

RAUGH Collaborative Seed Grants 2022

Guidelines for 2-stage process: EOI and full application

About RAUGH

The Research Alliance for Urban Goori Health (RAUGH) was established in 2021 as a formal partnership between Metro North Health, the University of Queensland's Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (UQ Poche) and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (UIIH). RAUGH is administered through UQ Poche and Queensland Health's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Division is a key stakeholder.

RAUGH's vision is to transform health service delivery and achieve health parity for urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (respectfully referred to as Indigenous hereafter) peoples by ensuring the **whole of health care system** is responsive to the health and wellbeing needs of Indigenous peoples. This vision aligns with the strategic goals and objectives of the [Metro North Health's Equity Strategy](#).

RAUGH seeks to achieve this vision through leading world-class research, evaluation and knowledge translation pursuits, alongside a focus on building research capabilities and capacity **across the entire health care system**.

RAUGH Priority Areas

The partners of the Alliance have identified eight priority areas where they wish to work together to improve coordinated care between the Community Controlled Health Service (CCHS) and mainstream secondary and tertiary health system for urban Indigenous Queenslanders:

- *Infectious diseases
- Rehabilitation
- Hospital in the Home
- Cancer Care
- Mental Health
- COVID-19
- Maternal Care
- Surgical Care

While the preference is to fund projects in RAUGH's priority areas, projects that fall out-side these eight areas that have the potential to make a significant positive impact on the health outcomes of Indigenous Queenslanders are welcomed.

**The Herston Infectious Diseases Institute (HeIDI) have committed funding towards high quality projects in the area of infectious disease. HeIDI is a Metro North Health Institute established to deliver innovative infectious diseases research that achieves clinical excellence in the prevention, surveillance, diagnosis and management of serious infections that impact on our community. For more information on HeIDI please visit: <https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/infectious-diseases-institute/>.*

Program Objectives

The RAUGH Collaborative Seed Grants are designed to build and/or strengthen collaborations between the Metro North Health and UIIH health workforce and UQ researchers, to support the transformation of health service delivery across the CCHS sector and the mainstream secondary and tertiary health system through coordinated care pathways. It is anticipated that research funded through this program will form the basis for ongoing research collaborations and potential applications for nationally competitive funding.

The key objectives of the Collaborative Seed Grants are to:

- support the co-design of new Indigenous-focused services, programs and initiatives with community that addresses gaps and barriers within the current health system

- generate evidence of effectiveness of existing shared services, programs and initiatives between Metro North Health and IUIH focused on Indigenous peoples
- generate the evidence base that supports prioritisation, roll out and uptake of new shared care pathways, programs and initiatives between the CCHS sector and the mainstream public health care system
- enhance the translation of research outcomes into benefits for Indigenous people and communities
- foster a two-way learning opportunity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Metro North Health and IUIH health professionals and UQ researchers
- support professional career development of the Indigenous health workforce within Metro North Health and IUIH through building research capability and capacity

Grant Details

Grant Amount: \$25,000 per Project

Project duration: up to 1 year

Collaborating Organisations:

- Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH)
- University of Queensland (UQ)
- Metro North Health

Application Process

The RAUGH Collaborative Seeding Grant application process consists of the two stages:

Stage 1: Expression of Interest – complete and submit the online EOI form via our grants management system (SmartyGrants) by 5pm (AEST) Friday, 14 October 2022 (the EOI Closing Date). The EOI forms will be assessed by a review panel and applicants proceeding to Stage 2 will be notified by 31 October.

Stage 2: Full Application – selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application form by 5pm (AEST) Monday 21 November. Applications will be assessed by a review panel and successful applicants will be informed by 9 December.

Eligibility Criteria

- The research project must be aligned with the [RAUGH Strategy 2022-2026](#), [Metro North Health Equity Strategy](#) and [Indigenous Data Governance Framework](#), and be undertaken at or significantly associated with Metro North and IUIH, and/or directly benefit Indigenous patients and communities living in the Metro North region.
- The application must identify the current knowledge gap and the potential to bridge this gap through the proposed new collaboration. This may be evidenced by the teams' research and knowledge translation track record, and the potential for new collaborative research outputs through this project.

