



Research Dissemination Guidelines



About

The Australasian College of Paramedicine (the College) is committed to promoting quality research relevant to the paramedicine discipline and takes pride in fostering research of all levels within the field. We support engagement with our membership and regularly consider research participation opportunities for dissemination through the College.

The methods by which the College can disseminate the opportunity to participate in research to its members includes:

- As a news item accessible via the College's "Latest News" tab and via [The Australasian College of Paramedicine \(paramedics.org\)](#) link.
- As a brief news item in our weekly education and events update, The Pulse, and monthly e-newsletter, Rapid Response.
- Social media posts containing a hyperlink to your research.
- As appropriate, targeted emails to College membership sub-groups.

Review process

To facilitate the review process and ensure timely consideration, we kindly request that you complete the attached 'screening' checklist and include:

- A separate and clearly defined research protocol/proposal with an aim, literature review/background, research methodology, participant information and proposed data analysis. A protocol submitted in the form of an ethics application will not be considered.
- A protocol template can be found [here](#) if you require one.
- Evidence of an approved HREC application.

Upon receipt of the checklist and essential documents, the College Research Committee will review the application against our internal framework and provide a decision within 30 days.

Researcher feedback

Considering the significant effort invested in reviewing and disseminating research participation requests, the Research Committee kindly requests a record detailing the number of participants recruited through the College be

provided upon completion of the project. This record will serve as a valuable resource for assessing and evaluating the level of assistance provided by the College in facilitating this process.

Please ensure one of the following questions are included in the survey or interview:

Did you become aware of this research study through the Australasian College of Paramedicine? (Yes/No)

Did the involvement and promotion of this study influence your decision to participate in this research project? (Yes/No)

How did you hear about this study? (Either: Provide a free text answer; several options provided where one option is “Through the Australasian College of Paramedicine”; or spoken question during an interview)

Additional Information

The College is committed to promoting high-quality research projects relevant to advancing the paramedic profession. However, not all requests to the College are accepted. Before you submit your request, you should also consider the following:

Why have you chosen to promote your research through the College?

- Due to the high number of requests, we often limit the number of research projects we promote – as such, part of the review process is considering if the College is the most appropriate place for a project to be advertised. Part of this is considering why you have chosen to approach the College in promoting your research.
- It is worth considering that relying solely on the College advertising your study to obtain large numbers of participants will likely be an unsuccessful strategy. Researchers are advised to consider their target audience and have several methods to promote their study.
- One of the main benefits of promoting through the College is the reach and diversity of the College membership and the promotion of your research among Australian and New Zealand paramedics.

- Promotion through the College to target very specific sub-groups of membership (such as a single ambulance service or regional area) is unlikely to be a successful strategy - other means (such as local social media groups) would be more appropriate for these cases. Larger sub-groups, such as critical-care paramedics, may be appropriate.

What types of studies does the College usually promote?

Research projects should be relevant to the paramedic profession and the College's membership. We welcome multidisciplinary research if there is a clear link to paramedicine or paramedic practice.

Projects which are more likely to be appropriate for College dissemination:

- Well-designed and high-quality research projects with a clearly defined study protocol.
- Research that is of interest to (and recruiting from) a wide national/international paramedic audience.
- Research with clear links and strong relevance to paramedicine or paramedic practice.

Common reasons for projects not being accepted for dissemination by the College are:

- Incomplete applications – please ensure you attach all requested information, including a full study protocol.
- Applications received before ethics approval – please ensure you attach the HREC/IRB approval letter and the approval number.
- Projects which seek to recruit from a very small or specific sub-group. For instance, only seeking paramedics from a single region/ state or only seeking first-year students. These projects are often better suited to a local recruitment strategy.
- Projects with no clear link to paramedicine or paramedic practice.

Please note that if a project is not accepted for promotion with the College, this does not necessarily reflect the quality of the research project – it may be reflective of the benefit gained by promotion through the College.