

2027 RBWH Research Project Grants (SERTA Funded)

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Advice to Applicants

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The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH), with the generous support of the Study, Education and Research Trust Account (SERTA) Advisory Committee, aim to provide financial support to RBWH researchers to undertake original and highly innovative research projects that have the potential to:

- directly affect the care provided to RBWH patients, including translational research and new models of care;
- foster collaborations across RBWH departments, and/or between RBWH and other facilities and external partners; and
- support development of research skills by RBWH staff and consumers.

The Project Grants scheme is intended to seed research projects undertaken by RBWH staff at the RBWH. Priority will be given to proposals with the potential of being developed into work that can compete for larger scale external support, and to supporting proposals that will enable RBWH early career researchers to develop their research careers.

Key Dates

Full Applications

Applications open:	1 June 2026
Applications close:	3 August 2026
Review process:	Sept/Oct 2026
Notification of outcomes:	November 2026

Note: This timetable is subject to change without notice, with the exception of the closing date for applications.

Applications are to be submitted **only** through SmartyGrants using the requisite online application form by the advertised closing date. Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline will be considered in-eligible.

Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria must be met by all applicants:

- The Chief Investigator (CI-A) must hold a substantive appointment at RBWH (minimum of 0.2 FTE) for the duration of the project grant.
- In the case of honorary or less than 0.2 FTE appointments including consumers, the research must be conducted at RBWH, and the application must include a statement, explaining the role of the CI-A at RBWH.
- The CI-A has successfully met research reporting requirements and demonstration of successful execution of projects supported by previous RBWH grants, fellowships, or scholarships. Failure to successfully acquit previous RBWH grants, fellowships or scholarships will impact eligibility for future RBWH grant rounds.
- The CI-A must not be awarded equivalent funds for the same project from other sources. The proposed research must not be concurrently funded by an established

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funder of medical research. The CI-A must disclose all other sources of funding for the same project. The RBWH Research Office may liaise with other funding agencies to discuss any overlap between applications to avoid duplication of funding.

- Where research involves other facilities and/or external partners, the impact and outcomes for RBWH patients must be clear with distinct articulation of RBWH specific outcomes.
- Evidence of research ethics and governance approval specific to the applicant's project must be provided within 6 months of commencement of the project start date.
- Support to conduct the research is provided by the relevant RBWH Head of Department/s. A signed Letter of Support and endorsement of the application must be provided.
- The relevant Service Line Business Manager must approve the research budget by the application due date. Approved budgets provided past the deadline will result in an ineligible application.
- Please note that an investigator can only submit one grant as CI-A per year under this scheme.
- Comply with requested reporting and promotional requirements.

Applicant Declaration *

I have read the eligibility criteria and confirm that I am able to meet all conditions outlined.

Applicant and Team Details

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Applicant Details

Chief Investigator (CI-A) *

Title First Name Last Name

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CI-A Position *

CI-A secondary position (if applicable)

Position Type *

Temporary Permanent Consumer/honorary/other

FTE at RBWH *

RBWH Department *

Service Line *

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Other:

CI-A primary email *

Must be an email address.

CI-A alternate email

Must be an email address.

CI-A primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Gender

Female Male Non-binary/other

Is the CI-A of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- Yes, Aboriginal origin
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander origin
- Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
- No, not of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
- Prefer not to disclose

CI-A Research Career

Indicate the CI-A's research career

Early Career Researcher

An early career researcher is defined here as an individual within three years of completing their research higher degree (MPhil, PhD or equivalent) or within 5 years of commencing active research (as indicated by grants and publications).

Early Career Researcher

Please nominate up to two research mentors *

Project Description

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Project Details

Project title *

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Summary of the proposed project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Grant Scheme Selected

- Up to \$25,000
- \$25,001 to \$50,000

Primary RBWH Department where the Project will be conducted *

Other RBWH Departments involved in the Project

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).

Please identify all levels of consumer participation in the project (select all that apply) *

- 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.

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

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

RBWH Patient Recruitment

Will the research involve recruitment of RBWH patients? *

Yes No

RBWH Patient Recruitment continued

How many RBWH patients will be recruited? *

What is the primary location of recruitment? *

Project Proposal

* indicates a required field

Background and Rationale *

Word count:
Must be no more than 400 words.

Aims

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

Methodology *

Word count:
Must be no more than 1000 words.

Milestones and Timeline *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 400 words.

Upload your reference list here:

Attach a file:

Please upload references or supporting material (max 2 extra pages) pdf only

Outcomes

Describe the significance and potential impact of this project *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Translation, implementation and future benefits for RBWH patients and patient care *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe the plans for communicating the outcomes of this research project to participants, the health care and/or academic sectors and the wider community. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Investigator Information

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List all other Chief Investigators involved in the project.

This is a mandatory field. Applications that are received without providing complete information for all Investigators will not be accepted.

Other Investigators

CI	Name	Email Address	Primary Affiliation	and Secondary Affiliation
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CI-B				
CI-C				
CI-D				
CI-E				
CI-F				
CI-G				

CI-A Curriculum Vitae

A brief CV must be submitted for the CI-A.

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Attach a file:

Other Grants Related to this Project

Please list other funding that you have (a) been awarded, (b) applied for (outcome pending) or (c) intend to apply for, which relate to this project. Specify funding amounts (where known) and how this differs from the budget included in this application *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Budget and Certifications

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Budget

Please use the budget template on the [RBWH Grants](#) webpage for the project budget.

The completed budget must be signed by the Business Manager.

The amounts stated below must correspond with the signed budget.

Total amount requested *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Budget upload *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

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Chief Investigator certifications

Please use the signature template provided on the [RBWH Grants webpage](#).

All Chief Investigators listed in the project must provide their signature.

Chief Investigator certification *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

Head/s of Department certification *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

Certification must be provided by all Heads of Department involved in the project.

Checklist and Declaration

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Please complete the following check list before submitting your application.

You must confirm the below: (check the box to confirm) *

- Have you read and confirmed your ability to meet the eligibility criteria for this grant?
- Are you able to complete the outlined work within the grant timeframe?
- Has your budget been approved by the relevant Business Manager?
- Have you attached certification from all Chief Investigators?
- Have you attached signed support from relevant Department Heads?

At least 5 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 will refer this application to external peers for assessment, advice or comment.