



Jamieson Trauma Institute

“Mental Health after Trauma” project grants

Guidelines

Based on *AusHSI Implementation Grant Funding Policy V3*

Overview, key priorities and strategic vision

The Rehabilitation and Outcome Measurement Theme is committed to improving mental health following trauma. This is an area that is rarely comprehensively integrated into tertiary trauma services and is a significant opportunity for JTI.

Our short term goal is to “Undertake trials using innovative solutions to improve rehabilitation outcomes”. Funded projects may also eventually contribute to one of our aligned medium term goals to “Establish smarter outcome measurement tools”.

Projects should contribute to at least one of the following areas of focus for JTI with an emphasis on mental health:

- (1) Measuring the psycho-social impact of traumatic injury on trauma survivors and their families
- (2) Analysis and optimisation of care pathways for non-major traumatic injury and its impact on mental health and functional outcomes
- (3) Analysis of care pathways for specific causes of traumatic injury and/or patient cohorts to enhance clinical protocols, management and mental health/functional outcomes
- (4) Exploring the opportunities, impact and benefits of telehealth across the care continuum for trauma survivors
- (5) Analysis of traumatic injury, trauma survivorship, long term outcomes, and use of drugs of dependency
- (6) Assessing the impact of service innovations on long term mental health and functional outcomes

Our strategic vision is to progress a more holistic model of trauma care based on strong evidence that includes: Valid data and tools; Service and workforce development and Prevention and early intervention of mental health complications where possible. Implementation of our vision will be informed by consumer and community input.

Grant amount and grant period

There are a maximum of **two** grants with budgets up to \$25,000 and **one** grant with budget up to \$40,000.

The grant funds can only be used to pursue the research activities described in the grant application. Project funds may be used for:

- Equipment
- Personnel
- Other direct research costs, including equipment purchases, specifically incurred in the conduct of the project;

Project funds may not be used for:

- Facility fees and administrative costs (overheads), including university levies and indirect costs associated with administrative and facility support.
- Conference attendance fees (including registration, airfares, accommodation).

The maximum grant period is 14 months from 1 March 2021 (i.e. completion by 1 May 2022)

Eligibility criteria

- Activities in the grant proposal must meet the grant scheme objectives, key priorities and strategic vision.
- The principal applicant must hold a substantive appointment at a JTI collaborator institution: Metro North Hospital and Health Service; Queensland University of Technology; The University of Queensland; Griffith University; or the University of the Sunshine Coast. We also welcome collaborative grants across MAIC funded entities with a common interest in trauma (The Hopkins Centre, RECOVER Injury Research Centre, CARRS-Q, USC Road Safety Research Collaboration). Developing partnerships with applicants at other institutions is encouraged.
- The research team must include an investigator with an established track record in the successful completion of research projects.
- Early career researchers and clinicians are welcome to apply. If the principal investigator (PI) is an early career researcher (defined as being in the first five years of their research career) or has a predominantly clinical role (medical, nursing and allied health), the PI will nominate an investigator with suitable research experience who will play the role of mentor to the PI.
- The project must meet the usual definition of a pilot project, based on the usual meaning (i.e. it must break new ground and/or represent a new area of endeavour for the investigator team).
- Applications should also outline how the project will lead to further funding of a larger scale project and mention the subsequent specific granting bodies or schemes that the pilot data will be used for.
- If the funding only partially covers the project costs, the research team must provide evidence of availability of cash or in-kind support to complete the project, including access to existing research facilities or infrastructure.
- A plan to actively engage consumers in the proposed research will be considered favourably.
- Assessment criteria:
 - Project impact, including likelihood that the project will lead to further funding (40% weighting)
 - Project methodology (20% weighting)
 - Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (20% weighting)
 - Overall value to advancing issues of importance to JTI and risk of the project (20% weighting)

Applications and key dates

Applications should be prepared using the SmartyGrants portal. A copy of the application form has been made available for reference.

All applicants will receive a confirmation email within 3 days after application submission. If you do not receive this email, please contact us on the details below.

Key dates

1 December 2020	Applications open
24 December 2020, 5pm Qld local time	Applications close
1 March 2021	Announcement of outcomes
1 June 2021	Deadline for transfer of funds contingent on ethics approval
1 May 2022	Project completion

