

**Applications open: Mon 20 July 2026 | Applications close: Fri 14 August 2026**

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## Grant Overview

Guest speaker grants are available to support Teams, Departments and VMO's to fund experts in their field to come to Epworth and share their expertise on a particular topic that will educate and inspire our workforce. Topics are expected to encourage staff to review the way we currently deliver services and engage diverse groups. Presentations by the guest speaker may be virtual or in person. Up to \$20,000 is available for each application.

## Eligibility Criteria

Any individual or group within Epworth, who meets the following criteria can apply for a Guest Speaker Grant.

Employees	VMOs
Employed in a permanent ongoing role or have a minimum of 2 years remaining on contract	Minimum appointment of 12 months
Minimum length of service of 12 months as at application closing date	Primary private practice at Epworth
No performance management or attendance management concerns at the time of application	No practice restrictions, disclosures or breaches of the By-laws in the past 12 months

## Budget

Expense permitted	
Flights (preference for premium economy)	Speaker fee
Accommodation	Airport transfers
Speaker per diem	Catering
Venue hire (preference to host at Epworth location)	Promotion
Project Lead's time to plan and manage the presentation/training session (10 hours max for one off event - 30 hours maximum for Symposium)	
Expenses not permitted	
Employees time to attend the presentation/training session.	

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed against the following criteria.

Criteria
<b>Strategic Alignment</b> The area of learning supports one of Epworth's four strategic pillars or areas of clinical service delivery
<b>Impact on patients and/or organisation</b> Knowledge gained in this area will improve the service and delivery of care to Epworth patients; improve operational productivity, improve efficiency and cost effectiveness; improve our competitive advantage; deliver better outcomes.
<b>Suitability of Expert</b> Expert has a strong reputation nationally and/or internationally including experience in providing education and training.
<b>Multi-disciplinary and/or multi-speciality and/or multi-site collaboration</b> Project seeks to provide opportunities across the Epworth group
<b>Experience in Project/Program Management</b> Demonstrated ability to manage execution of grant

## Selection Panel

The panel is made up of the **Executive Director** Epworth Medical Foundation and **Chief Operating Officer** Hospitals.



## Important Dates

Applications Open	Monday 20 July 2026
Applications Close	Friday 14 August 2026
Outcomes advised	October 2026
Mackenzie Dinner - Award Presentation*	Monday 30 November 2026
Grant Activity Period	1 January 2027– 31 December 2027

\*if you are successful, you are required to attend the Mackenzie Dinner to accept the award.

## For all enquiries contact:

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