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Meet The Experts In One Afternoon

The Foundation is running a **Research Forum** on Thursday 2 September from 12 noon at Ballymore Rugby Club.

The Forum is aimed at bringing Emergency Medicine Researchers together in the one room along with Research Experts to identify opportunities and strategies for conducting future innovative research. For more information, [click here](#).



Emergency Care Information Gateway



The NICS Effective Practice Program has gone live with the updated [Emergency Care Information Gateway](#). This site is an update of the previous Emergency Care Blog site, which was developed to promote communication and sharing of ideas and evidence-based resources between emergency clinicians - to support knowledge translation.

The Effective Practice Program tests and trials implementation methods to support the uptake of evidence in a range of clinical areas. This work has included the establishment of communities of practice in emergency care, evidence uptake resources and several programs developed to close important evidence-practice gaps through the uptake of best practice guidelines. The Gateway has been developed to support this work.

The Gateway aims to provide access nationally to evidence-based health care resources for clinicians and others working in the emergency care sector. New features of the Gateway include:

- a dedicated area for research papers, clinical tools, and a discussion forum
- clearer navigation and document search functionality
- development of the feature page 'Acute Coronary Syndromes (ACS) Resource Exchange' in partnership with the Heart Foundation

An editorial panel (volunteers from the Emergency Care Community of Practice) has been established to provide additional peer review of resources to ensure they are clinically appropriate and meet a standard for inclusion. Content such as hospital based protocols/policy, education packages and learning tools are reviewed by the editorial panel. This process is coordinated by NICS.

Content that has already been through a peer review process will not require full panel review. This includes resources such as research papers, Cochrane reviews, or endorsed national guidelines. This content will be required to meet a set of predetermined selection criteria to ensure alignment to the Gateway objectives.

Office of Health and Medical Research - Fellowships

The Office of Health and Medical Research (OHMR) is responsible for the Health Research Fellowship Program.

It has been designed to complement existing programs administered through the Queensland and Australian Governments.

As you can see by the Research Funding Diagram below, there are several Fellowships on offer and each is tailored along a career path line for applicants.

