

NSW Translation Research Grants Scheme

Guide for applicants seeking Clinical Excellence Commission partnership

This guide is for applicants seeking partnership or involvement from the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) in NSW Health Translational Research Grant Scheme (TRGS) proposals

About the CEC

The CEC provides leadership in patient safety and quality in NSW to improve healthcare for patients. We are safety specialists committed to continuous improvement of patient safety and the experience of care for the people of NSW. Our partners are key to our success.

TRGS applicants are encouraged to identify and engage with relevant partners and agencies for the effective delivery of their research project and implementation of the outcomes in NSW.

To facilitate meaningful engagement, review and support of applications in a timely manner, an early and ongoing dialogue is required with the relevant CEC directorate/program team.

Confidentiality

The CEC maintains confidentiality through limited sharing of proposal information to only those necessary to comment on support and endorsement. We may also share proposals with research managers from other NSW state-level organisations (e.g. ACI, eHealth NSW, HETI, Cancer Institute NSW, NSW Health Pathology) where we think the project is a better fit or complimentary fit for the work those agencies lead.

Stage 1: Expressions of Interest (EOI)

1. Applicants seeking CEC partnership or involvement in their TRGS proposals should discuss their proposal with the relevant CEC directorate/program team whilst in the expression of interest is in draft form.

Initial contact should occur **at least two months prior to the closing date** for EOI.

2. Applicants should send a draft TRGS EOI to the CEC to allow time to review the proposal. The TRGS EOI should document the CEC's role and resource commitment, outlining:
 - The person or program at the CEC contacted
 - The nature and extent of CEC support requested
 - The anticipated time commitment required from CEC staff.

Draft expressions of interest must be sent to the CEC **no later than one month prior to the closing date** for EOI.

3. Requests for CEC partnership/involvement will be assessed on the following criteria:
 - Alignment with the CEC Strategic Plan
 - Alignment with specific priorities within the partnering directorate/program work plan
 - The capacity of CEC staff to offer support with the initiative
 - The planned research addresses a key gap in patient safety and quality improvement.

A decision on CEC partnership or involvement will be provided to applicants in writing **one week prior to the EOI closing date**.

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Stage 2: Invitation to progress to full application

1. Clarity regarding including the role of the CEC and/or CEC staff should be obtained prior to developing the full application. Draft full applications must be sent to CEC directorate/team involved no later than **one month prior to the closing date**.
2. Applications listing CEC as a partner organisation require the approval and signature of the Chief Executive (CE). Staff from relevant programs are required to prepare a covering brief and/or meet with the CEC to discuss the request prior to approval. **Please allow 2 weeks for this process.**

For general research enquiries, and to provide feedback on this process, please contact:

Senior Manager, Knowledge, Evaluation and Research

CEC-Knowledge@health.nsw.gov.au

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Program contacts

Directorate	Topic area	Email address
Capability and Culture	Clinical Communication Person-centred care Team effectiveness	CEC-TeamEffectiveness@health.nsw.gov.au
	Knowledge translation Program evaluation	CEC-Knowledge@health.nsw.gov.au
	Organisational effectiveness	CEC-CapabilityAndCulture@health.nsw.gov.au
	Quality improvement Safety and improvement capability building	CEC-Academy@health.nsw.gov.au
Patient Safety	Blood and blood products	CEC-BloodWatch@health.nsw.gov.au
	COVID-19 infection control	CEC-COVID19@health.nsw.gov.au
	Data and analytics Data systems for quality audit, reporting and improvement	CEC-DataManagement@health.nsw.gov.au
	Deaths under anaesthesia	CEC-SCIDUA@health.nsw.gov.au
	Healthcare associated infections	CEC-HAI@health.nsw.gov.au
	Incident management	CEC-SIIM@health.nsw.gov.au
	Surgical mortality	CEC-CHASM@health.nsw.gov.au
Systems Improvement	Antimicrobials	CEC-AMS@health.nsw.gov.au
	Deteriorating patients	CEC-BetweentheFlags@health.nsw.gov.au
	Falls	CEC-FALLS@health.nsw.gov.au
	Maternity and neonates	CEC-maternity@health.nsw.gov.au
	Medication safety	CEC-MedicationSafety@health.nsw.gov.au
	Mental health	CEC-MHPSP@health.nsw.gov.au
	Older people	CEC-OPPSP@health.nsw.gov.au
	Paediatrics	CEC-PQP@health.nsw.gov.au
	Pressure injury	CEC-PressureInjury@health.nsw.gov.au
	Sepsis	CEC-Sepsis@health.nsw.gov.au
	Venous thromboembolism	CEC-Stopclots@health.nsw.gov.au