

# Campus Mental Health Strategy

## Research funding application form

Expression of Interest

Due: midday - Friday 14 July 2023

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The Melbourne Children's Campus, comprising the RCH, MCRI, and Department of Paediatrics at University of Melbourne is excited to announce a new opportunity for innovative and impactful paediatric mental health research. The Campus Mental Health Strategy has funding for two new research projects. The current call is an Expression of Interest (EOI).

Projects must address mental health / social-emotional wellbeing of infants, children, adolescents and/or their families/carers who attend our campus.

A clear pathway to implementation and collaboration across campus partners must be evident and projects that address unmet need and/or include involvement of people with lived or living experience of mental ill health in research (e.g. co-design) are particularly encouraged.

### For these awards, the successful projects will:

- embrace the value and voice of people with lived and living experience in mental health / social-emotional wellbeing research
- outline a research proposal detailing how the results will inform clinical practice at RCH.
- develop collaborations with other research projects and/or colleagues across campus.
- support the development of a strong and active research profile of clinicians or early to mid-career researchers, including publishing articles, presenting at conferences, and building project management skills

## Criteria and review process information

### Funding application priorities

Funding applications are sought from colleagues across the Melbourne Children's Campus. In the context of relevant Campus Partner's guidelines, funding priorities will be allocated as follows:

1. Grants of up to \$250,000 over two years for project support, with preference for early career researchers or post-docs or those who have submitted an external fellowship application.  
*Applications will be judged based on:*
  - a) scientific merit, including research impact;
  - b) track record (research, clinical expertise, lived experience work);
  - e) contribution to mental health or social-emotional wellbeing of infants, children, adolescents and/or the families in our care on campus.
2. Applications that are strategically aligned with the CMHS focus areas of Consistent Quality Care, Family Centred Care, Trauma-Informed Preventative Care (see <https://mentalhealth.melbournechildrens.com/>)
3. Applications that address the needs of specific groups with unmet need (for example, *but not limited to*, First Nations children and their kin, children in out of home care, refugee families, infant mental health, suicide in young children).

### EOI review and outcomes

We recognise that significant time can be spent on applications and therefore hope that the EOI process will reduce the burden on colleagues across campus.

Once applications are received, members of the Campus Mental Health Research Advisory Group, which includes Lived Experience Advisors from CMHS, will review and shortlist applications.

Shortlisted applications will be invited to submit a full application one month following the panel's decision, which will be conveyed by 28/07/2023.

### Administrative

One signed electronic copy to be submitted by **midday Friday 14/07/2023** to [cmhs@mcri.edu.au](mailto:cmhs@mcri.edu.au)

Any enquires please contact Amanda Wood, Research Lead, CMHS on [amanda.wood@mcri.edu.au](mailto:amanda.wood@mcri.edu.au)

To support clinicians and EMCR colleagues, two Zoom drop in sessions will be held at 4.45pm on 20/6 & 27/6 to answer questions (<https://mcri.zoom.us/j/69571582403?pwd=VXdCY094UDQzNzdWdlJkUGlERzJlTQT09>)