

# Visiting Research Fellowship Gold Coast Health (GCH)

## Purpose of the appointment

Visiting Research Fellows are appointed to professionally engage with GCH staff in conducting clinical research.

### The overarching purpose is to:

- progress research collaborations with partnering universities
- enhance the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service's research capacity and productivity.

### Through collaborating with a GCH professional lead, the Visiting Research Fellow can:

- undertake clinical research relevant to their current area of expertise professionally
- engage with GCH staff within the facility
- facilitate or supervise clinical staff involved in research
- participate in Divisional Research Committee meetings, by invitation.

The appointment is for a three-year term and may be considered for renewal afterwards.

## Application process

Applications from academics working in southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales may be submitted at any time during the year. The program is self-funded and does not provide for clinical practice.

### Contact

Interested parties should contact the Office for Research Governance and Development, GCH to obtain the full details of the fellowship, including the criteria, and the process to apply:

[ResearchGoldCoast@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:ResearchGoldCoast@health.qld.gov.au)

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## Why should you consider a Visiting Research Fellowship at Gold Coast Health?

*'Visiting Research Fellows provide visibility and motivation for our staff to become aware of, and engage in, national and international research projects. Fellows also offer educational support and guidance for clinical and research active staff. Importantly, staff can see how projects have local relevance to their practice. This assists the translation of research evidence to clinical practice. The Visiting Research Fellow initiative is an important strategy to build collaborative research projects.'*



Professor Sharon Mickan  
Chair Strategic Research Advisory Committee  
Professor of Allied Health  
Clinical Governance, Education and Research Chair

## The impact of Visiting Research Fellow's projects is extremely valuable for Gold Coast Health and our patients' care.

*'I started working on this program of research during my PhD. I collected baseline data and piloted a nutrition intervention at Gold Coast University Hospital. The project has continued to evolve, and I am now using the hospital's electronic foodservice system to develop a program by which patients can participate in their own nutrition care. This research will result in the development, evaluation and implementation of an innovative bedside program that will revolutionise the way we provide nutrition care.'*



Current Visiting Research Fellow, Dr Shelley Roberts is involved with the program through the project 'Engaging hospitalised patients in their nutrition care using technology (NUTRI-TEC)'.