

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

Short-term Clinical Research Grants  
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FACT SHEET

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**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**

- Eight CCRE SPINE Short-term Clinical Research Grants are available in this round. Each grant provides \$7,000 in total which must be used within 12 months of receiving the award.
- 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).
- 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](http://www.uq.edu.au/ccre-spine)) to familiarise themselves with the Centre, its purpose and the Chief Investigators on the CCRE grant.



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## Short-term Clinical Research Grants Expressions of Interest

The NHMRC Centre of Clinical Research Excellence in Spinal Pain, Injury and Health (CCRE SPINE), located in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The University of Queensland, is offering 8 grants to clinicians with an interest in conducting research. The grants will provide an opportunity for practising clinicians to undertake short projects in spinal research without being enrolled in a Research Higher Degree.

The CCRE SPINE aligns a multi-disciplinary group of chief investigators with international profiles whose skills extend from basic to clinical research: Professor Paul Hodges, Professor Gwendolen Jull, Dr Michele Sterling, Professor Justin Kenardy, Professor Bill Vicenzino, Professor Peter Brooks, Professor Graham Galloway, Associate Professor Andrew Cresswell and Associate Professor Luke Connelly. Information on the CCRE SPINE can be obtained at [www.uq.edu.au/ccre-spine](http://www.uq.edu.au/ccre-spine).

**The Person:** Clinicians with advanced clinical skills who wish to test an innovative research idea in the field of spinal pain, injury and health are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest. Applicants will be judged on 1. their clinical expertise and experience, 2. the innovative nature of their proposed project, and 3. their potential to successfully complete a research project. Expressions of Interest should include: a curriculum vitae; a short (no more than one page) response to the above selection criteria; a brief outline of how the applicant proposes to use the funding to assist their research, and; a short description of what the applicant hopes to gain from the research experience. The applicant should also nominate a chief investigator associated with the CCRE SPINE with whom they would like to work.

**Remuneration:** Successful applicants will be offered \$7000.00 to assist them to undertake their research project. They will also have access to expert researchers, research facilities and appropriate research support.

**Contact:** Expressions of interest can be emailed to [n.spearing@uq.edu.au](mailto:n.spearing@uq.edu.au). For further information, please contact Natalie Spearing on 07 3365 4660.

**Closing date:** Monday 11 February 2008.

