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## 2019 Insurance Commission of Western Australia Research Program

### Guidelines

The Physiotherapy Research Foundation is pleased to announce a research partnership with the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA).

Funding of up to \$90,000 (exclusive of GST) is available to fund independence-improving research for people seriously injured in vehicle or workplace accidents. Applications are now invited for research projects aimed at:

- (i) increasing the independence of individuals who have experienced a catastrophic or equivalent injury;
- (ii) improving the functional recovery of people with catastrophic or equivalent injury;
- (iii) reducing effort for carers and the burden on families; and
- (iv) lowering costs for the Insurance Commission.

#### General Requirements

The applicant must:

- be the **chief investigator** of the project and be based in Western Australia.
  - be registered with AHPRA.
  - be an Australian citizen, or have permanent resident status
  - currently reside in Australia
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- Each grant budget must not exceed \$90,000 (excluding GST).
  - Grants are for one year duration only.
  - All grant funds must go to research, none towards institutional infrastructure.
  - An application form must be submitted by Friday 31 May 2019, 5:00 pm AWST. No late applications will be accepted.

An applicant (being the chief investigator) may submit up to two separate applications but will be eligible for a maximum of one grant.

#### Assessment Process

Applications will be forwarded to a panel of independent assessors for external scientific review. The PRF Committee and the Insurance Commission of Western Australia will allocate grants according to the assessors' recommendations, and within the limitations of the allocated budget. The outcome of grant applications will be communicated in writing to applicants in August 2019. Please be advised that all decisions are final and there is no mechanism for appeal.

#### Assessment Criteria

Applications must address the above research project aims and will be evaluated based on the following assessment criteria:

- the significance of the project to knowledge/evidence base of physiotherapy
- the rationale of the project established from previous research
- the appropriateness of the design, participant selection, intervention, outcome measures and proposed statistical analysis to the research question
- the feasibility of the project and likelihood of the project meeting its objectives, including preparation of a publishable manuscript, within the stated timeframes.

### **Project Commencement**

- Administering institutions of successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Physiotherapy Research Foundation.
- Projects commence from 1 September 2019, after the Participation Agreement and any other research governance approvals are in place.
- Projects are expected to be completed before 31 October 2020, unless a request for extension is submitted to the PRF Committee.

### **Reporting Requirements**

- A progress report must be submitted to the PRF at the end of every six months, as specified in the Participation Agreement.
- The administering institution is responsible for ensuring that financial reports are submitted to the PRF by their due dates as specified in the Participation Agreement.

### **Application Procedure**

Completed application forms and any supporting documents must be submitted to the PRF by email:

[jenine.fleming@australian.physio](mailto:jenine.fleming@australian.physio)

Deadline: Friday 31 May 2019, 5.00pm (AWST)

Submissions must be received by the PRF by the above-specified deadline. Late applications will not be accepted and no extension of the deadline will be considered.

### **Checklist**

- application signed by Chief Investigator, Associate Investigator 1 and Head of Department of the administering organisation
- copy of ethics approval (when available)
- copy of consent form/plain language statement if subject compensation is involved (if applicable)

### **Queries**

Please contact Jenine Fleming at the PRF on (03) 9092 0852 or via email [jenine.fleming@australian.physio](mailto:jenine.fleming@australian.physio)