**Western Alliance Rapid Research Translation Grants – Expression of Interest (EOI) form**

Background information – please read carefully before progressing to the EOI application below

***Introduction:***

**Background:** Since 2015, Western Alliance has predominately supported research translation through a program of research grant funding. More recently, we have also embedded Research Translation Coordinators and developed the STaRR program to build research and translation capability. Western Alliance funded research projects have made an important contribution to the evidence base, have improved capability and capacity, and have fostered relationships between the health and academic sectors and with the community. This grant round will for the first time specifically focus on ***supporting the translation of existing research and evidence into policy and practice, through implementation and/or scaling within health settings.***

**Purpose:** To support the rapid (within 18 months) implementation/scaling and evaluation of evidence-based health improvements across rural and regional Western Victoria. The proposed change will need to be identified within and be of significance to the participating health organisation/s.

**Amount:** Total pool of $100k (up to $40k per project)

**Target audience:** Those working in Western Alliance member health organisations, with the support of Western Alliance University members. The grant will target;

* Those who have generated evidence that is ready to implement
* Those who have identified evidence in the literature that is ready to implement
* Those who have implemented and evaluated a change that can be scaled across other Western Alliance health organisations
* Those who have identified a practice that should be ceased or modified based on evidence

**Funding to be used for:** Activity to support implementation/scaling and evaluation (e.g., backfill of key staff time, development/implementation of training and communication strategies, infrastructure or resources to support implementation/scaling or evaluation activity). Note that funding must not be used for service delivery.

**Investigators:** Each project **must** identify a health service or PHN Principal Investigator **and** health service or PHN Executive Sponsor. The Executive Sponsor must be someone who is in a position to sign off on the change within the target organisation. An academic Principal Investigator may also be included (employed by either Deakin or Federation University) but this is not mandatory.

**Please note: This expression of interest is only open to those employed by Western Alliance member organisations, and the project must involve at least one Western Alliance Health Service or PHN member.**

***Requirements and expectations for Western Alliance Rapid Research Translation grants:***

At EOI stage, to be considered for progression to full application, the proposed research must:

* Be co-designed with and embedded in Western Alliance health sector organisations (note that formal documented support from health sector partners is not required at EOI stage, however, indicative support and involvement in the development of the proposal will be expected)
* Demonstrate a meaningful approach to consumer and/or community co-design and engagement
* Be led by investigators with the ability to influence translational change within the target area (Principal Investigator/s CV to be supplied with the EOI)

***Application process:***

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| **Component** | **Timeline** |
| Step 1: Call for expressions of interest  | November 25th 2022 to February 9th 2023 |
| Step 2: Preliminary review and shortlisting/notification of shortlisted projects | February 9th 2023 to February 28th 2023 |
| Step 3: Shortlisted projects progress to formal application (note that interviews may be part of this stage)  | February 28th 2023 to April 25th 2022 |
| Step 4: Panel review of formal applications | April 25th 2023 to May 9th 2023 |
| Step 5: Panel decision and successful applicant/s identified and notified | By May 16th 2023 |

***Expression of Interest Application form:***

**Please complete all sections below and return to** **drewaras@westernalliance.org.au** **along with a two-page CV for the Principal Investigator/s, by 5pm February 9th, 2023.**

For further information, or for a confidential discussion regarding your proposal, please contact Drew Aras, Executive Officer, on 0402777385 or drewaras@westernalliance.org.au.

Please note that word limits indicated within the EOI form do not include references.

**Health Service or PHN Principal Investigator - mandatory (must be an employee of a Western Alliance member health service or PHN):**

Name (including title)

Organisation & Position

Email address

Phone number

**Health Service or PHN Executive Sponsor - mandatory (This person must be in a position to sign off on the proposed change, and should be involved throughout the stages of the translation):**

Name (including title)

Organisation & Position

Email address

Phone number

**Academic Principal Investigator - optional (must be an employee of Deakin or Federation University):**

Name (including title)

Organisation & Position

Email address

Phone number

**Proposed collaborating investigators (please include name, title, and organisation for each):**

1. **Proposed translation Project Title:**
2. **Lay Summary of translation project (Max 200 words)**
3. **Overview of identified problem. (Please include local data where applicable, and indicate why addressing this problem is a priority for the participating health service/s or PHN) (Max 300 words)**
4. **What has been done so far to address this problem? Please include an overview of the evidence and any pilot programs or other efforts to address the problem) (Max 300 words)**
5. **Overview of proposed translation project. Please include what you are proposing to change and the steps that you will take to achieve this change. As part of this, please indicate how you intend to engage consumers/community throughout the stages of your translation project, including in co-design. (Max 400 words):**
6. **Intended impacts of the translation on policy or practice within the next 18 months – please indicate the expected outputs and outcomes, and who will benefit from these. (Max 200 words):**
7. **Proposed partnering organisations: Please list each organisation and their proposed role in the project (e.g., site of translation/scaling, providing evaluation support etc.). Note: It is not expected that you will have obtained formal documented support from individual organisations at this stage**