

Expression of Interest –Education Research Grants 2023

Submit by 5:00pm AEDT Sunday 4 December 2022

Overview:

The RACGP is pleased to call for expressions of interest (EOI) to apply for the 2023 Education Research Grant (ERG) opportunities. Submission of an EOI is a required step to be eligible for an ERG. Only successful EOI submissions will be invited to submit a formal full application.

Timeline:

The EOI and application process for the ERG2023 round will adhere to the following schedule.

Date	Item
31 October – 4 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expression of Interest period – to be submitted via email to gpedresearch@racgp.org.au
19 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EOI submissions advised of outcome
19 December 2022 – 28 February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application period for successful EOI submissions• Applications to be submitted via Smarty Grants
30 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants advised of outcome
30 March – 14 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contracts arranged
17 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERG 2023 cohort commences research funded period
17 April 2023 – 16 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERG 2023 funding period

2023 Education Research Priorities:

The RACGP called for nominations of research priorities from external and internal stakeholders to ensure that the ERG program addresses important national and regional educational questions and concerns related to general practice training. The call for nominations process was conducted in July and 49 submissions were received. Panel members reviewed and ranked the research priorities based on their overall importance, urgency, potential contribution, and feasibility. The panel determined the following six important educational research areas as **the 2023 Education Research Grant Research Priorities:**

1. Understanding the international medical graduates' experience of general practice training: implications for a system of support.
2. Training practice cultures, processes and teams which facilitate best training outcomes
(Application/translation into practice of what is known from research in GP training and other fields)

3. Integration of systems of education and training in the context of the GP pipeline (including University, hospitals, and GP training sectors).
4. Processes for performance appraisal, remediation, support, and management in GP training (*Application/translation into practice of what is known from research in GP training and other fields*)
5. Scoping the future of Australian GP training: the new world of personalised care and digital health.
6. Exploring best practice approaches, within the context of general practice training, to caring for diverse populations in general practice.

How to submit an Expression of Interest:

To express an interest in undertaking a research project in 2023, interested applicants are asked to provide a **2-page synopsis** of a research proposal addressing one of the research priority areas listed above.

EOIs must include the following information:

1. Project title
2. Names, contact details and organisation of Principal Investigator(s)
3. Names and organisation (as at 1 March 2023) of the proposed team members and their roles in the project.
4. Research priority/ies being addressed by the project (refer to the 2023 Education Research Priorities above)
5. Description of a research plan, using the following headings:
 - a. Project goals and research question/s
 - b. Background to the project, including knowledge gap being addressed
 - c. Proposed research design and methodology
 - d. Ethical considerations
 - e. Potential translation and impact of findings
6. Estimated project timeline and budget (Previous ERG research teams have been funded up to \$150,000 for a 12-month project. There may be some flexibility in funding for the 2023 round. Applicants who are invited to submit a full proposal will be advised whether additional funds may be available, based on the scope of the project).

Please note that there will be an opportunity to use unspent funds for disseminating the results and publication costs for 12 months following project completion.

Eligibility and Selection criteria:

RACGP Education Research Grants are awarded through a competitive process, where a panel assesses applications based on their academic rigour, as well as the likely outcomes and impacts on improving training quality, progressing defined Education Research Priorities, and building research capacity in the general practice training and education sector.

1. **The proposal must be submitted by an eligible research team**, that includes at minimum the following members:
 - Medical Educator with expertise in GP training
 - Education research expertise
 - General practice academic expertise
 - Novice or early career researchers (e.g., PhD candidates and current or recent Academic Registrars)

Research teams must have active, collaborative relationships with regional GP training teams, which will facilitate the regional delivery of research projects.

Also strongly encouraged:

- Inclusion of GP registrars, recent Fellows, medical students, GP supervisors and training practices.
- Collaboration with the RACGP Education Research Team

2. **Each proposal/response to the EOI must demonstrate that it meets the ERG program objectives:**

- Build research capacity and skills in medical educators, GP registrars, GP supervisors and training practices.
- Promote a culture of academic critique and the use of evidence in general practice training.
- Facilitate collaboration between researchers, training practices and universities
- Promote and support the dissemination of Australian general practice education research and implementation of findings to improve general practice training programs

3. **The applicant must demonstrate that they address one of the 2023 Education Research Priorities.**

Outcome

The RACGP will review all EOI submissions and will only invite successful EOI applicants to proceed to a full Education Research Grant application. Completed EOIs are to be submitted via email to gpedresearch@racgp.org.au by **5:00pm AEDT, Sunday, 4 December 2022.**

Please note that submission of an EOI will not commit applicants to applying for an ERG. Similarly, a full application cannot be made without successful submission an EOI and upon an invitation by RACGP.

Please contact the RACGP Education Research Unit via the above email with any questions.