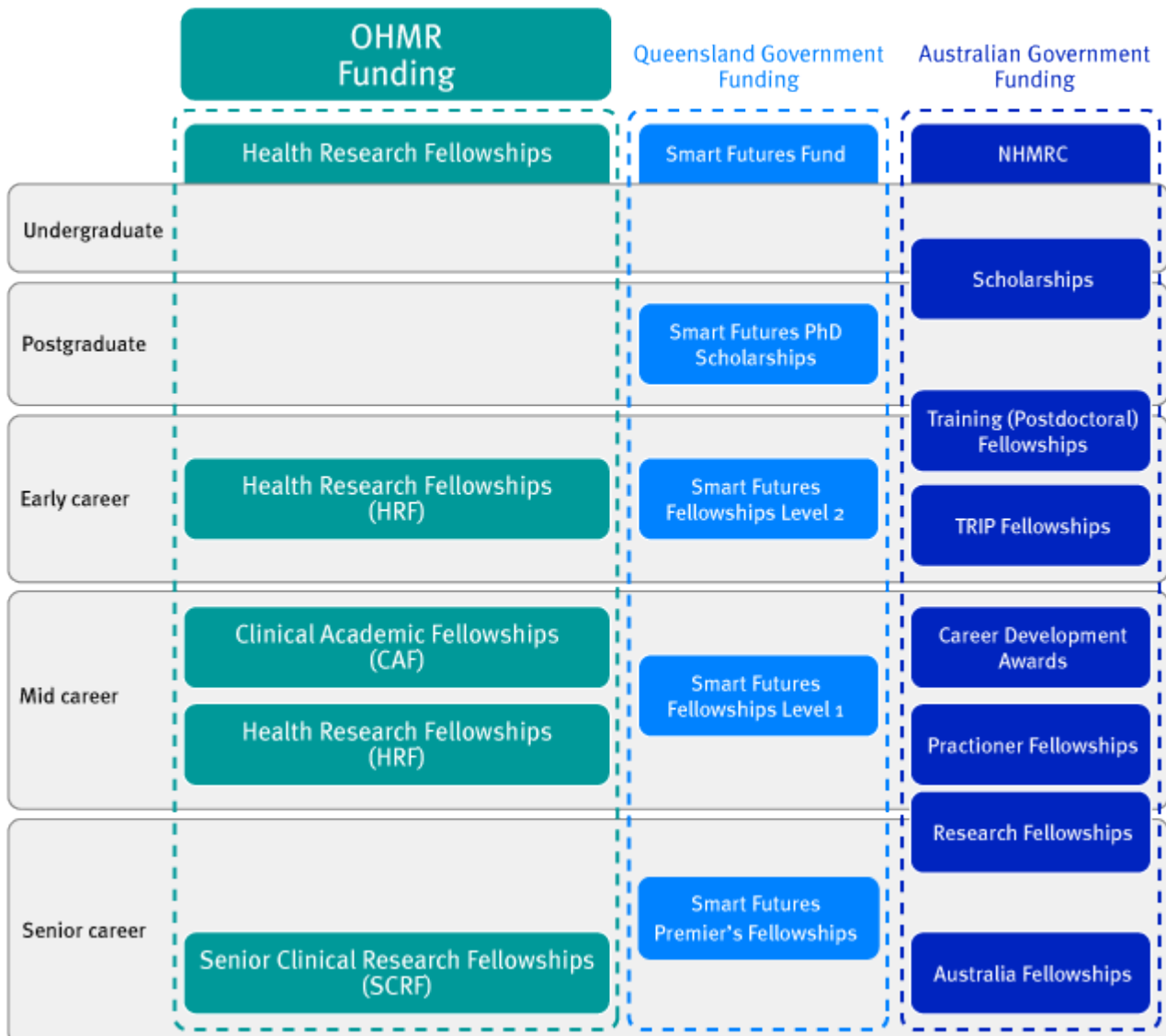
For example, the **Clinical Academic Fellowships (CAF)** offer funding of up to \$75,000 per annum for five years towards the salary of a new clinical academic position (note: individual researchers are not eligible to apply for this fellowship). The application process for

CAF requires the collaboration of Queensland Government funded health care facilities and universities ('joint applicants') to design new positions that will increase research activity and provide a focus on clinical excellence.

The **Health Research Fellowships (HRF)** offer funding of up to \$150,000 per annum in salary support for five years which will allow health districts to back-fill the clinical time of practicing clinicians or other health professionals to undertake clinical or health service research. Successful applicants will undertake research that has the potential to lead to improved patient care in Queensland by influencing health policy and clinical practice.

To find out more, visit the [OHMR website](http://www.ohmr.org.au).

Research Funding Diagram



Identifying Other Funding Sources - 200+ Available

The number of applications in each grant round is increasing both in quantity and quality which is wonderful to see and is representative of the enthusiasm of Emergency Medicine Physicians to undertake research focused on achieving better patient outcomes in Queensland Public Hospitals.

QEMRF has awarded \$3,998,411 worth of grants to emergency medicine research projects in Queensland. Applicants have benefitted from a 70% success rate in the awarding of grants.

In the latest round (Round 8), over \$3.8 million dollars in applications for research projects has been submitted.

As a result of the number of applications and the limitations of funding available to applicants through the Foundation, it is likely that current and future rounds will be highly competitive.

The **competition will be intense** for being awarded a grant and success will be dependent on the strengths of the research application and project according to the review process, the Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) and the project interviews.

It is a good idea to **have a back-up plan** which identifies alternative funding sources so you can benefit from your hard work in preparing your grant application.



If your application is unsuccessful through QEMRF, you will receive feedback which is likely to be useful in preparing your application for submission to another funding source. The constructive feedback from the GAC is an opportunity to strengthen your application and research project towards a successful outcome (hopefully).

