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RESEARCH DIGEST #43

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New Requirement for Grant Applications Administered by RMIT University

Northern Health researchers submitting grant applications through RMIT University as the administering institution are required to complete and submit a Northern Health Grant Application Coversheet with their proposal.

The coversheet supports timely institutional review and endorsement processes between Northern Health and RMIT, helping ensure applications meet all governance and submission requirements.

Key points:

- Submit the completed coversheet and grant proposal to the Research

Development and Governance Unit (RDGU) at NH.Research@nh.org.au at least 10 business days before the RMIT submission deadline

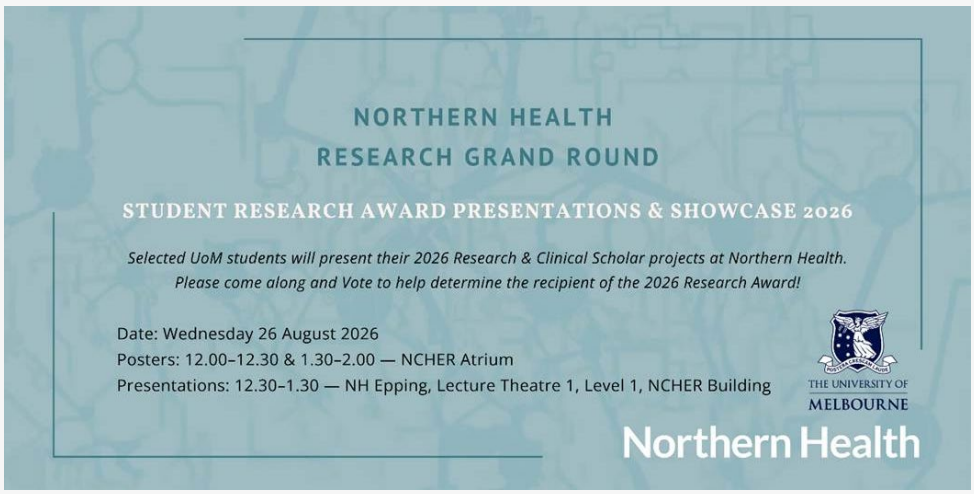
- Following Northern Health endorsement, investigators must provide the endorsed coversheet to RMIT with the final grant application.

Please ensure you allow sufficient time for both Northern Health endorsement and RMIT review when planning your grant submissions.

This process will come into effect from 01 September 2026.

For further information, please contact the RDGU team at NH.Research@nh.org.au.

Research Grand Round – Please join us this Wednesday!



Congratulations to the NH Orthopaedic Surgery Department

Orthopaedic Surgery Staff Recognised at National and International Conferences

Several staff and research collaborators from Northern Health's Orthopaedic Surgery department have been selected to present at leading orthopaedic meetings, reflecting the strength of research across the department

2026 AOA Victorian Branch Winter Welcome Meeting

- **Dr Aubrey Sima** (Supervisor: **Mr Saeed Asadollahi**) presented on "*Complication Profile of Uncemented Femoral Component Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Systematic Review.*" — and was announced joint winner of the **2026 Victorian Orthopaedic Foundation Award** for best research paper.

- **Dr Karanvir Sandhu** (Supervisor: **Ms Juliette Gentle**) presented on *"Optimising the Suspected Deep Vein Thrombosis Pathway in Orthopaedic Inpatients: A Clinical Audit of Timeliness, Anticoagulation and Patient Flow."*
- **Lin Tong**, PhD student in Physiotherapy (co-supervised by **Ms Juliette Gentle**), presented on the *"MSK-Wellness Program: A RE-AIM Evaluation."*

Upcoming: 26th APAS & 5th MSHKS Annual Scientific Meeting
Two team members have been invited to deliver podium presentations:

- **Dr Aubrey Sima** on *"Complication Profile of Uncemented Diaphyseal-Fitting Femoral Stems in Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Systematic Review."*

Dr Zachary Wong (Supervisor: **Mr Saeed Asadollahi**) on *"Acetabular Polar Gaps After Cementless Total Hip Arthroplasty: Incidence, Natural History, and Clinical Significance."*

Congratulations to **Aubrey, Karanvir, Lin and Zachary** for representing Northern Health nationally and internationally, and for continuing to strengthen the department's research profile.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Join the University of Melbourne MD Clinical Scholar Program as a Supervisor in 2027
Researchers and clinicians are invited to contribute to the University of Melbourne MD Clinical Scholar Program by offering research projects for medical students undertaking the program in the first half of 2027.

