



Call for In-kind Projects, Courses and Students May 2008

The Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH) is calling for the submission of in-kind projects, courses or students *from its core partners*.

This can be research or education and training activity that is underway or commencing shortly. Any project, course or student project undertaken during the period from July 2007, which is not already endorsed by the CRAH, can be endorsed as in-kind retrospectively during the 2007/2008 financial year.

Why nominate an activity as an in-kind project/course/student?

Having an activity endorsed as in-kind to the CRAH can bring a range of benefits for both you and your organisation. These can include:

- Connecting with a national network of expertise in Aboriginal health research through becoming an active member of the CRAH community.
- Access to resources and mentoring to support capacity development and research transfer activity at both project and program level.
- Broader impact through contributing to broader strategic research outcomes of the CRAH programs. The CRAH's programs draw together a range of projects on related topics and try to ensure that these projects contribute towards improvements in Aboriginal health.
- Increased opportunities for collaboration and sharing of ideas and experience in the Aboriginal research area.
- Opportunities for increasing awareness of yourself, your team, your organisation and your research findings through a national and international network, and the CRAH's own communications tools (website, newsletters, media releases, showcases etc.);
- Acceptance as an in-kind contribution can bring your project the credibility of being endorsed by the CRAH; which comprises different industry, community and partner organisations.

In addition, the CRAH encourages external partners, particularly community organisations, who are collaborating on projects, to be included on in-kind project submissions. By being included in this way, their contribution can be acknowledged and they are better positioned to be involved in CRAH activities and network.

Your organisation has made a commitment to give an in-kind contribution to the CRAH up to a particular level. By nominating an activity as an in-kind project/course/student you are helping your organisation meet that commitment. The CRAH relies on partner organisations meeting their in-kind commitments for its continued Commonwealth funding.

Examples of benefits to current and past CRAH in-kind projects

- Networking and learning opportunities were provided, through attending the Symposium (national CRAH meeting) and through program activities.
- Mentoring was provided to assist with developing research transfer plans, and resources were provided to assist with implementing these plans.
- Research was featured and/or listed or in the CRAH Annual Report.

- Aboriginal project team members were eligible to apply for CRCAH International Program for funding to support their attendance at international conferences.
- Small amounts of discreet funding were allocated for research transfer activities such as printing community reports and supporting project members from community organisations to attend conferences.
- Projects were highlighted to policy makers, health service managers and staff, and other researchers at CRCAH showcases.
- Scholarships were supported for in-kind projects.
- Travel costs were allocated to facilitate health services benefits from projects.

Endorsement of in-kind projects and courses

The process for submission and approval of new in-kind projects and courses for 2005-2006 is outlined below

1. Project leaders (who normally come from a core partner) with a potential in-kind project or course must **submit a brief In-kind Concept Form** about their project / course (concept form available at <http://www.crcah.org.au/research/inkind.html>). The In-kind Concept Form outlines how the project / course fits with the CRCAH's research program or objectives. For more information on the CRCAH research programs, please go to http://www.crcah.org.au/research_program_areas/. You may refer on the form to an attached project proposal or course outline.
2. Submit the in-kind Concept Form and attached project / course documents **by Friday 13 June 2008** to the CRCAH to monkj@unimelb.edu.au. Please copy submission to your Link person.
3. Proposals will be reviewed by the CRCAH Executive (CEO, Research Director and Research & Development Manager) and recommended for endorsement as CRCAH in-kind projects / courses. It is anticipated that you will receive notice of the result within two weeks of review.

In-kind projects and courses may be submitted at any time following this process.

Endorsement of in-kind students

Students may be nominated as in-kind. Students can include cadets, trainees and scholars who are undertaking study or training that is relevant to the CRCAH research programs and/or objectives. If students are funded by the NHMRC or ARC we cannot count the funding of their scholarships, but we can calculate overheads (administrative support, IT, library etc), plus supervisors' time.

To nominate a student or students, Core Partners should submit the In-Kind Concept Form which has both the supervisor's and/or course leader's signature, and the signature of the student. This form should outline what the student is studying, how it relates to CRCAH programs, supervisors, and any connection to industry, plus the student's and supervisors' hours. The form will be reviewed as for in-kind projects and courses (see above). In-kind students may be submitted at any time following this process.

The CRCAH encourages partners to nominate students as in-kind as this helps build up partner in-kind contributions and enables the student to be fully involved in the CRCAH networks, which provides an active professional learning environment with strong links to industry and community.

What will it mean for my project to be endorsed as an in-kind project?

Projects will be allocated to one of the five CRCAH program areas to facilitate research transfer and dissemination.

The name of the project and some brief details will be listed on the CRCAH website and other lists of projects within each program such as the Annual Report.

Each project must acknowledge the affiliation with the CRCAH in any publications and public presentations, more information in *In-Kind Contributions – an explanation* on the CRCAH website – available at <http://www.crcah.org.au/research/inkind.html>.

The CRCAH takes a strong position on the protection of Indigenous intellectual property rights and cultural knowledge.

Project leaders will be asked to report in-kind hours and project progress on a six-monthly basis.

More information:

To find more information on in-kind processes, please go to <http://www.crcah.org.au/research/inkind.html>.

Alternatively contact your organisation's Link Person (http://www.crcah.org.au/aboutus/links_people.html), or Johanna Monk on monkj@unimelb.edu.au or 03 8344 0884.