Detailed protocols for JTI Mental Health after Trauma grant funding

General information

- Maximum funding awarded for these grants is \$40,000 (excluding GST).
- Applicants will **not** be allowed to submit multiple versions of the same research project within the same funding round. Applicants will be allowed to submit multiple applications as long as they represent distinctly different research proposals.
- Upon notification of outcomes, successful applicants will be sent letters of funding. These are not negotiable, and a signed copy must be returned to JTI within 7 business days or the offer award may lapse.
- Funds will not be disbursed until an ethics clearance or waiver is provided. It is expected that ethics approval will occur within three months of notification of successful application.
- Project Grant funds are to be used as per approved application budget and must be disbursed by 1 June 2021. No extension will be given.
- A one page report on the outcomes of the research, including details of funds expenditure and publications/presentations arising, will be provided to the Research Advisory Committee, JTI (i) at the time of any further application for research funds, or (ii) at project completion, whichever is sooner.
- Project funds must be spent by 1 May 2022. If any funds have not been spent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant (Appendix), they must be repaid to Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH).
- Appropriate recognition for the assistance of the Jamieson Trauma Institute, RBWH must be included in all publications/presentations resulting from work undertaken during the period of the award. This includes use of JTI logo, where appropriate. A copy of all publications and presentations arising from the project should be provided to the Jamieson Trauma Institute.

Assessment process

- Applications will be initially screened by JTI for those that are deemed invalid by not addressing the criteria. An example of an invalid entry might be one that does not list collaborators, or has no description of budget. Applicants of invalid applications will be sent notification by email that their application has been rejected as invalid, together with the reason.
- All valid applications will be allocated and distributed by the Research Coordinator to members of the independent grant review panel for review (taking into account conflicts of

interest identified). Every application will also be provided to the panel Consumer Representative.

- An independent grant review panel will review all grants and score them against the selection criteria, according to the percentages shown above. Members of the panel will be from the partner institutions, an independent local and independent interstate university and an independent medical or health research institute. The Consumer Representative will be asked to provide comments on any relevant part of the application with a particular focus on the approach and methods in terms of respecting the consumer voice and input as well as the potential benefits for consumers and patients.
- Given the involvement of partner institutions it is important that potential conflicts are openly declared and managed to ensure transparency and accountability. The Chair of the Panel will not be eligible to be part of a funding application, will oversee the grant review process to ensure fairness and will be responsible for providing feedback on request to all unsuccessful applicants.
- Applications will be ranked according to their percentage average score following independent and detailed review by two panel members. If a unanimous decision cannot be reached after panel discussion regarding the ranking, the majority decision will be taken.
- A brief summary (including the ranking) of each application categorised “accept” by the grant review panel will be prepared and submitted to the JTI Research Advisory Committee for final approval.

Ongoing review and project milestones

Funded projects will be subject to ongoing review of progress. Progress will be reviewed 6 monthly following the transfer of funds.

Further information

Those interested in applying are welcome to discuss their application in advance with the Jamieson Trauma Institute. JTI will also be happy to arrange consultation with a Consumer Representative at any point prior to grant submission, this is particularly valuable early in the grant development process.

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Appendix

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Terms and conditions

In submitting this grant application, we the Investigators agree that should this research project be funded by JTI we will abide by the following terms and conditions in conducting the research:

1. We certify that all the information given in this application is correct, and we will accept the decision of the JTI Research Advisory Committee as final.
2. Upon an offer of funding from JTI/RBWH, the recipient’s administering organisation will have 7 business days to return a signed letter of funding or the offer of award may be forfeited.
3. The letter of funding is not negotiable, and outlines all conditions of the grant, including provisions for the protection and ownership of Intellectual Property and commercialisation.
4. As the research project will be included in an overall evaluation of the funding scheme, the successful teams are expected to engage with JTI before project commencement and through the research process.
5. The research project will be conducted as described in the proposal submitted for review, incorporating reasonable feedback from JTI, unless JTI/RBWH is advised otherwise in advance by writing, and approves the changes.
6. The research project will be conducted by those Investigators named in the proposal submitted for review, unless JTI/RBWH is advised otherwise in advance by writing, and approves the changes.
7. Funding will be contingent on all Ethics and site specific Governance approvals being obtained.
8. The research project must be carried out in a manner that complies with all relevant legislation governing research in Australia, including but not limited to: National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992, National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007), Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007), Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice (CPMP/ICH/135/95), Privacy Act 1988, Archives Act 1983, Public Health Act 2005, Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1979.
9. The host institution will own any equipment purchased with grant monies. The Recipient will be fully responsible for, and bear all risks and costs relating to the use or disposal of the equipment both during the project and subsequent to the project’s completion. If the equipment is sold prior to the end of the research project the Recipient must notify JTI/RBWH who may require a proportion of the funds be returned.
10. The research project must be completed by 1 May 2022, unless a no-cost extension request is submitted to JTI/RBWH in writing prior to the end of this term, and approved. Approval will only occur in response to exceptional circumstances, such a period of parental leave.
11. Upon completion of the research project the Recipient shall provide a written report and/or presentation to JTI, regarding the conduct of the research, and the results and findings.
12. A brief summary of the project, including results, will be published on the JTI website.
13. JTI may request that the Recipient present project results at relevant conferences and forums, the Recipient shall make all reasonable endeavours to honour these requests.