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Translational Research Grants Scheme Round 5 Overview

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Translational Research Grants Scheme (TRGS)

- Competitive research grants
- For staff employed within the NSW public health system
 - LHDs
 - Specialty Health Networks
 - NSW Ambulance
 - NSW Health Pathology
- Medical, nursing, allied health, population health practitioners
- Up to \$1 million over 2.5 years
- Total funding pool \$5 - \$8 million per year
- 62 projects over four funding rounds, worth \$30m

Purpose of TRGS

- Research projects that will
 - translate into better patient outcomes
 - improve the delivery of health services
 - improve population health and wellbeing
- High quality research
- Relevant to the health system – research priority areas
- Potential to be translated into policy and practice
- Reduce time from evidence generation to implementation
- Enhance research capability and capacity in the NSW health system



TRGS Round 5 Priorities

1. Alcohol and other drugs
2. Integrated Care
3. Potentially preventable hospitalisations
4. Pregnancy and the first 2000 days
5. Value Based Health Care
6. Aboriginal health
7. Local priorities

Local priorities

- Articulated in local health plan
- A clinical or other identified health priority for the host organisation
- Clear justification of why the issue is a priority
- Consideration of other sites and organisations

Study types

- Translational research and research that can be translated
 - Randomised controlled trials
 - Pragmatic clinical trials
 - Implementation science
 - Health services research
 - Population health research
 - Proof of concept studies

Out of scope

- Basic science research
- Research occurring only in a primary health care network
- Commercially-sponsored clinical trials
- Descriptive research – ‘idea generation’ or ‘monitoring’
- Projects with a primary focus on cancer
- Projects where the host LHD is not responsible for implementation of the research findings

SECTION F – CERTIFICATION BY HOST ORGANISATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I certify that:

1. The Host Organisation will provide appropriate financial and in-kind support for the research.
2. All funds awarded to the Host Organisation as part of the TRGS will be used only for the purpose for which they were awarded.
3. Practice change will be implemented in the Host Organisation after the research is completed, should the results suggest the intervention is effective.
4. I note that this Full Application will be reviewed by the TRGS Selection Panel, sub-committee and other advisors to the assessment process.
5. I note that if alternative funding is received for this project, TRGS funding support may need to be adjusted allowing other successful TRGS applicants to be supported.

