



Criteria for Grant Eligibility and Conditions of Funding

All Grants:

1. Applications for funding will be considered for research that will be performed primarily at Epworth HealthCare (EHC).
2. Research must be performed under the supervision of an experienced researcher who holds an appointment at EHC.
3. Applicants must hold an appointment at EHC or be affiliated with EHC.
4. Study must be well designed and achievable within the grant period.
5. Statistician confirmation of study design will be sought.
6. Submitted projects must seek HREC approval within the study timeframe submitted. Funds will not be released until HREC Approval has been obtained.
7. All eligible submissions will be evaluated by the ERI Research Committee.
8. All projects must acknowledge funding from Epworth Research Institute in any external presentations, publications or other dissemination of the study plan or results.
9. All funded projects must acknowledge Epworth HealthCare as the author's affiliated institution.

Large Funding Grants:

1. Studies should form part of a thematic research program or be demonstrated to be a preliminary phase for a larger study, and should articulate a sound research hypothesis.
2. Studies must seek to produce direct or indirect improvement in patient outcomes or organisational processes.
3. Studies must describe timelines for presentation and/or publication of outcomes.
4. Studies will be submitted to the ERI Research Committee for assessment and review.
5. Studies should describe activities for acquiring external competitive grant funding.
6. Comprehensive budget for the study must be provided, and should be completed according to the ERI template provided.
7. If external funding is gained for the study, the ERI must be notified immediately and a revised budget will need to be submitted.

Small Funding Grants:

1. Studies should demonstrate their relationship to the EHC thematic research program, or where this cannot be demonstrated, how the study will improve the outcomes of EHC patients.
2. Studies should directly relate to improved outcomes for patients or organisational processes.
3. Studies should identify opportunities for internal or external presentations and publication if applicable.
4. Studies should demonstrate the skills the researcher will acquire through completion of the project and whether additional training is required to achieve the outcomes.
5. Studies should include a budget summary.
6. If external funding is gained for the study, the ERI must be notified immediately and a revised budget will need to be submitted.