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Research Highlights

Research at Northern Health

[iNews Story](#)

At the recent Research Grand Round, **Research at Northern Health: Navigating Pathways and Accessing Support**, staff from across Northern Health came together for a practical and engaging session. The event aimed to demystify the research process, providing clear guidance on how to get started, navigate research pathways, and access the support available within the organisation.

[Watch here](#)

Key Resources:

- [ERM Completion Guide](#) – a comprehensive, practical guide designed to support researchers in preparing a complete and high quality application for Governance Authorisation.
- The [Research Hub](#) has been designed as a one-stop shop for all your research needs at Northern Health. Follow the steps below to access it:
 - In LMS, navigate to the Home page and select **My Learning Hubs**
 - Select **Course Catalogue**
 - Search “**Research Hub**”
 - Click “**Go to Course**”

Upcoming Research Events

Be sure to join us for the next research grand round, featuring [Professor Nik Zeps](#) who will present “[Am I allowed to use that data? Navigating Privacy in clinical research](#)”

Date: Wednesday 29th April 2026

Time: 12.30-1.30pm

Location: NCHER building - Level 3, Conference Room, Northern Health Epping

Refreshments Provided.

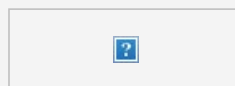
Opportunities

MacHSR Future Leaders Fellowship Program

Applications are encouraged from fully qualified clinicians (Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health professionals) who are keen to use Health Services Research (HSR) to approach practical healthcare problems and take steps towards becoming a leader of innovative care.

Applications Close 9am, 28th April 2026.

[More information here](#)



PhD Scholarships- Nursing & Allied Health

Clinician – Researcher PhD Scholarships now open for applications.

Northern Health, in partnership with La Trobe University, is offering three co-funded Clinician-Researcher PhD Scholarships for Nursing and Allied Health staff under La Trobe's Clinician Researcher PhD Program.

Applications Close: Monday April 13th 2026

Key Information:

Stipend: \$60,000 p.a. (tax-free) for 3.5 years

Tuition fees: Covered for up to 4 years

Eligibility: Current Northern Health Nursing or Allied Health employees

Priority areas: Clinical practice improvement, workforce capability, digital health, safety and quality, patient outcomes, and health equity

[Full Details Here](#)

Grant Opportunities

To help us keep providing these valuable opportunities, we'd love to hear from you if you apply for a grant. Your feedback helps us gather important statistics that show the impact of the program and ensure it can continue running.
Please email kim.berger@nh.org.au

Health Services Research Grants 2026 now open

EOI close 5pm on Wednesday 13th May 2026 (AEST).

The HCF Research Foundation Health Services Research Grants 2026 program is now open for expressions of interest.

Expression of interests are now open if your health services research project addresses one of the following areas:

1. Uptake, accessibility and effectiveness of innovative mental health models of care that expand options for timely, high-quality support for people experiencing acute mental health needs. This can include strengthened community-based models and integrated pathways of care.

2. Strategies for the identification and remediation of gender bias in health care services.

[More information](#)

Eldon and Anne Foote Trust Donor Advised Grants

Applications close by 4:00 PM AEST, 13 April 2026.

Funding requests for Medical Research is available up to \$50,000.

Only one application per organisation will be considered, so please contact NH.Research@nh.org.au prior to applying.

[More information](#)

Ramsay Hospital Research Foundation

Applications close by 13th May 2026.

The Translational Challenge Grant (TCG) is the flagship program of the Ramsay Hospital Research Foundation, driving research that tackles the root causes of health inequality.

A maximum of \$400,000 is available per project.

Projects must: have a particular focus on improving health outcomes; be undertaken in one of the identified clinical areas; demonstrate a commitment to improving social disadvantage by including one key determinant of health; be undertaken at a Ramsay site and at a non-Ramsay site; include a diverse patient population and benefit patients in both private and public healthcare settings.

[More information](#)

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