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Sydney HealthPartners
Implementation Science Academy

2024 Implementation Science Pilot Grants

Information Session

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I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. I am currently on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. I further acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the country on which you are on and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and future.



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A scientific approach to bridging the research-practice gap

- Innovation in Implementation Science**: Supporting innovation and methodological advancements in the science of implementation
- Capacity & Capability**: Strengthening workforce and system capacity and capability for implementation science
- Collaboration & Partnerships**: Enabling and optimising partnerships and collaboration to systematically improve the uptake of evidence-based practices into routine care



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Funding Opportunities

Pilot Grants for teams of clinicians and researchers undertaking work in the growing field of implementation science

\$200,000 to fund up to 10 pilot projects (\$20,000)

Commence October 2024

- Sydney Health Partners offers grants which enable teams to undertake pilot testing of the implementation of an evidence-based intervention, program or innovation, with at least one partner Local Health District or Network.

The pilot grants aim to build capacity and expertise across Sydney Health Partners, thereby better enabling health professionals and researchers within the healthcare system to:

- address complex problems in health systems
- translate robust evidence into practice
- tackle clinical problems that need practical solutions
- test implementation of interventions in real time.



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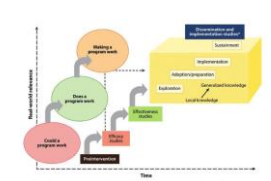
Pilot Grants: Purpose

- Encourage teams of clinicians and researchers to develop collaborative projects that seek to pilot the implementation of robust evidence into practice.
- These pilot grants are intended to help teams to build translational research foundations that identify promising evidence-based practice improvements.
- The pilot grants are intended to fund applied projects that focus on testing existing interventions or implementation strategies in real-world settings.
- Basic science or laboratory-based translational research, piloting of a clinical trial design or any projects that are T1-T2 translational research are **out of scope** for this grant opportunity and will not be funded.




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The translational pipeline



The Pilot Grant Programs intends to support projects working on **implementation studies**, rather than pre-intervention, efficacy or effectiveness studies


From: Dixon et al., An Overview of Research and Evaluation Designs for Dissemination and Implementation, *Annals New York Public Health* 2017, 10:1-22



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Eligibility Criteria: Investigators


- Two Principal Investigators will be named and lead the project:
 - 1 current employee of University of Sydney OR a SHP Partner Medical Research Institute (MRI)
 - 1 current employee of a SHP Health Service Partner
- Preference given to applications that include **early and mid-career researchers** as named Principal Investigators.
- Up to 8 SHP Partner Organisation team members can also be named as collaborators on the application (e.g., healthcare providers, health services researchers, consumer representatives).
- An additional 5 'external' collaborators, who are not necessarily employed by SHP Partner Organisations, can also be named. **Maximum of 15 named collaborators.**
- Postgraduate students may be included as team collaborators but cannot be the Principal Investigator.
- Members of the **Community of Practice** – join [here](#)



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Eligibility Criteria: Projects


- The research project is required to be conducted within at least one health service partner organisation of [Sydney Health Partners](#).
- Projects are required to focus on implementation research questions to address a clinical or health service problem.
- Length of project: The length of the project can range from 6 to 24 months maximum.
- Location(s): The project and research data collection must be conducted in one or more SHP Partner Organisations.



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Pilot Grants: Selection Criteria


Clinical or health service problem and aims (25%)	Feasibility of the research and implementation plan (25%)
Reach and significance of anticipated impacts (20%)	Collaboration & engagement, including consumer, community involvement and team organization (30%)



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Application requirements


- Please submit your application as one PDF document.
- Proposal is 5 pages Maximum. This consists of
 - 2-page proposal
 - 1-page references
 - 2-page tables/figures
- Include Project Team details within Section D. There is no need to provide separate CV's.
- Requirement to identify who the Administrating institution and Finance Contact
- Label your application using the following format:
 - P1Surname_P12Surname_SHIP5Grant2024_Grant Proposal.pdf
 - For example: Sanchez_Smith_SHIP5Grant2024_Grant Proposal.pdf



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Pilot Grants: Additional Information

- Requests must not exceed **\$20 000**.
- Teams must have the capacity to establish a work program of value to the health system and achieve milestones within a **24-month timeframe**. Grants will commence in October 2024
- Funds can be used for costs associated with conducting research and translation activities, including salaries.
- The funding amount will be transferred in a single payment to the institution of, and in the name of, one of the lead Principal Investigators.
- Review the Guide for Describing and Assessing Consumer and Community Involvement in Health Research in Funding Applications at Sydney Health Partners



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Pilot Grants: Successful Applicants 2023


A digital tool for clinicians to improve the uptake of resistance training in cardiac rehabilitation (LIFT-CR)	Solve to improve prescribing physical activity and "Genetically determined" pilot feasibility study	Evidence-based physiotherapy reviews for all	The acceptability of digital supports for families waiting for neurodevelopmental assessment
Impact of an education technology on physiotherapist implementation of an evidence-based health resource for people with musculoskeletal conditions or injury risk	The Prohabilitate for mental assessment and disease severity to improve patient outcomes	Implementation pilot of Virtual Health Intervention to reduce adolescent/young adult distress in emergency departments	Tailoring a bereavement model of care for the respiratory service of Nepean Hospital
Helping clinicians and patients make sense of HPV-related oropharyngeal cancer: implementation of an information resource	Feasibility and acceptability pilot of a self-management intervention "My Personal Recovery Plan" designed for people with serious mental health conditions		



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Key Dates

Date	Activity
22nd April 2024	Applications open via the Sydney Health Partners Implementation Science Academy website.
31st May 2024	Applications close. Eligible and complete applications must be submitted by 5pm AEST on the closing date. Applications should be submitted via email to: shp.implementationscience@sydney.edu.au
July 2024	Successful Applicants will be notified.
August 2024	Award letters issued and funding arranged.
October 2024	Projects to commence.



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Questions



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Thankyou

Further information can be found at
<https://implementationscience.com.au/collaboration/opportunities/>

Enquiries can be directed to:
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