



**NHMRC Centre of Clinical Research Excellence in
Spinal Pain, Injury and Health (CCRE SPINE)**

**Short-term Clinical Research Grants
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GRANT FACT SHEET

Overview

- The purpose of the CCRE SPINE short-term Clinical Research Grants is to provide clinicians with funding and support to undertake clinical research without having to enrol in a Research Higher Degree program.
- The project must address an aspect of spinal research (applied or basic).
- These grants are not limited to Australian applicants.
- For a grant to be awarded, the appropriate CCRE SPINE investigator must be available and must agree to supervise the individual applying.

Selection criteria

- Evidence of advanced clinical expertise and experience;
- Innovation of proposed research project;
- Applicant's potential to complete the research project.

Benefits

- Each CCRE SPINE Short-term Clinical Research Grants provides up to \$7,000 valid for 12 months from receiving the grant.
- The funds must be used in a manner that assists the recipient to undertake their research project (eg. locum coverage, travel and/or accommodation, consumables and other operating expenses). The funds are not intended for use as salary replacement, however locum coverage of \$2,000 will be considered.
- Other benefits include access to world-class investigators associated with the CCRE SPINE (including the Chief Investigators and members of the National Network of Spine Scientists), state-of-the-art research facilities and research support.

Expected outcomes

- It is expected that the period of research will yield a measurable research output. This could include a research paper, collection of data for a grant application, or a conference presentation.
- All grant recipients will be expected to provide a report summarising their achievements.

Other

- Potential applicants should view the CCRE SPINE website (www.uq.edu.au/ccre-spine) to familiarise themselves with the Centre, its purpose and the Chief Investigators on the CCRE grant.