



## Criteria for supporting research

### Background

This information sheet is intended to be provided to any researchers approaching the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) with requests to invite our members to volunteer as research participants.

ACRRM is a membership based organisation which seeks to deliver sustainable, high-quality healthcare services to rural and remote communities by providing quality education programs, innovative support, and strong representation for doctors who serve those communities.

ACRRM has articulated its research priorities which include:

- Rural Health Issues and Outcomes
- Rural Medical Workforce Training and Professional Development
- Indigenous Health
- Rural Clinical Practice
- New approaches and technologies in delivering health care to rural and remote areas
- New technologies in rural workforce training and development (e.g. online training sessions, online supervision and assessment preparations, podcast and vodcast use and development).

### Criteria for supporting research

The Research Committee is responsible for assessing requests made to the College to invite our members to participate in research. Each request is considered against the following criteria before a judgement is made regarding whether to engage our members in external research:

- Research clearly articulates with ACRRM's research priorities
- Research is well designed and likely to answer key questions posed
- Research will provide information relevant to rural doctors
- Preference will be given to proposals that include all ACRRM members (i.e. not specific to a state or region)
- Research does not provide ethical risk to ACRRM members who choose to participate
- Research clearly describes the commitment required of volunteer participants
- Research is logistically feasible for ACRRM members who choose to participate

### Advertising of research studies/surveys

Invitation to members usually involves a notice in the weekly College e-newsletter known as Country Watch.