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Research grants to improve rural health

The Toowoomba Hospital Foundation in Queensland is calling for applications to compete for two seeding grants of \$5,000 each to support health-related research relevant to practice and policy in Australia.

Jointly sponsored by the Cunningham Centre, 'Infront Outback' grants allow researchers to start preliminary work, develop further knowledge and undertake relevant fieldwork in relation to a rural and remote health topic.

Proposals must focus on a specific project to be conducted in a rural or remote setting and the successful applications will have the potential to increase the understanding of a significant rural health issue.

The proposals should demonstrate local community or health authority support. Nomination forms and details of entry criteria can be found on the National Rural Health Alliance website at www.ruralhealth.org.au

Applicants should submit a nomination form and attach details of the proposed project. Preference will be given to applications from novice researchers.

The closing date for applications is 30 April. The names of the two successful applicants will be announced at the 10th National Rural Health Conference, being held in Cairns from 17-20 May.

In addition to the 'Infront Outback' research grants, the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation is also preparing to make the Louis Ariotti Memorial Award, named in honour of the legendary Charleville practitioner who gave 43 years of dedicated service to the bush. Dr Ariotti died last year.

The biennial Memorial Award is designed to recognise innovation and excellence in the areas of health research, policy, leadership, workforce issues and service development in rural and remote areas.

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