

CRCAH research transfer support for In-kind projects Information Sheet

Background

In-kind projects represent more than half of the research contribution to the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH), and are highly valued. The CRCAH is interested in ensuring maximum impact and uptake of findings from research projects to improve Aboriginal health. To assist in achieving this, the CRCAH offers publication and research transfer support to its funded and in-kind projects.

This information sheet sets out what types of support and assistance are available to in-kind Project Leaders and their research; the reciprocal obligations from Project Leaders; and how to access research transfer support, including support with publications.

What is research transfer?

Research transfer is about getting knowledge and information out into the community and into use by health services, governments and others. It is about ensuring research informs both policy development and clinical practice.

What is “in-kind”?

An in-kind contribution is any activity other than cash money that a partner organisation contributes to the CRCAH, and which is in keeping with the research programs or objectives as outlined in the CRCAH's Business Plan. In-kind activities include research, research transfer activities, courses, student research, education and training activities and capacity development activities.

Benefits of in-kind endorsement by the CRCAH:

Apart from support with research transfer, other advantages of having a project endorsed as in-kind by the CRCAH include:

- Credibility of being endorsed by the CRCAH
- Connecting with a national network of expertise in Aboriginal health research
- Contributing to a broader body of knowledge
- Access to resources and mentoring to support capacity development
- Increased opportunities for collaboration and sharing your ideas and experience in Aboriginal health research.
- Project activity and findings highlighted to policy makers, health service managers and staff, and others at events such as CRCAH showcases.

For more information about in-kind, see <http://www.crcah.org.au/research/downloads/In-Kind-Explanation-April-07.pdf>.

Types of research transfer support available for Project Leaders:

The type and extent of research transfer support provided to a project is negotiated on a case by case basis with each Project Leader. Types of support that the CRCAH can provide include:

- Advice and mentoring to assist with developing research transfer plans and strategies.
- Small amounts of funding (usually up to \$5,000) for research transfer activities such as editing, printing community reports, supporting project members from community

organisations to attend relevant conferences, and collaborating with stakeholders to share the findings of research.

- Mentoring researchers to write up funding for a broader audience.
- **Publication support:** The CRCAH's Publications Manager, Jane Yule, can provide expert advice on publication types, editing, design work and printing of research findings. The CRCAH also has access to a pool of professional editors, writers and designers that can provide support with publishing report, posters and other kinds of documents. Mentoring researchers to write up findings for a broader audience may also be provided.
- **Writing bursaries (separate Guidelines on these are available):** Writing bursaries are available to project leaders, students and others involved with existing CRCAH projects nearing or following completion. These one-off grants to supplement or pay a salary for a short period of time offer a way to increase time spent on promoting research findings for specific audiences and user groups.
- **Promotion – media and communication support:** The CRCAH Communications Manager, Alastair Harris, has extensive expertise in media and communications to increase media exposure, including, for example, preparing press releases, planning launches, and engaging prominent individuals to write forewords for community reports. Articles can also be submitted for the CRCAH's newsletter, Gwalwa-Gai.
- Making project information and findings available on the internet, such as through the project summary pages on the CRCAH website.

How to access Publication and research transfer support

Project leaders should consult with the relevant CRCAH Program Manager during the conduct of a project about potential issues and opportunities around the translation of research findings into policy, practice and service provision.

CRCAH Program Managers will work with other CRCAH staff and Project Leaders to discuss key messages and findings from a project, and strategies for promoting research findings. Any mentoring, support and resources required to achieve this will be discussed, and the provision of CRCAH resources will be subject to availability and approval.

Responsibilities of Project Leaders of in-kind projects:

In recognition of being identified by the CRCAH as an in-kind project, all in-kind projects must acknowledge the Commonwealth CRC Programme's funding of the CRCAH. This is especially relevant when publishing findings from research projects and is a requirement under the CRCAH's agreement with the Commonwealth Government.

It is recommended the following clause be inserted in the publication's acknowledgements:

“This work has been produced as part of the activities of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH). The CRCAH is a collaborative partnership partly funded by the CRC Program of the Australian Government Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.”

Each in-kind project must acknowledge the affiliation with the CRCAH in all publications or public presentations. The CRCAH will normally seek to be acknowledged in publications and media releases that it assists with, including the CRCAH logo and name appearing on printed material, and a written acknowledgement. For example

“We acknowledge the support provided by the CRCAH in the dissemination of the findings of this project.”

For further information on CRCAH support for your in-kind project, please contact your relevant Program Manager or phone 08 8943 5000.