

GCHHS Schedule of Research Application Fees

2024-2025 (Excluding GST)

Research application and review fees

The research fees **only apply to:**

- commercially sponsored projects
- trials sponsored by a Collaborative Research Group
- funded university led projects (e.g. large studies with NHMRC/MRFF or similar grant funding).

Please note: These fees do not apply to research or quality initiatives that are led by Gold Coast Health, or to student projects.

Research application fees are charged for new research project applications and amendments to approved research projects for both ethics and governance review. A fee is charged for the review process, regardless of the outcome of the review. Research application fees vary depending on the type of submission and the research project sponsor/funding type. Definitions are provided on the following page.

These fees are reviewed annually and are benchmarked against other Queensland Hospital and Health Services.

Submission Type	2023-24 Fee	2024-25 Fee
Commercially Sponsored		
Ethics Review (New Application)	\$5,500	\$6,000
Ethics Review (Major Amendment)	\$850	\$850
Ethics Review (Minor Amendment)	Nil	\$500
Ethics Review (Addition of sub-studies to research projects)	\$1,500	\$1,500
SSA Review (New Application)	\$5,500	\$6,000
SSA Review (Major Amendment)	\$850	\$850
SSA Review (Minor Amendment)	\$500	\$500
Contract Variation (If not part of an SSA Amendment)	\$350	\$350
Collaborative Research Group		
Ethics Review (New Application)	\$700	\$700
Ethics Review (Addition of a site)	\$150	\$150
Ethics Review (Amendment)	\$150	\$150
SSA Review (New Application)	\$700	\$700
SSA Review (Amendment)	Nil	\$150
University Initiated (non-student)		
Ethics Review (New Application)	\$700	\$700
Ethics Review (Amendment)	\$150	\$150
SSA Review (New Application)	\$700	\$700
SSA Review (Amendment)	Nil	\$150

Definitions

A major amendment is defined as an amendment to the protocol or any other supporting documentation, that is likely to affect to a significant degree:

- the safety or physical or mental integrity of the participants of the trial
- the scientific value of the trial
- the conduct or management of the trial
- the quality or safety of any investigational medicinal product used in the trial.

A minor amendment is defined as changes to the details of research that have no significant implications for participants or for the conduct, management or scientific value of the study and can be regarded as minor amendments. (Sometimes referred to as "administrative amendments"). These amendments do not require review by a full HREC and can receive approval outside of scheduled HREC meeting.

Examples as follows:

- Correction of typographical errors in the protocol or other study documentation
- Amended contact details for the sponsor or project staff
- Appointment of new support staff

A Collaborative Research Group is defined as an academic and/or non-commercial collaborative research group. Fees are only charged to Cooperative/Collaborative research groups that are formally recognised as a legal entity capable of signing a legal agreement. Cooperative /Collaborative research groups that are recognised as a legal entity will have an ABN. If unsure, please check ABN Lookup: <https://abr.business.gov.au/>