

## MEDICAL SCHOOLS OUTCOMES DATABASE (MSOD) & LONGITUDINAL TRACKING PROJECT



### MSOD Project Grants: Expressions of Interest 2

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One of the long-term objectives of the MSOD Project is to provide a foundation for projects for Australian medical educators, which will contribute to the national and international literature on medical education and its relation to workforce needs.

As part of the MSOD Project, Medical Deans has agreed with the Commonwealth to establish some target projects on the MSOD data that will contribute to national medical workforce planning.

The MSOD budget includes some funds to undertake these target research projects. A first round of invitation to Australian medical schools and students was made in 2009. A second round of invitations to apply for these funds to undertake these projects is now being extended to include those who have a demonstrated interest in health education and training and MSOD stakeholder organisations.

In the first stage of the application process, the MSOD Board is calling for expressions of interest (EOI).

The EOI should be a two-page letter that briefly outlines the:

1. project proposal including the use of the MSOD data, its innovation and potential outcomes
2. an indicative budget
3. applicant's expertise and capacity to implement the proposal.

Format: minimum 11 pt font, margins 2.5cm, PDF format

EOIs are to be addressed to the MSOD Project Director, Emeritus Professor Lou Landau and need to be submitted electronically by cob 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to [msodadmin@medicaldeans.org.au](mailto:msodadmin@medicaldeans.org.au)

For further queries regarding the EOI, please contact Emer Prof Landau or Dr Jonathan Gerber by e-mail [Louis.Landau@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Louis.Landau@health.wa.gov.au) / [jpgerber@medicaldeans.org.au](mailto:jpgerber@medicaldeans.org.au) or phone (08) 9222 2433/ (02)9114 .

## EOI and Project Grant Criteria:

1. Only Australian education or health service personnel and members of MSOD stakeholder organisations are applicable to submit an EOI.
2. The EOI must be endorsed by the Dean/ Executive Dean (MDANZ member) of an Australian medical school or be sought on application through the MSOD Research & Scientific Advisory Committee (contact Dr Jonathan Gerber [jpgerber@medicaldeans.org.au](mailto:jpgerber@medicaldeans.org.au))
3. Collaborative projects between medical schools/ universities/ health educators are strongly supported.
4. The proposal must involve use of the MSOD dataset. Studies may include secondary analyses of the MSOD data or a substudy of or linkage with the MSOD. The latter will require supplementary ethics approval (if not previously undertaken).
5. The proposal must involve use or analyses of MSOD datasets that are available. Refer to Attachment A: MSOD Minimum Data Set and Attachment B: What Datasets Are Available.
6. The proposal must address scientific merit, originality, feasibility, potential for new projects and address medical education and workforce issues.
7. Grants will range between \$20,000 to \$50,000 depending on the review of the proposal and budget.

The following are some estimated timelines:

Call for Expressions of Interest	Week beginning 15 March
Deadline for EOIs	16 April
Outcome of EOIs	Week beginning 26 April
Application Forms	Week beginning 26 April
Deadline for Submission	14 May
Outcomes of Submissions	4 June
Contracts Ratified	18 June
Research Projects	6- 9 months from ratification of contract (depending on nature of study)