

Medibank Better Health Foundation / RACGP Foundation Digital Research Grant (EOI) 2023

The MBHF and RACGP Research Foundation have a shared passion for investing in translational primary care research. Our organisations have partnered together to investigate, support, and leverage one or more research projects.

Medibank's overarching purpose is 'Better Health for Better Lives'. Everything that we do is aimed toward delivering better health for our customers, and better health for Australians through our provision of health services, health system advocacy, and our community work. The MBHF recognises the importance of supporting research in primary health care in delivering this purpose. In 2021 The Medibank Better Health Foundation funded part of the RACGP Harry Nespolon Grant, for research into the wellbeing of general practitioners, furthering our commitment to improving general practice.

The RACGP values general practice research – research for GPs by GPs, conducted in the context in which they work. General practice research provides the evidence base to inform policy and improve practice to the benefit of practitioners and the communities that they care for. Patient-centred care is at the heart of every Australian general practice, and at the heart of everything we do. The RACGP Research Foundation is one way we can deliver better health outcomes for Australians.

Together, MBHF and the RACGP Research Foundation are looking to identify potential research projects that are impactful for GPs and for the delivery of primary health care for Australians. We have a focus on supporting research that is translational and can be implemented to drive real outcomes.

The MBHF and RACGP Research Foundation facilitated a workshop with GPs with an interest and background in digital health to identify current barriers and opportunities for digital health in primary care, and to propose research themes for this grant.

This grant is made available by the Medibank Better Health Foundation and administered by the RACGP Foundation.

Before you start

Please note: This application form must be read in conjunction with the [Information for Applicants](#), which includes the *Grant Application Terms and Conditions*. Please ensure you have read this information before completing and submitting your application to ensure that you have fulfilled all requirements.

Award Details

Up to two grants to a total value of up to \$250,000 (excl. GST) will be offered for a period of 12 to 24 months to fund a project(s) focusing on one of the following themes:

- Patient's experience with digital health in general practice
- Digital health integration in Australia
- High quality digital support tools for clinical decision-making

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Note: Funding will be awarded to GP-led research projects, and will cover direct research costs only (including project-related salaries and reasonable costs). Major software development, app development or programming will not be funded. The research must be directly relevant to general practice, and have the potential to be translated into general practice, resulting in health benefits for Australians.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the MBHF/ RACGP Foundation Digital Health Grant, the principal investigator must be a general practitioner.

The principal investigator must have an active leadership role in the project and sufficient research experience to ensure the successful completion of the grant.

Selection Criteria

Expressions of Interest will be assessed against the following criteria:

- scientific quality of the proposed research project 50%
- potential for the project to have outcomes that are translatable into general practice and provide benefit to general practice and the health of its patients 30%
- feasibility of carrying out and completing the research within the timeframe 10%
- potential to build capacity in general practice research 10%

Applications must be submitted by **Monday 3 April 2023, 5.00pm (AEST)**.

Applicant details

* indicates a required field

Principal Investigator

Please give the details of the principal investigator (the Applicant).

Applicant name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Applicant Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

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Must be an Australian postcode.

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Phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

RACGP membership details

Are you a general practitioner? *

Yes No

If no, you are not eligible to apply for this grant.

Applicant AHPRA registration number

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>

Are you a current member of the RACGP? *

Yes No

RACGP ID (if applicable)

This is your 6 digit RACGP membership number.

Curriculum vitae (CV) - principal investigator

Please provide a brief CV for the principal investigator in the space provided. Ensure your CV addresses how your experience and track record is relevant to this grant. This should include relevant information such as qualifications, courses currently being undertaken, previous research experience, grants currently held, and employment history.

Please include publications and grants which are relevant to support this application. This might be publications from the last five years, or publications from other years that you feel are relevant to support your application.

We understand that not all applicants will be at a career stage where they have published their findings or received project funding.

Please label your CV with your last name.

Applicant CV *

Attach a file:

Response required

Not eligible

Research proposal

* indicates a required field

Project details

Project Title *

Research Plan

Please describe your research plan in the space below, using the following headings:

(a) Research question being addressed (b) Proposed methodology (c) Significance of the research to general practice, including the expected translatable outcomes that can be implemented into general practice, and the gap that this research will address. (d) Details of the research team

Word count:

Must be no more than 2000 words.

Do you wish to upload any figures, tables or diagrams?

Yes

No

Should you wish to insert figures, tables or diagrams, you may submit this as a separate document. Please label these appropriately (eg Figure 1, research plan) and ensure you refer to them in the text above. Please include any explanation of the figure, table or diagram in the main text only.

