

Expression of Interest – Education Research Grant 2022

Submit by 5:00pm AEST Sunday 4 July 2021

Overview:

The RACGP is pleased to advise there will be five Education Research Grants (ERG) available for the 2022 round. Funding of up to \$150,000 will be awarded to successful applicants to undertake research to improve general practice medical education and training, over a period of 12 months from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The following document provides an invitation for expressions of interest (EOI) to apply for these five grant opportunities. Only successful EOI submissions will be invited to submit a formal application.

Timeline:

The EOI and application process for the ERG2022 round must adhere to the following schedule.

Date	Item
9 June – 4 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expression of Interest period – to be submitted via email to gpedresearch@racgp.org.au
14 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EOI submissions advised of outcome
14 July – 25 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application period for successful EOI submissions• Applications to be submitted via Smarty Grants
24 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants advised of outcome
24 September – 31 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding agreements arranged
1 January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERG 2022 cohort commences research funded period

Expressions of Interest:

The RACGP will be inviting EOIs from RTOs for the 2022 ERG grant round for a period of three weeks from Wednesday 9 June to Sunday 4 July, 2021.

To express an interest in undertaking an ERG in 2022, interested applicants are asked to provide a short document of **no more than two pages (minimum 11-point font size)** addressing the following:

1. Name and contact details of Principal Investigator (must be affiliated with a RTO)

2. Designated Academic institution for collaboration:

A Department of General Practice, or equivalent, must be nominated as an Academic Partner. Note that additional partners may be nominated, including an Office of Medical Education.

3. Project title

4. Estimated project timeline

5. Description of research plan, using the following headings:

- a. Research question/s and knowledge gap being addressed
- b. Background and purpose of the project
- c. Proposed methodology and research design
- d. Ethical considerations
- e. Potential translation and impact
- f. Details of the research team
- g. Project budget

Eligibility and Selection criteria:

- The proposal must be an RTO-led project with a clear partnership with an academic institution. RTOs are encouraged to identify potential relevant research topics that align with the RACGP and Department of Health research priorities, in partnership with suitable academic partners. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and assessed on their academic rigour and likely impact on improving training quality, outcome and research capacity of general practice.
- Applicants must meet ERG program objectives, and demonstrate:
 - how the proposal builds on, or questions, existing academic national and international literature, and knowledge and assumptions about Australian general practice training
 - how it is relevant to national general practice training
 - that it addresses a general practice training policy research priority ([see below](#))
 - that it is feasible to complete the project within the time available
 - a commitment by the RTO and their research partners to disseminate the results and implications for training, including publishing in peer-reviewed journals
 - how the research project will develop research capacity within general practice; if external contractors or research partners will be performing significant roles in the research project, applicants should explain how their input will translate to increasing research capacity within general practice.
- The EOI must also demonstrate that it addresses at least one of the Department of Health general practice training policy research priorities below:
 - Competency and its measurement in general practice training
 - Educational quality and its measurements
 - General practice training: Workforce and sustainability

- Outcomes of training
- Workplace training: Optimising the experience

Outcome

The RACGP will review all EOI submissions and invite successful applicants to proceed to a full Education Research Grant application. Completed EOIs should be submitted via email to gpedresearch@racgp.org.au by **5:00pm AEST Sunday 4 July 2021**.

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

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