<Insert Name>

Chief Executive, <Insert Host Organisation Name>

Date

SWSLHD Internal Processes for TRGS Round 5

22 MARCH 2020

1 Page summary due to be submitted to Research Directorate

23 MARCH 2020

SWSLHD Review Panel to select top 5 applications

Week beginning 1 APRIL 2020

Feedback sent to applicants

24 APRIL 2020

Expressions of Interest to be submitted to Research Directorate for CE sign off

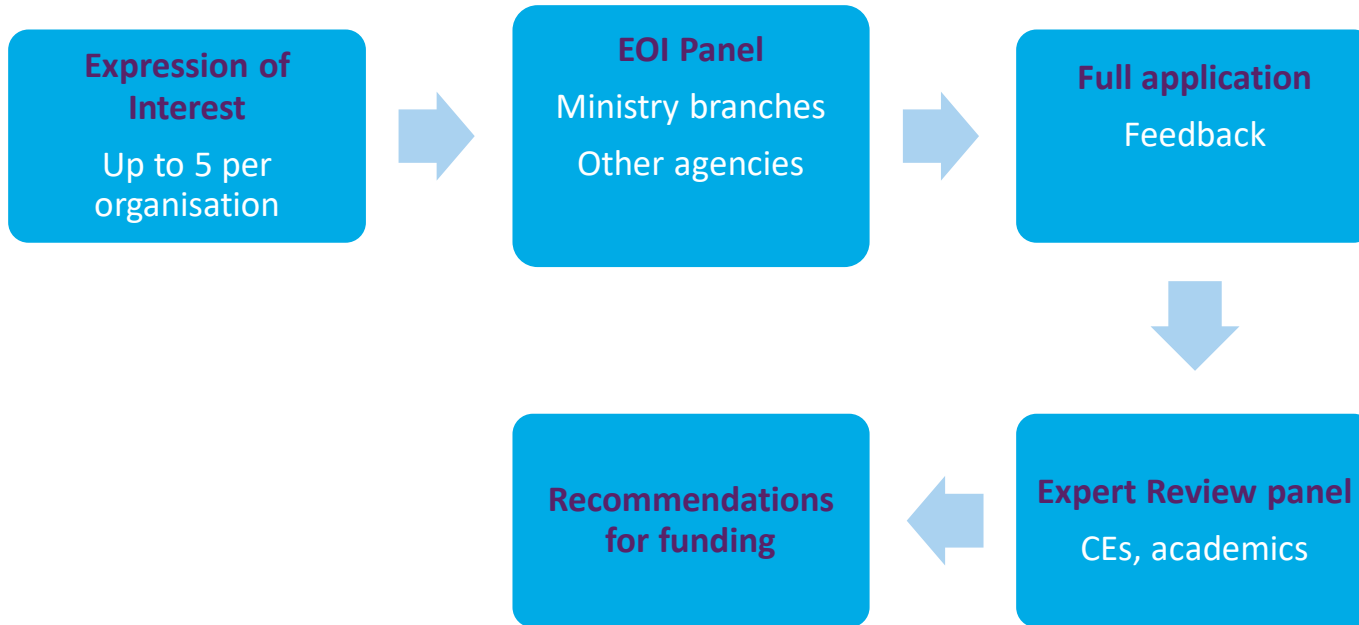
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Expressions of Interest to be submitted to TRGS (by Research Directorate)



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Application and review



Full Application Dates

Stage 2 – Full Application	Date
Invitation to progress to Full Application, feedback provided	31 July 2020
Full application prepared and feedback addressed	August – September 2020
Host organisation sign off period	21 - 25 September 2020
Partner organisation sign off period	28 September – 2 October 2020
Full applications submitted to NSW Ministry of Health	6 October 2020
Assessment by Expert Review Panel	October – November 2020
Applicants notified of outcome	December 2020
Round 5 projects commence	Jan - Feb 2021
Round 5 projects end	June 2023

Updates for Round 5 - Timing

Funding tranche	Timing of payment	Approximate proportion of total funding
Initial payment for establishment phase	Jan-Feb 2021	20%
Second payment	July 2021	40%
Third payment	July 2022	40%

PhD Students

- Consider including a PhD student in the budget
- Academic supervisor at a partnering university
- \$20,000 per year for 3-4 years in TRGS budget
- University matches funding
- Further details at full application stage

Intellectual property

- Intellectual property (IP) arrangements should be agreed between the host and partner organisations, according to local policy
- IP arrangements must cover both background IP and IP that is developed during the project
- The arrangements should be detailed in the application, if applicable
- IP support through OHMR
- IP policy and support service under development

TRGS 5 – Aboriginal health focus

- Building an Aboriginal Health focus in TRGS
- Joint work with the Centre for Aboriginal Health
- All TRGS projects will complete an Aboriginal Health Impact Statement at Full Application stage
- New resource ‘Conducting Translational Research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities or People’ – available soon on education hub

Educational resources

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Designing your research study

[Learn more >](#)

Analysing your research data

[Get started >](#)

Translating your research findings

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Commercialising your research idea





www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/translational-research-grants-scheme/



What is research communication?



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‘The ability to explain one's research
in a clear and understandable way,
so that the public is well-informed’

Désirée Goubert, MindMint

Tips for research communication

- write for non-expert audience
- clear concise language
- use combination of short and long sentences
 - short sentences for summaries
 - 15-20 words
 - long sentences for details
 - no more than three items of info

- one idea per paragraph
- minimise jargon and acronyms
 - acronyms – describe in full first reference
- 80% active voice
 - We will develop an experiment 
 - An experiment will be developed 

- layout
 - clear headings
 - white space
 - bullet lists
 - diagrams, figures, tables
- consistency

Plain English

Resources

- Access to Understanding - access2understanding.org
- Make it Clear - invo.org.uk/makeitclear
- Plain English Foundation - plainenglishfoundation.com/free-writing-tools

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Round 5 – Partner Contact List



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