

Visiting Research Fellowship Gold Coast Health

Fact sheet

Purpose of the appointment

Visiting Research Fellows are appointed to professionally engage with Gold Coast Health (GCH) staff in the conduct of clinical research. The overarching purpose is to progress research collaborations with partnering Universities and to enhance research capacity and productivity of the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

through collaborating with a professional lead at Gold Coast Health, the Visiting Research Fellow is able to:

- undertake clinical research relevant to current area of expertise
- professionally engage with GCH staff within the facility
- facilitate or supervise clinical staff involved in research
- participate in Divisional and Departmental meetings and initiatives
- The appointment is for a three-year term and may be considered for renewal after this term
- the program is self-funded and does not provide for clinical practice.

Criteria

- The Visiting Research Fellow must satisfy all of the essential criteria:
- completed or enrolled in a PhD
- employed as Lecturer B or above
- actively engaged in research at the time of application (s/he currently has at least one research project at post-doctoral level beyond the proposal writing stage i.e. at data collection, data analysis or write-up)
- demonstrated plan for research within the facility
- a proven track record in completed research project(s).

Desirable criteria

- has attracted research funding for current or previous research projects
- engaged in research with Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service clinicians at the time of application
- demonstrated track record in research facilitation and supervision of postgraduate research students.

1 Visiting Research Fellowship Terms of Reference and application process

Gold Coast Health and University Partners

Hospital and Health Service	Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service
Location	[Various]
Contact position	Director, Research Governance and Development
Contact number	(07) 5687 6391
Email	ResearchGoldCoast@health.qld.gov.au

1. Applications from academics working in southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales may be submitted at any time during the year.
2. Applications will be on the form provided and will include a brief (maximum 3 pages) curriculum vitae detailing past research, professional collaborations, publications, presentations and successful grants. Please list two professional referees.
3. The selection panel will determine whether the academic(s) shall be appointed.
4. The selection panel will consist of the Executive Director of Clinical Governance, Education and Research, GCHHS; Professor of relevant workforce element (Nursing and Midwifery, Allied Health or Medicine), GCHHS; Head of relevant School, Griffith or Bond University; relevant Professorial leads at GCHHS; and clinical research partner. The selection panel reserves the right to (re)appoint or not to (re)appoint to a Fellowship position. The decision of the selection panel is final.
5. Selected academics will be invited to sign an agreement document and will commence their appointment as the Fellow as stipulated in the document.
6. The period of appointment is for three years at which point there will be a review of appointments based on contributions in the areas of research.
7. The Visiting Research Fellow (hereafter referred to as “the Fellow”) have access to Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service (GCHHS) (hereafter referred to as “the facility”) for the purpose of conducting clinical research and to be professionally engaged with colleagues.
8. The term of each Fellowship will be for three years, renewable following consultation between the major stakeholders. These stakeholders are: Executive Director of Clinical Governance, Education and Research, GCHHS; Professor of relevant workforce element (Nursing and Midwifery, Allied Health or Medicine), GCHHS or his/her delegate; Head of relevant School, Griffith or Bond University; relevant Professorial leads at GCHHS; and clinical research partner.
9. Fellows will be appointed at a level commensurate with their current academic appointment. For example, Visiting Research Fellow (Level A or B), Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Level C), Visiting Associate Professor (Level D), Visiting Professor (Level E).
10. The Fellow will undertake clinical research that is relevant to his/her discipline. Further professional engagement with the facility is also expected, for example, performing seminars, attending research meetings and assisting with education and training.
11. The Fellow will provide support and guidance, as appropriate, to staff undertaking research in the Fellow’s area of expertise. The Fellow will engage in active involvement, facilitation or supervision of clinical staff involved in research.
12. The Fellow may be invited to attend Divisional Research Committee meetings.

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13. While at the facility the Fellow will have access to the resources of the relevant Education and/or Research Unit, library services and negotiated access to data systems relevant to approved research projects. Ethics and Governance approval for your study will be required before access to data systems can be organised.
 14. The Fellow is, at all times, an employee of the University and will be covered by the GCHHS public liability insurance in line with that provided to all visitors to Queensland Health facilities.
 15. The Fellow will act in collaboration with a Professorial lead at GCHHS working in their area of research. A brief activity report is to be submitted every twelve months outlining relevant contributions to the facility including, but not limited to grants, publications and conference presentations. This information will be included in the GCHHS Annual Research Report.
 16. At the conclusion of the three year term, the Fellow may apply for reappointment. A completed reappointment form must be submitted to the Professor of the relevant workforce element (Nursing and Midwifery; Allied Health or Medicine) at GCHHS and Head of School at the University. The submission is to include the outcomes of the fellowship to date (for example, successful grants, completed projects, publications, professional contributions).
 17. While on site at the facility the Fellow will be accountable to the Professor of the relevant workforce element (Nursing and Midwifery; Allied Health or Medicine, or his/her delegate). Line management responsibility resides with the Fellow's supervisor at the University.
 18. There is no provision for the Fellow to be engaged in the delivery of clinical care in any situation while visiting the GCHHS facilities.
 19. If at any time the University or GCHHS officers have concerns regarding any issues, the Fellow will suspend visits until the issue is resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

2 Visiting Research Fellowship Application Form

Applicant information

Full name:

Current appointment:

Postal address:

**Contact phone
number:**

E-mail address:

I have read and understood the Visiting Research
Fellowship Terms of Reference

Applicants signature:

Date submitted:

Research focus

Methodological expertise

Method**Level of expertise**

Novice or experienced

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Written submission

Please write 250 - 500 words detailing:

- How you meet the Visiting Research Fellowship criteria
 - Why you would like to be appointed to a Visiting Research Fellowship with the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service
 - Anticipated contributions to the organisation.
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3 Submit your application

Please submit your application via email to ResearchGoldCoast@health.qld.gov.au

For assistance please contact the Office for Research Governance and Development on (07) 5687 0237.

About the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service

The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service provides public health care services to more than 500,000 people living in one of Australia's most desired lifestyle destinations. With an annual budget exceeding \$1 billion, the service oversees more than 800 beds across two hospitals, as well as a range of community facilities offering services in child, mental, oral and sexual health. The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service offers care for a growing city located in Queensland's famous south-east corner, with its world-class beaches and hinterland, emerging cultural scene, national sporting teams, several universities and family-friendly atmosphere.

Our research vision

The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service will improve health through translational research that is innovative, collaborative, regionally responsive and globally informative at an individual, population and system level.

Our purpose

Providing excellence in sustainable and evidence-based healthcare that meets the needs of the community.

Visit the Gold Coast Health website: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/>