proposal.

Attach a file:

PDF only. Maximum of 2 pages.

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Consumer Participation

As defined by Health Consumers Queensland, consumers are people who use, or are potential users, of health organisations including their family and carers. Consumers may participate in projects as individuals, groups, organisations of consumers, consumer representatives or communities. For the purposes of the following questions, a consumer is not a staff member, however, may be a Metro North consumer representative and must meet the previous definition. The following levels of consumer participation are based on the National Framework for Consumer Involvement in Cancer Control, Cancer Australia (2011).

New Question *

- ☐ Level 1. Consumer-Led. Consumers (one or more) are responsible for leading major activities associated with the project, such as priority setting, determining strategic directions and designing study methodology and are recognised as chief investigators on the project. Consumers have a lead role across all stages of the project.
- ☐ Level 2. Partnership. Consumers (one or more) have shared responsibilities with other members of the research team across most stages of the project, such as study design, conduction, analysis and dissemination of findings. Consumers are members of study management teams and may be Chief or Associate Investigators.
- ☐ Level 3. Involving. Consumers are involved in one or more major aspects of a project, such as co-design or priority setting activities (e.g. in the study design or data collection stage of the project), however, are not members of the study management team.
- ☐ Level 4. Consulting. Consumers have been consulted, e.g. through committees, forums, focus groups, workshops, meetings, interviews, for input or feedback into one or more aspects of project, e.g. study methods or dissemination of findings.
- ☐ Level 5. Informing. The project team provide information to consumers on the research through forums, newsletters and/or resources. This level also includes the process of seeking study participation through the provision of study information (i.e. the informed consent process).

At least 1 choice must be selected.

New Question Please provide justification of your selection above, particularly for the highest level/s identified. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Research Capacity Building

How will this Fellowship advance your own professional development? *

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How do you intend to use this Fellowship to actively engage in capacity building activities for your department or service line, RBWH and/or Metro North Health? *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Research Environment

Describe the infrastructure and resources that will be available to you during this Fellowship, including any grant funding you have obtained or intend to apply for. Please include any contingency management strategies you may have for unsuccessful funding opportunities or deviations from your original plans. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe the collaborations and supervisory or mentorship supports that will be available to you during this Fellowship. Include details on the role and contribution of your supervisor/s during this Fellowship. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Track Record

Summarise your research career to date and any other relevant experience. Your track record will be assessed relative to opportunity, so please highlight your achievements in this context and how your experience demonstrates long term potential. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Have you experienced any career interruptions in the last ten (10) years that you wish to disclose? Please provide details (e.g. parental leave or reductions in FTE and duration in weeks). Please do not include any details of a sensitive nature. *

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CV (max 2 pages): *

Attach a file:

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Requested Fellowship Salary Support

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Budget

Specify your pay level, FTE and duration under "Description of personnel costs". Use a separate row for each year of requested funding.

Description of personnel costs	\$

Total funding requested:

*

Must be a dollar amount.

Business Manager approval *

☐ I confirm the Business Manager has reviewed and approved the amounts listed above in the budget table.

Certification and Supporting Material

* indicates a required field

Applicant Supporting Material

Statement of RBWH Line Manager support *

Attach a file:

This must include their support of reducing your FTE and be a signed letter or email from your Line Manager.

Certification from Principal Supervisor *

Attach a file:

Note: this may be an email from your Principal Supervisor

Certification by Head of Department Certification *

Attach a file:

Note: if either your Line Manager or Principal Supervisor is Head of Department, then certification from the Service Line lead should be sought.

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Checklist and Declaration

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Please complete check list before submitting your application.

You must confirm the below: *

- ☐ I have read the fellowship guidelines and confirmed my ability to meet the eligibility criteria for this grant.
- ☐ I am able to complete the outlined work within the grant timeframe.
- ☐ I have attached a statement or signed support from my Line Manager, Principal Supervisor and Head of Department or Service Line Lead.

At least 3 choices must be selected.

Applicant declaration *

☐ I state that the information in this application and attachments is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I will notify RBWH Research Services of any changes to this information and any circumstances that may affect this application. I acknowledge that RBWH Research Services may refer this application to external peers for assessment, advice or comment. I understand that incomplete applications will not be accepted, and all decisions and recommendations of the judging panel are binding and final. If successful, I agree to submit annual progress report/s and a final report.

Confidential information (if applicable)

Please specify any confidential information in this application that is requested NOT to be used in promotional materials by RBWH/Metro North Health.

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.