



The Mindgardens Alliance

Clinical Translational Research Program EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Comprehensive Brain Disorder Centre

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Support resources

It is strongly recommended that applicants read the Mindgardens Alliance Translational Research Program information sheet prior to developing their Expression of Interest. This provides key information on the eligibility and selection criteria.

This funding program has been modelled (with permission) on the NSW Health Translational Research Grant Scheme (TRGS). Guidelines and FAQs for the TRGS are available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/ohmr/Pages/trgs.aspx. These can be used to help develop Expressions of Interest.

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Completing the Expression of Interest form

All Expressions of Interest must be submitted using this form.

All sections of this form and attachments must conform to the following:

- › Left and right margins of at least 2cm
- › Font no smaller than 11 point (preferred font is Arial)
- › Line spacing of 1.15

When saving this form, please use the naming convention:

EOI_TRP_Chief Investigator Surname (e.g. *EOI_CTRP_Smith*)

Information provided in this Expression of Interest may be provided to advisors supporting the EOI Review Panel for the purpose of assessment and identifying synergies between projects.

Submitting the Expression of Interest

Expressions of Interest and attachments must be emailed as PDFs to:

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by 5pm on Friday 22nd February 2019.

SECTION A – OVERVIEW

Chief Investigator (applicant)

Please include title

Host Organisation

Employer of Chief Investigator

Project title

Project summary (300 words)

Summarise your research question(s) and methodology. Outline the potential benefits, including how this project will be translated into practice change that will impact patient outcomes or population health and wellbeing.

SECTION A – OVERVIEW *(continued)*

List all sites in which the project
will be conducted

Total amount requested
(excluding GST)
Not to exceed \$150,000
Details to be provided in Section E

Project duration
Up to 24 months

SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

B.1 Priority research

Describe why this research will answer a question that is a priority for the health of individuals or communities in our district and for your organisation. Include reference to relevant organisational strategic plans. (150 words)

Note that the following priority research themes will be considered favourably:

1. Clinical care for those with mental health, drug and alcohol and/or neurological disorders, including cognitive impairment, developmental disorders and stroke.
2. Public health or preventative interventions for mental health, drug and alcohol, and/or neurological disorders
3. Models of care that involve clinicians, academics and consumers working together to develop novel services and evaluation platforms
4. Projects that involve digital transformation that can be demonstrated to lead to improvement in current hospital, primary, or community care practices

B.2 Eligibility checklist

Eligibility in relation to the following criteria will be assessed through the responses provided in other sections of this form.

Please check off the items below to confirm that:

The project will be conducted within SESLHD, NeuRA, UNSW or Black Dog Institute (BDI). Clinicians, researchers and others from at least three of the Mindgardens Alliance member organisations (SESLHD, NeuRA, UNSW, or BDI) are involved in the conduct of the proposed project.

The project has the potential to impact practice, public health and/or policy and for results to be scaled across settings, for example in other Organisations or Local Health Districts.

Relevant stakeholders have been engaged in the development of the proposal (e.g. clinicians, consumers, health service management, researchers, patient groups, policy makers).

SECTION C – RESEARCH TEAM

C.1 Chief Investigator details

The Chief Investigator (applicant) must be employed by the Host Organisation.

Full name

Please include title and qualifications

Position

Organisation

Contact phone number

Email

C.2 Investigator(s) and research partners

Include other proposed investigators in this section (maximum 10). Partners are unlimited.

If you are including more than 10 partners, please print and handwrite names, scan and return as a PDF.

An investigator is expected to steer the project and is actively involved in the research. Ideally the team of investigators needs to include senior researchers, clinicians, managers, policy makers and lived experience participants from a range of organisations.

The list should also include essential partners required for successful conduct of the project and implementation of the outcomes (e.g. LHD Director of Clinical Governance, Prince of Wales Hospital Director of Clinical Services, Director of Nursing, Director of a University Research Centre).

Applicants are encouraged to partner with other Local Health Districts, Primary Care Networks and SESLHD/POWH/SCHN services to improve the generalisability of research findings. Justification is required if this is not considered appropriate for the research project.

SECTION C – RESEARCH TEAM *(continued)*

C.2 Investigator(s) and research partners *(continued)*

Investigators

	Full name	Position	Organisation	Contribution to the project
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Partners

	Full name	Position	Organisation	Contribution to the project
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SECTION D – RESEARCH PROPOSAL

D.1 Describe the problem and outline the existing evidence that you have considered before developing this proposal. (300 words)

D.2 What is the research question to address the problem? (100 words)

SECTION D – RESEARCH PROPOSAL (continued)

D.3 Indicate where, on the research translation path, current evidence exists and where this proposal sits.

