

Mentorship & Training Program 2026

Supporting health professionals on their research journey



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About the program

Health Translation Queensland's (HTQ) Mentorship and Training Program 2026 supports emerging, early- and mid-career research-active health professionals to build the knowledge, confidence and networks needed to translate research into real-world health impact.

Co-designed with HTQ's health service partners and clinician-researchers, the program aims to build the research capability of research-active health professionals through targeted training, cross-disciplinary networking, and personalised support and mentoring.

The program is open to 20 health professionals from HTQ's 6 health service partners who are either:

- emerging (with up to 2 years of active research participation), *or*
- early-career (2 to 5 years), *or*
- mid-career (5 to 10 years).

Program outline

From May to December 2026, participants will have access to:

- 6x targeted education sessions (2 hours each) delivered online and face to face (f2f) at Herston Health Precinct
 - 12 May (f2f): Implementation science and outcomes
 - 23 June (online): IP and innovation
 - 16 July (f2f): Managing a research group/lab/project/budget and balancing clinical load
 - 20 August (online): Designing for translation and impact
 - 17 September (f2f): Leadership, strategy and planning
 - 22 October (online): Developing an independent research career
- a cross-disciplinary, cross-health services cohort experience with Queensland peers
- 6 months of strategic individualised 1:1 coaching
- access to a weekly peer-learning network connecting participants with the TRI Translation Fellowship cohort,
- grant writing support funding of up to \$2,000 (for participants who attend at least 2 f2f sessions)
- a special end-of-year networking event with HTQ's Board on 1 December 2026.

What are the benefits?

By participating in this program you will:

- build the skills to turn your research into impact
- access strategic advice and support tailored to your career stage
- learn alongside peers from HTQ's health service partners
- be part of a cohort shaping the future of research translation
- have access to additional funding to strengthen your grant applications.

Who is eligible?

You can apply if you are:

- a current Clinical Research (CR) Fellow in receipt of a competitive or merit based CR Fellowship (CRF), *and*
- employed by one of HTQ's 6 health service partners – Children's Health Queensland, Metro North Health, Metro South Health, Gold Coast Health, West Moreton Health, and Mater – at a minimum of 0.2 full-time equivalent.

In your online application you are also required to:

- attach a copy of your CRF application and Fellowship award letter
- identify your mentor
- confirm endorsement from your health service line manager.

HTQ strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

2026 key dates

- Applications open: 13 February
- Applications close: 13 March
- Successful candidates notified: 13 April
- Program commences: 12 May
- Program concludes: 1 December

What is the selection process?

Successful applicants will be selected by a panel from HTQ's health service partners based on the information provided by the applicants and ensuring equity, diversity and representation across disciplines and HTQ's health service partners.

Contact research@healthtranslationqld.org.au or visit [HTQ's website](https://www.healthtranslationqld.org.au) for more details.