



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH RESEARCH GUIDELINES

Involving consumers and community members in research ensures people's lived experiences and perspectives shape decisions about research priorities, policy and practice. ECU is partnering with the WA Health Translation Network's (WAHTN) Consumer and Community Involvement Program (CCIPProgram) to support ECU's researchers to involve consumers and community members in the development of their research priorities and future grant applications.

A [Community Conversation](#) is an event allowing for the facilitation of informal, open conversations around a specific topic of importance. This method allows researchers to informally obtain a range of communal ideas from a group of people with lived experience around a particular topic specified prior to the event¹. A Community Conversation provides an opportunity for attendees to reflect upon their own relevant experiences and contribute to meaningful discussions within a safe and comfortable space. As part of ECU's partnership with the CCIPProgram, ECU researchers have an opportunity to access CCIPProgram support to plan and deliver a Community Conversation. The research groups succeeding in securing one of the Community Conversations will have an opportunity to capture comments, thoughts and ideas and to use them to inform and create high level priorities within the team's area of research. Following the event, the CCIPProgram provides a structured report template for research teams to complete to capture the main and emerging themes from the event. Once completed, this can be used to inform future projects and research questions. This is a powerful method of ensuring research is informed, relevant, and impactful to consumers and community members. Please note, a typical Community Conversation involves 15-30 community members and runs for 2 hours.

EOI Application

We are seeking EOI applications from research teams for the delivery of a Community Conversation with cross-cutting themes applicable to more than one research group, e.g., rural and remote health services, chronic health diseases, population and community health issues, society and health, or collection or use of health data. We encourage applications from multidisciplinary groups of researchers.

ECU support for each Community Conversation includes honoraria for community members as well as access to CCIP resources to plan and deliver the event, including providing consumers and community members with relevant experience however **please note that any/all travel, venue and catering costs will be the responsibility of the research groups.**

Complete the EOI and submit to research-preaward@ecu.edu.au by the deadline.

Eligibility and Conditions

Pre-requisite / Conditions:

- Completion of the free [Consumer and Community Involvement Program e-Course](#)
- Registration and completion of WAHTN CCIPProgram's Masterclass series². If not completed at the time of submitting an EOI, the Masterclasses must be completed as a condition of a successful Community Conversation EOI application.
- Meet with the ECU CCI Coordinator to discuss this application prior to submission.

¹ No ethics clearance required for this.

² The WAHTN CCI Masterclass series comprises the following course offerings (please note this series will be run in person):
Introduction to Consumer and Community Involvement – 16th August 2023, 9:30am – 12:30pm
Writing in Plain Language – 6th September 2023, 9:30am – 12:30pm
Successful Grant Writing – 8th November 2023, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Important Dates:

EOIs received from:	12 June 2023
Deadline for EOI submission:	19 July 2023
Successful applications contacted:	Week commencing 26 July 2023