

Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand - Emerging Researchers Group (ERGO)

The purpose of the HSRAANZ is to facilitate communication across researchers, and between researchers and policymakers, to promote education and training in health services research, and to ensure sustainable capacity in health services research in Australia and New Zealand in order to promote improved health services delivery and improved health.

Emerging Researchers Group (ERGO) Terms of Reference

The Emerging Researchers Group (ERGO) has been established by the HSRAANZ to:

- Provide a forum for sharing knowledge, challenges, methods and best practice in health services research in Australia and New Zealand.
- Increase students/early career researchers awareness of new concepts, ideas, and advances in health services research.
- Serve as a bridge in bringing together students/early career researchers in health services research, and members of health-related organizations and academia.
- Act as a resource and promote opportunities for professional growth and leadership development.
- Provide an opportunity for students/early career researchers to become familiar with the affairs of HSRAANZ as well as have representation in its affairs.

Membership

All masters and doctoral students and early career researchers (within 5 years of completing PhD) who are members of HSRAANZ automatically become a member of ERGO.

ERGO is an internal HSRAANZ Group. Non-HSRAANZ member students and early career researchers may subscribe to the Google Group

Operation of ERGO

The HSRAANZ will appoint two facilitators (who must be HSRAANZ members) who will be co-opted to represent the emerging researchers to the Executive Committee.

The facilitators are responsible for overseeing the operation of the Group and reporting on its activities to the Executive Committee and the HSRAANZ membership.

ERGO will provide advice to the Association on its areas of expertise but should not speak on behalf of the Association unless the Executive endorses this.

Operation of the Group is flexible and members will determine how active the group becomes.

The HSRAANZ cannot guarantee any financial support for the Group but the Group may submit ideas to the Executive Committee for activities and events (including budgets).

The HSRAANZ will:

- consult the Group on matters relate to emerging researchers' research and career opportunities
- assist the Group in establishing web based communication facilities but activities generated by such communication technologies must be moderated by members of Group
- provide opportunities for the Group to meet at the HSRAANZ's annual general meeting and biennial conference
- consult the Group on conference activities relevant to the Group
- maintain a page on its website for the Group to provide news and articles of interest and encourage them to submit items for the HSRAANZ Website and HSRAANZ Newsletter

The Group will:

- Report regularly on its activities to the HSRAANZ Executive Committee
- Report annually to the HSRAANZ Annual General Meeting