Refer to the NSW Health Translational Research Framework, available on the TRGS website¹.
Note: ‘Idea generation’ and ‘Monitoring’ is out of scope for this program.

	Feasibility	Efficacy	Replicability and adaptability	Effectiveness	Scalability
Current evidence					
Proposed research					

D.4 Describe the approach, including research design and methods. (800 words)

Include details such as study design, intervention, sample and setting including control group where appropriate, primary and secondary outcomes, data sources/research tools, data collection methods including time points for baseline and follow up periods, sample size and power calculations, statistical analysis plan.

Continue answer over the following page

¹ Sax Institute, Translational Research Framework: Testing innovation in policy, programs and service delivery, 2016. Available from <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/ohmr/Documents/trgs-round2-translational-research-framework.pdf>

SECTION D – RESEARCH PROPOSAL *(continued)*

D.4 Describe the approach, including research design and methods. *(continued)*

SECTION D – RESEARCH PROPOSAL *(continued)*

D.5 Provide the rationale for the approach and any potential barriers and mitigation strategies. List key approvals that will be required before the research project can proceed, i.e. outline ethics considerations and governance approvals. (200 words)

D.6 Describe consideration given to scalability and value for money of your research project and outcome. (150 words)

Relevant resources:

Centre for Epidemiology and Evidence. Milat AJ, Newson R, and King L. *Increasing the scale of population health interventions: A guide*. Sydney: NSW Ministry of Health, 2014. www.health.nsw.gov.au/research/Publications/scalability-guide.pdf

Ruppertsberg AI, Ward V, Ridout A, Foy R. The development and application of audit criteria for assessing knowledge exchange plans in health research grant applications. *Implementation Science* 2014;9:93. <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/s13012-014-0093-0.pdf>

SECTION D – RESEARCH PROPOSAL *(continued)*

D.7 What new or relevant evidence will the research project generate for the health of people in our district? What are the likely impacts of the results of the project on disease prevention at a population level, individual patient care or health service delivery? (300 words)

Relevant resources:

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SECTION D – RESEARCH PROPOSAL *(continued)*

D.8 Comment on the extent to which anticipated outcomes from the research can be generalised, scaled, translated or embedded into practice. How will you ensure this occurs? (300 words)

In this section include details such as the mechanism/vehicle by which the research findings can be translated into change (e.g. communication with state and local decision maker, funder, committee, network, agency), key stakeholders that you will engage with to scale up your research (e.g. MoH, ACI, CEC, eHealth NSW, HETI, state-wide clinical networks, other LHDs/speciality networks), how the results of your study can support or integrate with existing local, State or regional initiatives or health services.

SECTION D – RESEARCH PROPOSAL *(continued)*

D.9 Describe how stakeholders have been involved in the development of the research proposal and how they will continue to be involved in the design and the implementation the research outcomes. (300 words)

This includes clinicians, consumers, policy makers, community and patient groups, and others.

SECTION E – REQUESTED BUDGET

Please provide details of requested funds and co-contributions. The requested funds should include all anticipated funding required for the research project and activities to support translation. For salaries, please specify the salary level, on-costs and FTE.

Please note the budget must be expended within two years of its issue.

If this Expression of Interest is selected to progress, a more detailed budget will be requested for the Full Application.

E.1 Funding requested

Funding of up to \$150,000 total over a maximum of two years is available.

Budget Item* <i>e.g. Salary (CI, AI, research assistant)</i>	Funding requested (<i>excl. GST</i>)		Description (<i><100 words per item</i>)
	Year 1 (2019/20)	Year 2 (2020/21)	
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	\$	

* Funding may be used for costs associated with the research project and translation activities, but cannot be directed towards capital works, general maintenance costs, telephone/communication systems, basic office equipment such as desks and chairs, rent and the cost of utilities

E.2 Cash contributions

Source <i>Organisation</i>	Budget item	Funding requested (<i>excl. GST</i>)		Description (<i><100 words per item</i>)
		Year 1 (2019/20)	Year 2 (2020/21)	
		\$	\$	
		\$	\$	
		\$	\$	
	TOTAL	\$	\$	

E.3 In-kind contributions

Source <i>Organisation</i>	Budget item	Description (<i><100 words per item</i>)