



Consumer and Community Involvement Program

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST GUIDELINES FOR

CONSUMER MATCHING SERVICE/INVOLVEMENT BANK IN HEALTH RESEARCH

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 (CCIProgram) to support ECU's researchers

Matching Service

The CCIProgram provides a Matching Service as part of the support offered to partner universities. The Matching Service seeks to appropriately match researchers with 1-3 consumers and/or carers with relevant lived experience to inform and review grant applications in order to optimise consumer and community involvement within the grant application, leading to research with greater relevance and impact.

Involvement Bank – providing resources to support the Matching Service

In order to support researchers, ECU has allocated \$2,500 to establish a CCIP Involvement Bank in 2023. The Involvement Bank provides funding to pay for community members who contribute to the development of health grant applications through the Matching Service. Given funding is limited, priority will be given to supporting researchers preparing grants to the following schemes: NHMRC, MRFF, Cancer Council, WA Department of Health and Healthway. Per the [Consumer and Community Involvement Program's Honorarium Guidelines](#), consumers should be reimbursed for their voluntary involvement in research with the suggested honorarium payment of \$37.50 per hour (noting that all involvement activities require a minimum of 2hrs payment). Whilst completing your EOI application, please note that consumers typically spend between 1-4 hours per grant proposal review.

ECU Researchers will have the opportunity to apply for access to the Involvement Bank via the EOI process twice per calendar year, to align with, and to prepare for, upcoming health grants schemes.

EOI Application

We are seeking EOI applications from researchers who would like funding support from the Involvement Bank to be matched with 1-4 consumers to support their grant writing.

Preference will be given to researchers who are:

- Seeking to apply for Category 1 grant funding, particularly NHMRC and MRFF grant applications. If sufficient funding is available within the Involvement Bank then consideration would be given for applications to the Cancer Council, WA Department of Health, or Healthway grant schemes.
- Early-mid career researchers.

Eligibility and Conditions

Pre-requisite / Conditions:

- Completion of the free [Consumer and Community Involvement Program e-Course](#).
- Registration and completion of WAHTN CCI Masterclass series¹. If not completed at the time of submitting an EOI, the Masterclasses must be completed as a condition of receiving the Involvement Bank funding.
- Meet with the ECU CCI Coordinator to discuss the EOI application prior to submission.

¹ 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 25 July 2023