Staff interested in supervising a Clinical Scholar research project are encouraged to submit an expression of interest via the 2027 Clinical Scholar EOI Form as soon as possible.
2027 Clinical Scholar EOI form – Fill out the form. Project allocation planning will occur over the next two months.

WEBINARS

Will using AI get your research rejected?
Dr Claire Moran, The Qualitative Research Institute

This free 1-hour webinar explores the current evidence landscape, what journals are already publishing, what universities and publishers currently require, where methodological debates remain unresolved, and why disclosure alone isn't the whole picture.

Date & Time: Wednesday 26 August 2026, 10.30-11.30 am

Register here

LAMP Project - A COVID Research Study – Call for Participants

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Are you over 18?

Do you live in Australia?

Have you had COVID-19, or were you a close contact?

Do you still have ongoing symptoms after COVID-19?

Researchers at RMIT University invite you to participate in an exciting government-funded project exploring the impacts of post COVID-19 condition, often known as Long COVID, on diverse populations in Australia.

Eligible participants will be invited to complete a survey every 3-6 months for 2 years.

Participants completing annual surveys will receive up to a $100 supermarket voucher as appreciation.

If you are interested, please scan the QR code to find out if you are eligible.

Join us in this important research!

For further information, please contact:
longcovidstudy@rmit.edu.au

RMIT University is running a government-funded study on the impacts of Long COVID across Australia, and is seeking participants.
If this applies to you — or someone you know — Scan the QR code to check eligibility.

VACCHO marra ngarrgoo, marra goorri - Reflective Process Webinar

VACCHO held this webinar on Thursday 20th August. The session provided valuable insights into the Reflective Process and its role in strengthening research practices to ensure meaningful benefits for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. If you missed it, click on the link below.

Recording here

Resources: Clinical Trial Site Recruitment Guide

CT:IQ has released an expanded edition of its GREET Guide (Guidance for Recruitment Examining Experiences at Trial Sites). The revised GREET Guide includes a new section on Inclusive Trial Recruitment, integrates guidance on recruitment involving AI (originally released in 2025), and updates to all links and resources.

Find out more

Northern Health Publications

Publications are selected from strongly Northern Health-led research at the discretion of RDGU Office.

- Lawrence J, Kaivaha L, Lotter J. The innovation of the clinical assistant role in a

virtual emergency department: building digital health capability while supporting equitable access. Front Health Serv. 2026 Jun 30;6:1872602. doi: 10.3389/frhs.2026.1872602. PMID: 42453374; PMCID: PMC13365251.

- Grover S, Temur K. Rapid Reinitiation of Clozapine After Recent Discontinuation: Report of 2 Cases and Review of Literature. J Clin Psychopharmacol. 2026 Jul 27. doi: 10.1097/JCP.0000000000002242. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42504693.

- Hutton J, Matheson C, Miller S, Talevski J, Jessup RL, Semciw AI, Boyd JH, Gray H, Gwyther-Jones A, King V, Lawrence J, Sher L. The effectiveness of the diversion of patients from an emergency department waiting room to a virtual medical consultation. Oxf Open Digit Health. 2026 Jul 11;4:oqag018. doi: 10.1093/oodh/oqag018. PMID: 42483636; PMCID: PMC13386168.

- Savige J, Huang M. Alport Syndrome May Be More Common in People of East Asian Ancestry. Am J Kidney Dis. 2026 Aug;88(2):203-205. doi: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2026.06.001. PMID: 42481082.

If you would like to feature any items on the Research Digest, Please contact us.

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