



APPRISE

AUSTRALIAN PARTNERSHIP FOR
PREPAREDNESS RESEARCH ON
INFECTIOUS DISEASE EMERGENCIES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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The Project

The Australian Partnership for Preparedness Research on Infectious Disease Emergencies (APPRISE) was formed in 2016 to inform Australia's emergency response to infectious diseases. APPRISE is undertaking research to address major public health, laboratory and clinical questions for responding to infectious disease emergencies and is well integrated with public health units and departments of health at state and Commonwealth level to learn from and contribute to national responses. Funded as a Centre of Research Excellence by the National Health and Medical Research Council, the current grant ends in December 2021.

The Assignment

We are seeking an experienced consultant to work with key researchers and stakeholders in the APPRISE network to develop a framework for future funding models and a five-year plan for APPRISE. This will include one (or more) workshops, detailed interviews with APPRISE researchers and key stakeholders identifying priorities for future work, a review of project objectives and activities to date, and an assessment of funding options and financial models to ensure that APPRISE can become a network with sustained funding supporting essential research needed for preparedness and response to infectious disease emergencies.

The consultation process should explore the following elements:

1. Strategy, including aims and objectives
2. Governance arrangements
3. Stakeholder engagement and relationships
4. Financial implications
5. Funding models for budgets of \$5M, \$10M, \$20M over 5 years

The appointee will work with the APPRISE executive to define and explore different models of working, funding and engaging to help determine the next steps for the network.

The process should take into consideration the following issues:

- Activity across the three phases of the emergency response framework: prepare, respond, recover
- The balance between research platforms that underpin and enable response, and research programs that address established and emerging priorities and generate new knowledge.
- The disciplinary spread of expertise represented in the network and current gaps in the membership of APPRISE

- How to integrate research/academic priorities with government/policy priorities, including through links with advisory bodies and industry
- The scope of network activities; including research, training, engagement and communication
- What APPRISE has achieved so far, what has been missing from its contribution to the COVID-19 response and how this could be addressed in preparing for future pandemics.

The process will ideally take place from November 2020 to March 2021 (5 months).

The Applicant

We are looking for a consultant with the following experience:

- Sophisticated understanding of the Australian health system
- Understanding of the research context across academic and public health spheres
- A track record in public health, infectious diseases or related areas
- Experience in writing and disseminating high quality reports

Deliverables

- Facilitated workshop(s)
- Key stakeholder interviews and landscape analysis
- Detailed options paper for APPRISE

Indicative timeline

Deliverable		2020		2021		
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1	Facilitated workshop					
2	Landscape analysis					
3	Consolidation workshop					
3	Options paper					

Budget

The service provider should provide a budget including staffing and other incidental costs. Due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions, no travel expenses should be included.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest can be forwarded to Dr Miranda Smith (miranda.smith@unimelb.edu.au), please include the following documents:

- Current CV (individual) or details of recent, related work (company)
- Proposed budget, including daily consultation fee
- 1-page summary of proposed approach

The deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest is **5pm AEDT 19th October 2020**.