

StACTD Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Translation Training Program

Information Sheet, Round 1 2020



Program Description

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Translation Training Program is part of the Strengthening Aboriginal Capacity in Health Research Translation and Development in South Australia (StACTD) Project, which has been established to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to build capability in health research translation. This Project is supported by the Australian Government's Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) as part of the Rapid Applied Research Translation program. This project is part of the work being undertaken by Health Translation SA.

The objective of the StACTD Training Program is to build and connect a cohort of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners and researchers who have competence and skills in translating the findings of their research into practical actions in clinical care or health policy. The ultimate objective is to reduce the time from research findings to improvements in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Program will offer a range of opportunities to further develop capability in health research, particularly related to the translation of research findings into health practice and policy.

Program Details

The StACTD Training Program offers a way to upskill, or reskill, in health research translation. It may be suitable for people: working in health services (e.g. health worker, nurse, allied health professional, doctor, manager); working on research projects (e.g. research assistant, project officer/manager, post-doctoral researcher, research fellow); or enrolled in or considering a Higher Degree by Research, such as Honours, Masters or PhD. If you have any specific interests or training opportunities in mind, you are encouraged to contact the StACTD team to discuss your options.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants are required to:

- Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person & be accepted by their community as such;
- Currently reside in South Australia;
- Be able to complete, at a minimum, the Wardliparingga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research short course (additional training opportunities optional); and
- Have a clear passion for improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Foundational training and support

As a foundational component of the Program, participants will complete the Wardliparingga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Course, an online training course to be released in late 2020. This course will provide an overview of health research from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective grounded by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander principles of research. Throughout the Wardliparingga course, participants will be provided with group and individual support which is aimed at identifying individual interests and tailoring personalised support, which may include additional training and mentoring through the StACTD Project. Participants will also be invited to regular seminars and networking events, some of which will be offered online.

Additional training opportunities

Candidates will be invited to participate in additional training opportunities related to health research translation and aligning with their interests, including:

- Short workshops[^], intensives[^], webinars (1-5 days duration, e.g. [Research Impact Academy](#) online workshops);
- Online learning modules, which may accrue CPD points (e.g. [Praxis Learning Modules/Electives](#));
- Virtual conference attendance (e.g. [Evidence & Implementation Summit 2021](#));
- Formal qualifications* such as specialist certificates, graduate certificates, diplomas.

[^]Online unless otherwise stated

*Upon negotiation

The full cost of approved training costs/course fees will be covered for eligible participants. Other expenses related to training opportunities such as IT equipment and travel expenses (for face-to-face opportunities) will not be covered by StACTD. However, financial assistance may be available to support individuals to engage in training opportunities if required (e.g. covering a fractional appointment to enable a full-time employee to reduce their FTE while engaging in the program). Participants are encouraged to take advantage of as many training opportunities as possible but are not required to undertake all trainings.

Process

Submitting an application

Applicants should contact Capacity Development to receive a personalised application form, which should be completed online by the due date, including any relevant documentation. Dates for subsequent rounds are to be advised. There will be at least 2 application rounds in 2021, but individuals may also be recruited to the program at any time outside of those rounds. After applying, applicants may be invited for an interview to assess eligibility and discuss any training interests.

Round 1 applications close 23 October 2020.

Successful applicants

Successful applicants will be advised of their acceptance into the StACTD Program via telephone or email. StACTD participants will be given free enrolment to the Wardliparingga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Course. Participants will also be invited to meet (either online or face-to-face) with StACTD staff to discuss additional training opportunities to meet their needs/interests within health research translation.

Program support

StACTD will provide ongoing support throughout the Program to ensure that participants can fulfil their commitments/complete any courses that they have agreed to undertake and provide feedback on. Participants will be invited to participate in regular sessions with other members of the program, to share their knowledge, skills, and experiences. Other activities may include face-to-face health translation workshops/tutorials; networking and other events.

Obligations

Participants are expected to provide feedback about any training opportunities that they undertake during the Program, e.g. through completion of surveys & other evaluation tools such as video blogs or reflective journals. Participants should discuss any concerns or changes to their availability/situation throughout the duration of the Program with StACTD staff. Participants may be followed up after completion of the Program to evaluate if/how the skills they have gained in health research translation have benefited them in their study or work.

For an application form, email: wardliparinggacapacitydevelopment@sahmri.com