

Expression of Interest

Please complete this expression of interest (EOI) for the Gynae-Oncological Clinician Scholarship being overseen by the **Gynae-Oncological Research Advisory Group (GORAG)**, which is responsible for the allocation of research funding to support gynae-oncological research across the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital and Chris O'Brien Lifehouse (COBLH) campus.

The Gynae-Oncological Clinician Scholarship will provide RPA and COBLH doctors in training, nurses, midwives and allied health staff an opportunity to conduct a research project related to gynae-oncology over a 12-24 month period as part of a higher degree by research (HDR). Part or all of the scholarship funds must be allocated to FTE (up to 0.6 FTE) to ensure protected research time to complete the project. The applicant must demonstrate how this amount of FTE will assist completion of the research project within the specified timeframe.

Applicants will be required to show proof of enrolment or intention to enrol in a HDR as part of this EOI. Support from a research supervisor and Head of Department (HoD) will be required for the application to be considered. HoD support will need to outline how the protected research time will be managed.

Applications for scholarship funding **up to \$100,000** will be considered for projects to be undertaken on the RPA and COBLH campus that will be completed in 12 – 24 months from commencement of the research, which can be no later than 1st July 2024.

To determine eligibility for this scholarship please read the Gynae-Oncological Clinician Scholarship Terms and Conditions document (available here).

All applications will be peer-reviewed by an independent scientific panel from the RPA Institute of Academic Surgery (IAS). These applications will be assessed using the selection criteria outlined below. Top scoring applicants will then be interviewed by the panel, who will make recommendations to GORAG, as to who should be awarded the scholarship. The final awarding of research funds will then be made at the discretion of GORAG.

The successful applicant must abide by the scholarship terms and conditions and will be required to sign a Scholarship Grant Agreement. This will include such requirements as enrolment into a HDR, submitting bi-annual progress reports (April and October) and a final report, and the acknowledgement of the funding support provided by Sydney Local Health District in any publications and/or presentations relating to the research project funded through this EOI.

All applications must be submitted to slhd-rpaias@health.nsw.gov.au by close of business Friday 3rd November 2023. Late applications will not be considered. Please answer only the questions asked and adhere to all word count restrictions, and other directions.

Applicants will be advised as to whether they are successful by **22nd December 2023**.

PART 1: General Information

Applicant Name:	
Amount Requested: (excluding GST)	
Study Duration:	
Hospital:	

Please select the specialty area your gynae-oncological research application primarily sits within:

- Doctor in training – please specify level _____
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Exercise Physiology
- Pharmacy
- Psychology
- Other: (please describe) _____

Are you enrolled in a HDR?

- Yes → please provide details and attach proof of enrolment:

- No → please provide details of the course you are planning to enrol in and attach your enrolment application with start dates:

Is this project supported by any other research funding or grant(s)?

- Yes → please provide details: _____
- No

Does this project have ethics and governance approval?

- Yes - Ethics → please provide HREC number: _____
- Yes - Governance → please provide SSA number: _____
- No

PART 2: Project Summary

Project Title (max 100 characters):

Background (max 300 words):

Project Hypotheses / Synopsis (max 100 words):

Project Methodology (max 400 words):

Briefly outline a timeline for the key milestones of the project (max 150 words):

Describe how you will manage and mitigate any potential risks identified for the project (max 200 words)

Describe how consumers will be involved in the project (max 100 words):

PART 3: FTE associated

What is the amount of FTE allocated to this project? _____

Describe how this amount of FTE will assist you complete the tasks in line with the timeline described (max 200 words)

Describe how the dedicated research time for this project will be protected and adhered to (max 150 words)

PART 4: Project Outcomes

Describe what you expect to achieve by undertaking this research including why it is novel and the expected value of results (max 200 words)

PART 5: Budget

Provide an overview of how the funding for this project will be allocated

Staffing						
Project Year (1 or 2)	Staff Position / Title	Level / Grade	FTE	Salary (\$)	On-costs (%)	Total (\$)
Year 1						
Year 2						
Grand Total						

Other Expenses e.g., diagnostic tests, equipment, consumables			
Expense Description	Units	Unit Cost (\$)	Total (\$)
Grand Total			

Please note funding will not be provided to support the following: conference registration or fees, air fares, researchers travel or living expenses.

Total Funding Requested: (excluding GST)	
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Provide justification for the budget you have requested (max 200 words)

PART 6: Principal Investigator

Title:	
First name:	
Last name:	
Current position:	
Department:	
Hospital:	
Mobile Phone:	
Email:	

PART 7: Co-Investigators

Name	Current appointment	Organisation	Role*

* Indicate whether the investigator is **primarily:**

A – Academic

C – Clinical

G - Governance

O – Other

Checklist (please make sure you have attached the relevant documents outlined below)

- A letter of support from a research supervisor.
- A letter of support from the applicant's Head of Department, outlining the FTE to be allocated to the scholarship and how that will be managed.
- Proof of enrolment or an enrolment application outlining start dates.
- All Co-investigators listed are aware they have been included in this EOI and have agreed to participate in this research project if successful.
- The applicant has read and understands the Gynae-Oncological Clinician Scholarship Terms and Conditions.

PART 8: References

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Signed by (Principal Investigator):

In applying for the Gynae-Oncological Clinician Scholarship, it is agreed that a Scholarship Grant Agreement, which will outline the detailed requirements associated with the funding, will be required to be signed and adhered to should this application be successful.

Signature:	
Name:	
Date:	

EOI Selection Criteria

Selection Criteria	
Methodology Scientific quality of the proposed research project	30%
FTE Allocation Reasonable allocation of FTE that is well supported by the applicant's department and research supervisor	20%
Timeframe Feasibility the research project can be completed within the timeframes described (1 or 2 years)	10%
Impact Potential for the project to influence or be translated into practice	20%
Budget Value for money	20%