



At the official launch of the Queensland Emergency Medicine Research Foundation, Dr Noel Stephenson noted that “*Emergency Medicine will not receive complete recognition until Research has become a major role in the College future, which today has its birth. Congratulations.*” Dr Frank Garlick then spoke and brought to our attention a quote from Celia Green “*The way to research is to attack the facts at the point of greatest astonishment.*”

In practical terms, while the foundation can supply funding to employ research staff, it will be the vision, commitment and support from Directors of Emergency Medicine and Senior Staff for this next phase to be fully realised.

Grants Awarded

Congratulations to the recipients of the inaugural grants. The first round of Grants has been awarded and full details are available on our Website at www.qemrf.org.au/grants1/grants1.html. Summary includes:

Fellowships:	
Noel Stevenson Fellowship	
A/Prof Peter Aitken The Townsville Hospital \$150,000	<i>Disaster Health Education in Australia: An Analysis of Current Status, Needs and Educational Strategies and the Development of Potential Future Models, Doctor of Public Health</i>
Frank Garlick Fellowship	
Dr Joseph Ting Mater Adult Hospital \$150,000	<i>Master of Science Clinical Trials, University of London</i>
Emergency Medicine Staff Specialist Grants	
Louise Cullen Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital \$175,303 A. Brown, M. Than, J. Greenslade, C. Hammet, X. Hou, J. Ungerer, K. Chu, W. Parsonage	<i>Accelerated pathway in the assessment of suspected acute coronary syndrome in the Emergency Department: A diagnostic accuracy study</i>
David Green Gold Coast Hospital \$100,000 M. Wallis, G. FitzGerald, J. Lind, J. Crilly, M. Jessup, J. Boyle, P. Miller	<i>Evaluation of the Emergency Department Patient Admissions Predictive Tool: assessing its impact on access block, cancellation of elective surgery, work practices and patient outcomes</i>
James Lind Gold Coast Hospital \$60,000 J. Crilly, V. Tippett, M. Wallis, G. Keijzers, M. O'Dwyer, K. Melki, N. Bost, S.e Shiels	<i>The impact of a new emergency department on patient presentations and ambulance service delivery in health service districts in Australia: a 12 month before and after study</i>
Julian Williams Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital \$200,000 D. Paterson, J. Lipman, J. Greenslade, A. Brown, J. Paratz, J. Dulhunty, K. Chu	<i>The Sepsis Registry: A prospective database to characterise and facilitate improved outcome for admitted patients with community-acquired infection</i>
Emergency Medicine Trainee Grants	
James Tilleard Nambour General Hospital \$16,850 J. Haire, S. Ferguson, M. Thomas, P. Negus	<i>The effect of consecutive night shifts on the psychomotor performance of registrars working in the emergency department</i>
Iain McNeil, Princess Alexandra Hospital \$13,650 F. Williamson, L. Nunnink, A. Broom	<i>Pilot project to assess measures of psychological impact of providing CPR on a related victim of cardiac arrest</i>
Dr Anthony Bell Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital \$25,243 K. Chu, T. Lipp, J. Greenslade, A. Duncan, S. Rothwell	<i>A randomized controlled trial comparing patient controlled versus physician controlled sedation with propofol in patients requiring procedural sedation in the Emergency Department</i>
Dr Greg Treston Redcliffe Hospital \$50,000 A. Bell, C. Codd	<i>Procedural Sedation in the Emergency Department: A comprehensive analysis of a prospective registry of 2000 consecutive procedural sedations and telephone follow-up from Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospital Emergency Departments</i>
Dr Michael Sinnott Princess Alexandra Hospital \$50,000 R. Shaban, J. Devereux	<i>Regulatory systems for occupational exposures in emergency health care: Contemporary challenges for the emergency physician in prevention, control and management</i>
Dr Gerben Keijzers Gold Coast Hospital \$46,552 D. Campbell, D. Pitchford, J. Hooper, J. Crilly, C. Jennekens, M. Cooke	<i>The effects of implementation of a tertiary survey tool for multi-trauma patients, Southport</i>
Dr Philip Richardson Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital \$47,003 Dr K. Chu, Dr J. Greenslade	<i>Validation of CARING criteria: A diagnostic accuracy study for predicting who should have an Advance Health Directive (AHD), \$47,003</i>

Total Project Grant Funding	\$535,302.67
Total Fellowship Funding	\$300,000.00
Total Trainee Grant Funding	\$30,500.00
Total Staff Specialist Funding	\$218,798.21
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,084,600.88

Guidelines for Funding

Funding is principally intended for research staff and research consultants such as statistical support.. The following guidelines for funding have been agreed on by the Board:

- » No Principal Investigator time will be funded
- » No Computer Hardware or software will be funded.
- » No funding for research that has already occurred (retrospective funding) will be awarded.
- » No funding will be awarded for research that has already been conducted (ie no retrospective funding)

The Board has sought to encourage the development of research capability and therefore has sought where possible to align its procedures and its methods with those of the nationally competitive granting schemes. The reason for this is that our researchers will become familiar with these processes so that when more experienced, they will be more likely to be successful in achieving grants from those bodies. Those bodies do not generally fund capital items on the grounds that those capital items outlast the project. There are usually alternate schemes for funding of such items as "research infrastructure". On the other hand they often do fund small items of equipment that may be utilised within the life of the project.

On the same grounds most funding bodies do not fund the salaries of Chief or Principal Investigators. The reason is that these individuals are usually funded through alternate means. Either they currently hold fully funded staff positions or have attracted Fellowship awards. Please note that Principal Investigator funding, if it is linked to a higher degree may be supported through the fellowship option.

New Funding Scheme

The Board has agreed to consider exceptional requests such as commitments to linkage or other leveraging arrangements up to \$50,000 per annum at its discretion at any time. Review would be through the Grants Review Panel process.

Due Dates for Schemes

Trainee (up to \$20,000) and Staff Specialist Grants (up to \$50,000)

Round	Draft Due for Research Manager Review	Final electronic copy
Round 2	30 Jan 2009	10 Feb-2009
Round 3	16 Feb 2009	02 Mar 2009
Round 4	22 Apr 2009	17 Jun 2009
Round 5	TBA	TBA

Project (up to \$300,000 over 3 yrs), Program (up to \$750,000 over 3 yrs) Grants and Fellowships

Round	Draft Due for Research Manager Review	Final electronic copy
Round 1	12 Mar 2009	07 May 2009

2009 Grant Schedule

Please see the news section of the website www.qemrf.org.au for the full full schedule of Grant rounds for 2009 if a dialogue box comes up asking you for a password just press cancel and the spreadsheet will still open.

Did you know?

Applying for release of health information held by the department for the purposes of research under the provisions of the *Public Health Act 2005*

Instructions:

http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cpic/documents/ethics/info_pha_act_Nov08.pdf

Application Form:

http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cpic/ethics/acces_con_hlt_info.asp

From 3 November 2008 all HREC applications to be submitted to a Queensland Health HREC will need to be submitted on the online Qld Health NEAF <http://www.ethicsform.org/au/SignIn.aspx>



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