

## APPLICATION PROCESS

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Applicants should include a letter of application, a curriculum vitae and a brief summary for an idea for a research project to be undertaken in Grace Centre for Newborn Care on the application form. You may also enquire regarding specific projects that are on the research calendar and develop a proposal around a specific topic. The proposal may be part of a higher degree.

The successful applicant will be expected to demonstrate a commitment to professional development, demonstrated evidence of critical inquiry and an interest in research processes.

Applicants are to be currently working in The Grace Centre for Newborn Care and remain for the duration of the Fellowship.

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## CLINICAL NEONATAL NURSING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

*Opportunity for Neonatal Nurses*





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The Clinical Neonatal Nursing Fellowship was created in 2003 with the aim to provide an opportunity for clinical neonatal nurses to expand their knowledge and interest in research. Support will be provided to the nurse to make the transition from clinical practice to clinical research, while facilitating a research focus for nursing care in the neonatal unit. The nurse will have the opportunity to learn about different research methodologies, examination of the literature and gain an understanding of how to use data to answer a research question.

### HOURS

The position is part time (32 hours per fortnight) and will be for one—two years. Flexibility of roster days is by negotiation with the NM. The hours maybe made up to full time or an acceptable part-time load of clinical roster days. Eight hour days are usually commenced as the project is developed.

### THE ROLE

During the time the successful applicant will undertake a small research project as part of their learning about clinical research. Supervision will be provided by the Clinical Nurse Consultant and other relevant staff in the Department of Neonatology. Opportunities are available to extend knowledge on research principles, research design, data collection and management as well as analysis to be able to make recommendations for clinical practice. It is expected the completed research will be presented in an oral format to the Department of Neonatology and a written format suitable for publication. Opportunities to present at hospital research forums, nursing conferences and scientific meetings will be encouraged.

### ADMINISTRATION

The fellowship will be awarded and administered by a management group comprising of the Clinical Nurse Consultant (Neonatology), Head, Department of Neonatology and Nurse Manager.

### PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS



**Belinda Hill**, Clinical Nurse Specialist examined the way infants are fed following cardiac surgery.



**Joanne Lam**, Registered Nurse surveyed families to determine their perceived support in the NICU.



**Judith Smith**, Clinical Nurse Specialist examined parents concerns regarding sleep in the NICU as well as following discharge.



**Kristen James**, Clinical Nurse Specialist undertook a randomised controlled trial of two methods of securing endotracheal tubes.



**Amy Barker**, Clinical Nurse Specialist undertook a study to see if babies could be weaned off the life support machine quicker.

Four of these nurses received new investigator awards at the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand national conferences.