Chief Investigators

- Three (3) Chief Investigators (CI) are required per application, with at least one employee from each of Metro North Health, IUIH and UQ (full-time or part-time; temporary or permanent) on the CI team.
- The **Chief Investigator – Metro North** (CI-MN) must be an employee of Metro North Health, who will administer the grant.
- The **Chief Investigator – UQ** (CI-UQ) must be an employee of UQ.
- The **Chief Investigator – IUIH** (CI-IUIH) must be an employee of IUIH.
- Applications with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander CIs will be given preference.

Associate Investigators

- Associate Investigators may provide intellectual input into the research project, contribute supervision and mentorship and/or may provide advanced or specialised expertise to the investigative team.
- Associate Investigators will **not** be included when considering the track record. The Associate Investigator contributions may be considered in the research feasibility assessment only.
- A maximum of six (6) Associate Investigators may be named on an application.

Terms of Funding

- A maximum of \$25,000 will be awarded per project.
- A project budget must be submitted. Only fully justified expenditure directly related to the project will be considered eligible.
- The terms and conditions for successful projects are governed by the RAUGH Agreement between Metro North Health, IUIH and UQ, with successful projects added to this Agreement as a Project Schedule.
- The grant amount will not be distributed until such time as the successful project receives Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approval and site-authorisation. Where the project does not involve human research, requisite approval from the relevant institutional ethical review board or committee is required before the grant amount will be distributed.
- All Chief Investigators have responsibility for the conduct of the project, including completion and lodgement of the application, final report and financial statements, including compliance with all relevant policies, procedures, legislation and regulatory frameworks relating to the conduct and management of research.
- All Chief Investigators have a responsibility to ensure efficient and transparent expenditure of project funds in accordance with the approved project budget and are expected to liaise with the relevant business manager or financial delegate to monitor project revenue and expenditure, demonstrate adherence to key project milestones and ensure full financial acquittal of project funds upon project completion.
- The Chief Investigators will submit a financial acquittal statement if requested with the final report demonstrating expenditure of the grant funds in accordance with the approved project budget.
- Failure to provide appropriate financial acquittal statements against the approved project budget may result in no further payments being paid, funding approval withdrawn and/or the CI-MN deemed ineligible for future Metro North grant schemes.

Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Assessment Details	Weighting
Quality & Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly articulated aims, objectives and methodology designed to test the hypothesis(es). This includes clearly articulating the methodologies that will be used to ensure best-practice community engagement and Indigenous data governance. Adequate infrastructure and resources to complete research within the described timelines and milestones, including a fully justified budget request. 	25%
Significance & Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential outcomes will result in changes to the health system that enhance coordination between the primary and tertiary care sectors to improve health outcomes for Indigenous peoples living in the Metro North region. Addresses a fundamental whole of health system issue (ideally in a RAUGH Priority Area), with the potential to accelerate progress toward achieving parity in health outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples by 2031. 	40%
Capability (CIs) *Relative to opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate and relevant expertise, skills and experience of the investigative team and research environment to undertake the research Research leadership and contribution to the research community. Translation of evidence into clinical practice and/or policy. 	10%
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of the investigative team's collaborative potential, especially new collaborations, with potential for ongoing research collaborations that may positively impact Indigenous peoples living in the Metro North region, or more broadly. Potential of the investigative team to secure external competitive funding upon completion of the research project. Evidence of two-way learning that will occur through the project. Evidence of research capacity and capability building that supports the career development of members of Metro North and IUIH's Indigenous health workforce. 	25%

Scoring Criteria

Grade	Category	Description
7	Outstanding	Fully addresses all assessment criteria to an outstanding and exceptional by nationally competitive standard and presents an outstanding argument for selection.
6	Excellent	Addresses all outlined assessment criteria to an excellent standard and makes a compelling argument for selection.
5	Very good	Addresses most outlined assessment criteria to a very good (above average to high) standard and makes a strong case for consideration.
4	Good	Meets the outlined assessment criteria to an acceptable standard and presents a sound proposal for consideration.
3	Below average	Addresses only some of the outlined assessment criteria and the case for consideration is weak or poorly formulated.
2	Marginal	Does not sufficiently address the outlined assessment criteria and presents no case for consideration.
1	Unsatisfactory	Does not address any of the selection criteria and is not satisfactory for consideration.

Collaborating Organisation Details

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