



GREATER HEALTH

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University Dept. of Rural Health

Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health (GGT UDRH)
Primary Health Care Research Evaluation and Development (PHC RED) Program

Bursary Information Form 2010

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“Funded bursaries”:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bursary funds are usually awarded in the range from \$500 to \$5,000 per individual but larger grants may be considered in special circumstances.• Group applications for similar or larger similar amounts are also invited.• Both ‘research bursaries’ and ‘writing bursaries’ are offered*.• Bursary support includes supervision and mentoring.
“Non-funded bursaries”:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-funded bursaries include supervision and mentoring only. No funding is provided,• Both ‘research bursary’ and ‘writing bursary’ support are offered*.
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Aim of bursaries:

Bursaries are available to candidates in the Greater Green Triangle** region, who wish to develop their interests and abilities as researchers in primary health care. Researchers will normally receive only one award per academic year. Bursaries are awarded in line with the **published objectives** of the Primary Health Care Research Evaluation and Development (PHC RED) program. The main aim of the bursary scheme is to help individuals, practice groups, or other Primary Health Care groups to develop research and evaluation capacity by hands-on involvement.

Funded bursary payments:

Funding will be paid in instalments based on meeting established project targets. Targets will be established individually for each successful candidate. Funds can only be paid to individuals or organisations with ABNs, and to individuals and organisations that agree to maintain and provide records of expenditure. Therefore, in most cases funds will be paid to an individual’s current employer. Bursaries can be used to provide protected research time and research funding to facilitate research in primary health care. The total value of the bursary is inclusive of Goods and Service Tax (GST). For example a \$5,000 bursary will include \$500 GST; therefore, the total payment awarded will be \$5,500.

Bursary support may be used for a range of purposes, including to:

- Undertake a research project and/or write a report or a journal article to submit for publication:
 - Write the results of a previously conducted research project, evaluation, trial, or pilot.
 - Write a literature review in order to construct a research protocol.
 - Seek expert opinion(s), supervision and mentoring to write a research protocol.
- Write a research grant or proposal:
 - Develop or work up a grant/project application.
 - Enable a small research group to work together to prepare a proposal or undertake a study.
- Plan, collect, and analyse data for the purpose of a report or journal article:
 - Receive supervision, mentoring, and statistical input to a project.
 - Pay for data entry support.
 - Cover the costs of access to information, eg. Inter-library loans, telephone charges for Internet searching etc.
 - Fund protected time to undertake this work or to write up results of recent studies which have been completed but not yet published.
- Additional research activities, as discussed with Greater Health PHC RED staff. For example,
 - Attend research training or research methods courses related to developing research and evaluation skills.

Requirements for applicants:

- Submit an application using the provided application form, which will then undergo competitive selection by a panel.
- Projects must commence and complete by pre-agreed times between the PHC RED Program Manager and the applicant.
- Projects considered must be within the GGT UDRHs areas of research, primarily cardiovascular disease, diabetes, depression, chronic disease management and quality care management.
- Successful applicants will be expected to work with a supervisor allocated from the GGT UDRH senior research staff and a mentor.
- Successful applicants will be expected to participate in the GGT UDRH Writing Group program.
- Successful applicants will be required to present their project or a component of their project to a peer audience, such as at a small research meeting, a writing group session, or at a conference.

*For the purpose of bursary awards, we define 'Research bursaries' as projects that generally involve research design, implementation, and reporting. We define 'Writing bursaries' as projects that generally focus mainly on the written component of research, such as writing a literature review, writing a research proposal, writing a paper for publication.

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