Attach a file:

Budget (GST Exclusive)

Provide an itemised budget in the tables below to justify the estimated time and resources. If this grant will only fund part of the costs of this research project, explain how the

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remaining resources will be attained. **Please exclude GST on all costs.** Budget should include secured funding, funding applied for, and for what the RACGP funds would be used.

The purpose of the funding is not to top up grants. Funds awarded may only be used for direct research costs (including project-related salaries and reasonable costs) and **not** for any overhead or management fees of administering organisations.

Funds awarded may **not** be used to fund external consultants, major software development, app development or programming.

Section (c) of the budget may include allowance for travel costs associated with presenting the research findings at a scientific meeting (preferably the RACGP Annual Conference) within 12 months of the Final Report submission.

Please do not use commas, eg. \$1000 (not \$1,000)

(a) Salaries

Position	Annual salary pro rata	Fractional or % time	Number of weeks employed	Total salary	On-costs	Total costs excl. GST
					Must be a dollar amount.	This number/amount is calculated.
	\$			\$	\$	\$

Personnel. Requests for professional salaries should be in accordance with the official NHMRC salary scales or scales from the submitting institution. Personnel should be named where known. Where proposed personnel are unknown, indicate the basic qualifications envisaged for the position and the salary required.

On-costs. Include provision for payroll tax, workers' compensation insurance, leave loading, or other institutional legal liabilities, where applicable. Allowable on-costs for salaries are normally set at 17.5%. Justification should be included if this is set at a higher level. No claims in respect of cost increases will be considered during the grant period.

Provide justification for level of salary and period of employment for each employee.

(b) Equipment

Description and Justification	Total costs excl. GST
	Must be a dollar amount.
	\$

(c) Other expenses (eg travel costs)

Description and Justification	Total costs excl. GST
	Must be a dollar amount.

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Total budget (excluding GST)

(a) Salaries subtotal

This number/amount is calculated.

(b) Equipment subtotal

This number/amount is calculated.

(c) Other expenses subtotal

This number/amount is calculated.

TOTAL BUDGET (a+b+c)

This number/amount is calculated.

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

RACGP Funding requested

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Coinvestigators

* indicates a required field

Do you wish to add coinvestigators to your application? *

Yes

No

By providing details of your coinvestigators (**please enter a maximum of five**), you are declaring that they have consented to be included on this application, as submitted for review.

Chief investigators must provide a copy of the application to all co-investigators listed on this project.

Coinvestigator

Title

First Name

Last Name

Address

Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

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Must be an Australian postcode.

Phone

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email

Must be an email address.

Is the investigator a general practitioner or GP registrar?

Yes No

Coinvestigator RACGP ID (if applicable)

This is your 6 digit RACGP membership number.

Coinvestigator CV

Attach a file:

Maximum 2 pages. Please label the CV with the last name of the coinvestigator.

Administrative details

* indicates a required field

Administering organisation

Grants can only be paid to incorporated bodies. If the organisation is a trust, trustee details are also needed. The administering organisation will be required to enter into a formal grant agreement on standard RACGP terms should the application be successful.

Administering Organisation *

Organisation Name

ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register
ABN
Entity name
ABN status

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Entity type
Goods & Services Tax (GST)
DGR Endorsed
ATO Charity Type More information
ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main business location

Must be an ABN.

Organisation Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Must be an Australian postcode.

Finance Contact *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Finance Contact Position *

Phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Head of Organisation

The following are accepted as heads of organisations: registrars or deans of universities, directors or CEOs of independent institutions, senior executives of State/Commonwealth departments or agencies.

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position *

Phone Number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Declaration *

I declare that this organisation has agreed to provide the facilities required to meet the needs of this project, if successful. This organisation is prepared to have the project carried out in accordance with the RACGP Foundation terms, and to supervise expenditure of all funds allocated.

The Head of Organisation will receive a confirmation email and copy of the submitted completed application.

Declaration

* indicates a required field

Please ensure that you have read the questions and the [Information for Applicants](#) carefully. Ensure that your responses provide the Committee with the information that they require in order to assess your application.

I acknowledge all information contained within this application is complete and accurate.

I declare that I have read and agree to the *Grant Application Terms and Conditions*, as set out in the [Information for Applicants](#).

Principal Investigator Name *

I agree *

Yes

No

Date of declaration *

Must be a date

Before submitting your application, please ensure that you have:

- read the *Grant Application Terms and Conditions*, as set out in the [Information for Applicants](#)
- read the details of the grant/award and eligibility requirements
- addressed each of the selection criteria
- attached the CV of the principal investigator and coinvestigators (if applicable)