**SHP Implementation Science Masterclass**

**2021 Expression of Interest (EOI) Guidelines**

**About Sydney Health Partners**Sydney Health Partners (SHP) is an Advanced Health Research and Translation Centre (AHTRC), alongside six other AHRTC’s and three Centres for Innovation in Regional Health (CIRHs) across Australia. SHP was accredited by the National Health and Medical Research Council in 2015 as a world leader in the translation of research into better health outcomes for our community. Sydney Health Partners’ goal is to demonstrate that new evidence-based interventions can be successfully implemented and scaled-up in large and diverse health systems. Implementation science is one of the mechanisms which will help us to achieve this goal.

**About Implementation Science**Implementation Science is “the scientific study of methods to promote the systematic uptake of research findings and other evidence-based practices into routine practice, and, hence, to improve the quality and effectiveness of health services” [[1]](#footnote-1). It seeks to understand the behaviour of healthcare professionals and other stakeholders as a key variable in the sustainable uptake, adoption and implementation of evidence-based interventions.

**About the Masterclass**The Masterclass is proposed to take place over two days, Friday 18th June and Friday 25th June. The Masterclass will be held from 9:00am-4:00pm on both days at the Charles Perkins Centre, The University of Sydney, Camperdown and will be taught by local experts in Implementation Science. The event will be run in a COVID-safe way consistent with health advice at the time. We are prepared to adapt to changing circumstances as needed, to ensure the safety of our community. If the event changes to an online delivery format, relevant information will be circulated to participants as required.

SHP has designed the Masterclass as a practical introduction to the science of implementation for health professionals and health researchers. The aim is to build capacity and expertise across SHP, thereby better enabling health professionals and researchers within the healthcare system to:

* Solve complex problems
* Translate evidence into practice
* Tackle clinical problems that need practical solutions
* Impact on patient outcomes in the longer term

**Selection Criteria**

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| **Employee of an SHP member organisation** | EOI’s to join the Masterclass are invited from across the SHP Implementation Science Community of Practice. Due to the high demand for Implementation Science education and training, employees or post-graduate students at an SHP member organisation will be given priority to attend the Masterclass: [Partners » Sydney Health Partners](https://sydneyhealthpartners.org.au/partners/) |
| **Career Stage** | Preference will be given to applicants with less than 15 years graduate experience. Applicants with career disruption or relative to opportunity considerations (no time limitations) are welcome to apply. Please include these considerations as a brief statement in your CV. |
| **Learning Agreement** | Successful applicants are asked to sign a **learning agreement**. The agreement requires all participants to complete three evaluation tasks (pre-Masterclass, post-Masterclass and 6 months post-Masterclass). Each task will take less than 20 minutes to complete. The learning agreement will enable SHP to publish evaluation outcomes about the Masterclass. Please acknowledge your consent in the EOI form. |
| **Member of the CoP** | Applicants must have signed-up to become a member of the SHP Implementation Science online **Community of Practice** (CoP). If you are not yet a member, you can sign-up [here](https://implementationscience.com.au/become-a-member/). We want to ensure that all participants in the Masterclass are engaged with our CoP and can share useful insights and learnings from the Masterclass with other members of the CoP. |

**Guidelines for Concept Outline**

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| **Feasible Project Concept** | Applicants must have a feasible project concept to work on throughout the two days; the concept should focus on an *implementation science*, *quality improvement* or *changing practice* research question. The concept can focus on any topic relevant to the health system including patient, provider, organisational or health service change, including pilot or feasibility testing of interventions or implementation strategies. The concept does not need to be a polished piece of work as each applicant will develop the concept throughout the Masterclass. |
| **Intention to Seek Funding**  *Relevant for Heading 11 in Concept Outline* | Applicants must have an intention to apply for funding for their project (this could include pilot or seed funding). For example:   * + SHP Implementation Science grants ($25 000 pilot grants offered annually)   + Agency for Clinical Innovation grants: [Research | Agency for Clinical Innovation (nsw.gov.au)](https://aci.health.nsw.gov.au/make-it-happen/research)   + NSW Health grants and funding: [NSW Health & Medical Research | Home](https://www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/)   + University of Sydney grants: [Research funding - The University of Sydney](https://www.sydney.edu.au/research/research-funding.html). For Usyd staff, subscribe to the Research Bulletin by emailing [fmh.researchsupport@sydney.edu.au](mailto:fmh.researchsupport@sydney.edu.au).   Grant Connect is a useful platform that provides centralised publication of forecast and current Australian Government grant opportunities and grants awarded: <https://www.grants.gov.au/go/list>  If you have existing funding or can access financial support from within a health service organisation, please describe this. |
| **Conduct research within an SHP member organisation**  *Relevant for Heading 12 in Concept Outline* | Applicants must state an intention to conduct their planned research within an SHP member organisation. Applications that do not include an SHP member organisation will be considered ineligible. External organisations that are not part of SHP can be included, but they must be in addition to at least one SHP member organisation. |
| **Previous experience in the health system** | Applicants must have demonstrated experience in the health system (e.g., qualifications and experience in nursing, allied health, quality improvement, health services management, medicine, health economics, public health, health policy, behavioural medicine etc.). Experience is demonstrated through the applicant’s CV (max 3 pages). No additional text is required. |

**Application Process**

Applicants must submit the following documents electronically by **COB Monday 17th May 2021** to [sydneyhealthpartners.snrprojectofficer@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydneyhealthpartners.snrprojectofficer@sydney.edu.au). NB: Late applications will not be accepted.

* **EOI form**
* **Three-page concept outline** describing your plan**:** Please use the headings outlined in the EOI form. 
  + Headings 1-9 should be used as a guide and you do not need to include information under every heading, only the sections that are relevant.
  + Headings 10-12 are mandatory, and you must include information under each of these headings for your EOI to be considered.
  + An optional fourth page of references may be included but is not required. EOI’s that exceed the maximum page limits (three-page concept outline, one-page references) will not be reviewed.
* A current **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** of no more than three pages.

**File Format:** All documents must be Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF files.

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**Review Process:** All EOI’s will be reviewed by a panel with expertise in Implementation Science. The panel will use the selection criteria and strive to select applicants with a range of experience.

**Notification:** Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their EOI by the **24th of May 2021**.

**Cost**

There is no cost for participants. Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their own travel to the Masterclass venue. SHP is not able to provide funding to cover locum replacement for clinical days or to reimburse applicants for leave from their substantive role. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be available on both days.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us on 02 9351 3768 or email: [sydneyhealthpartners.snrprojectofficer@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydneyhealthpartners.snrprojectofficer@sydney.edu.au)

1. Eccles, M.P., Mittman, B.S. Welcome to *Implementation Science*. *Implementation Sci* **1,** 1 (2006). https://doi.org/10.1186/1748-5908-1-1 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)