

HSRAANZ Workshop: What are the secrets to a successful HSR grant application?

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Significance and Innovation

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Significance

- Significance is about demonstrating the importance of the problem you wish to address
 - Produce the evidence to show it is important.
 - Is it controversial or accepted as being a problem?
 - Why should it be funded now?

Significance

- What difference will the research make (assuming the aims are achieved)?
 - How big will the difference be?
 - What kind of difference will it be ie in terms of knowledge, practice, policy or some combination?
 - To which level or type of health services or community (if appropriate)
 - Is this a neglected, underserved or vulnerable area or population

Innovation

- Innovation is about solving a particular problem in an original way
 - May be an extension of an existing approach
- What is novel- concepts, approaches, methods, measures, application?
 - Produce the evidence to show that it is novel
 - But also need to demonstrate that the proposed research has been developed based on the current state of science and from a clear and convincing theoretical or conceptual model

Innovation

- How novel- generally, specifically, in Australia?
- How will the completion of the research advance the field?
 - Challenge existing paradigms/practice?
 - Address critical barriers to progress?

Additional information

- How will the completion of the research advance the field?
- Do you have results from preliminary work to back these claims up?
- Must be balanced against unrealistic claims and demonstrated feasibility of completion