To find out about other funding sources for projects, please contact a University Research Office, your hospital Research Office or the OHMR.

An excellent resource is the [Research Funding Database](#) provided by Queensland Health which lists some **200 grant/funding opportunities**.

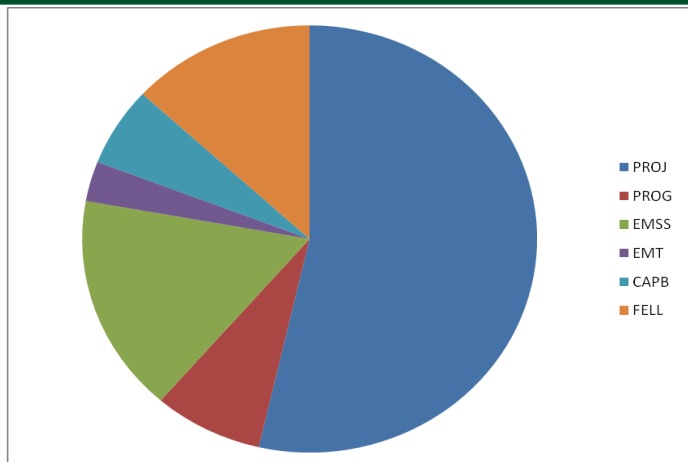
QEMRF Funding Across Grant Types

The Foundation has awarded over \$2.1 million in Project (PROJ) grants since it started operations. Project grants are eligible for funding of up to \$100,000 per year for a maximum of three years and have accounted for 54% of the grants awarded (based on total money awarded).

Staff Specialist (EMSS) grants offer funding of up to \$50,000. This category is the next highest coming in at 16% of the grants awarded.

Whilst Capacity Building (CAPB) grants account for a modest 6% of grants awarded, this is a relatively new category and it is likely that this figure will rise significantly in the next few years.

All grant rounds for 2010 have now closed however applications are welcome throughout the year.



Grant Type	Grand Total	Percentage
PROJ	\$2,143,086.00	54%
PROG	\$310,376.00	8%
EMSS	\$659,315.00	16%
EMT	\$120,634.00	3%
CAPB	\$240,000.00	6%
FELL	\$525,000.00	13%
Totals	\$3,998,411.00	100%

Don't forget to register online

at

www.qemrf.org.au

for your application ID before submitting your grant application.



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2010 Translational Research Excellence (TRX10)

“Collaborate to Innovate”, Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 October 2010 in Brisbane.

To secure your spot at this event, registrations are [now open](#).

The Australian Health and Medical Research Ethics Roadshow - Register now

The event that has been a huge success around Australia is on for the last time in 2010 on 14–15 September at the Tattersall's Club, Brisbane.

Topics include:-

- How to prepare a good NEAF
- How to prepare good PICFs
- Non-clinical trial research issues, including biobanks and consent
- Quality assurance, low risk, negligible risk tools
- Safety reporting
- Contracts
- Indemnity and insurance
- Legislative issues
- ICH GCP for CTN/CTX trials

The cost is \$990 (inc GST) or \$880 (inc GST) for QCTN members.

For more information contact marketing@qctn.com.au or visit the [website](#).

Kokoda Research Project - QEMRF Apologies

QEMRF wishes to acknowledge that in Issue 6 of the QEMRF Update newsletter, the link to the story with Dr Sean Rothwell and Dr David Rosengren which was featured on 60 minutes relating to a research project regarding Kokoda was not funded by QEMRF.

The project was awarded Federal funding from the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and the Kokoda Track Foundation.

We apologise for any confusion that the appearance of this article might have caused.

Photos Wanted

Q E M R F would love to receive any photos of research being conducted, research teams and any other pictures showing Emergency Medicine at work.



We would like to use these photos for newsletters, annual reports, the website and media releases. Our aim is to highlight and raise awareness of research in Emergency Medicine in Queensland.

Please [email](#) through photos at any time. Digital files preferred. We appreciate your assistance.



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