Practice-based Research Challenge 2015
For Point-of-Care Nursing & Allied Health Staff

Guidelines

How much award money is available for teams who "win" the Challenge?

Winning teams will receive up to $4,000 each in research award funding.

Who can apply to participate in the Challenge?

The Research Challenge is designed to support point-of-care staff who do not have research experience; therefore each team must include at least one point-of-care staff member (DC-1 level for nursing, Grade 1 or 2 for allied health staff).

There must be a minimum of two people per team. Teams can be interprofessional. All team leaders must be 0.5 FTE or greater at PHC for at least 1 year (full-time, part-time, or casual).

I want to be involved, but don't know much about research – can I still participate?

The Research Challenge is perfect for you! We've designed the Challenge to teach beginners the basics of research.

What will be expected of participants?

Applicants will find team members and complete the Letter of Intent (LOI). Teams whose LOIs are accepted are expected to conduct a literature review and attend a series of research skills workshops. (This time will need to be negotiated between staff applying for the Research Challenge and their manager.) Teams will then develop their research proposal (with support from their mentor), and submit it by **June 22, 2015**. Teams whose projects are selected will be supported with funds and a mentor to conduct their research project over an 18-month time period. Team leaders and members will be required to complete the on-line Research Challenge survey at three different times.

How do I find a mentor for my team?

Feel free to approach a potential mentor for your team, or contact Aggie for help in finding a mentor.

How many Research Challenges teams can I be on?

You can be on as many teams as you like but team leaders can only lead one team.

When are the workshops?

Workshops will be conducted from March to September 2015 in Literature Searching, Research Methods, and Submitting an Ethics Application.

What will the Research Challenge funding cover and what will it not cover?

The Research Challenge funding is not available until the selected teams have successfully applied for ethics approval. Eligible expenses include: staff time to work on the project; salaries for research assistants and focus group leaders; transcription costs; consultant fees for data analysis; purchase of small equipment (less than $100 usually); office supplies; software licenses, and survey licenses.

Teams must include a detailed budget when they write their full proposal for funding. Details about budget development will be made available to teams at the Research Methods workshops.

What is the expectation of funded teams with regard to sharing their findings?

The proposal template includes a section on Knowledge Translation (KT), and proposals are partially evaluated on the quality of the KT plan. Teams will be provided with materials to assist them in developing an effective KT plan. Each funded team will also be asked to write a brief report to the Research Challenge Advisory Committee on their outcomes.