

Western Health Nursing and Midwifery Research Grants 2023

Introduction

Western Health is committed to providing Best Care to our community. Underpinning Western Health's world-class clinical care is our commitment to research and education. One key initiative of the Strategic Directions 2021-2023 is to "build stronger connections between and amongst researchers, educators, clinical leaders, and frontline staff, through multidisciplinary projects, learning, and innovation". This is achieved by fostering curiosity and supporting staff to lead and participate in research.

The Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery is seeking applications from Western Health staff for grant funding to undertake dedicated nursing and/or midwifery research. There are two EDNM grants to be awarded this year; **one for nursing and one for midwifery-related projects each being \$15,000**. There is also **one Denise Paterson Research Grant of \$10,000 open to a nurse or midwife**. These are exciting opportunities for nurses and midwives to be innovative, lead research, and contribute to an improvement in practice and better patient outcomes.

Terms of grant

All research must comply with Western Health's Research ethics and governance policy, and with the National Health and Medical Research Council statement. Ethics approval is not required to apply for the grant, but if successful, must be gained before the commencement of any research.

Support

Nurses and midwives are invited to seek support and advice from the Chair of Nursing, Professor Bodil Rasmussen or the Chair of Midwifery, Professor Linda Sweet, and their teams.

WHDeakinPartnership@wh.org.au

Application guidelines

Applications of no more than 2,000 words are invited and must include the following:

- Research team details
- Aims and significance of the proposed study
- Background/literature review identifying the gap in the current evidence (why this research is needed)
- Method including research design, interventions (if any) and analysis plan
- Timeline
- Budget

Selection criteria

The following criteria will be used to assess applications:

- **Value to Western Health:** Will the proposed study add value to Western Health and improve Best Care?
- **Research team:** Do the team have sufficient skills and expertise to undertake the proposed study?
- **Study justification and aim:** Has a research gap been justified and is the aim important and achievable?
- **Research Plan:** Is the study design feasible and appropriate to meet the aims and research question?
- **Feasibility:** Are the goals concrete and achievable? Are there sufficient resources to undertake the study?

Submission

Applications must be submitted by email to WHDeakinPartnership@wh.org.au

Application **close 29th September 2023** and the successful applicants will be announced in the Nursing and Midwifery session of Western Health Research and Best Care Week on Thursday 19th October 2023.