



Improving research and evaluation capacity and capability in remote health services

Master by Research

PhD

The NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence for Strengthening Health Systems in Remote Australia (CRESTRA) is examining and implementing strategies to build and sustain remote research capacity and capability. Research addressing locally determined health system priorities, co-designed with end users, is a key pillar of efforts to improve remote and rural health care and reduce health inequities. Local-level research and evaluation partnerships, responding to community and service provider priorities, enable innovative models of care and evidence-based practice and policy. However, remote-based clinicians, health service administrators and policymakers face persistent barriers to research engagement, with challenges including limited resources and research career pathways, exacerbated by large distances from hubs of learning, workforce shortages, and high workforce turnover. Strengthening the capacity and capability of remote and rural services to engage in research will require a better understanding of needs and gaps (relating to staff, skills, mentoring, and career support) and co-developing targeted strategies at the remote service level. Working with multiple remote health service organisations through CRESTRA, the student will map research and evaluation capacity and capability aspirations and resourcing needs, investigate

how services are managing their research load and explore how research investments have led to policy and service delivery impacts. The work will engage with and inform broader efforts in CRESTRA to collaboratively build the capacity and capability of health service (and other key stakeholder) partners to design, conduct, and engage with remote research and evaluation and identify knowledge translation pathways and platforms.

Eligibility Criteria and Scholarship Provisions

Eligibility: The successful applicant will be eligible to undertake a Master by Research or PhD program.

Scholarship Provisions: The applicant will be offered a CRESTRA scholarship or top-up scholarship to assist with the direct cost of research.

Other research scholarship opportunities are available through Charles Darwin University.

<https://www.cdu.edu.au/research-and-innovation/higher-degree-research/scholarships>

Application Process:

Applicants should submit the following to Alexandra Edelman:

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- Brief summary of why they want to complete the project.
- Current CV with 2x reference contacts
- Copies of certified academic transcripts
- Proof of residency (not required for Australian citizens)

For more information on scholarships and how to apply follow the link below:

<https://www.cdu.edu.au/research-and-innovation/future-research-students>