



WRITING PROPOSALS FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS



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10.05am-11.25am



Online via Zoom

La Trobe's **School of Nursing and Midwifery** and the **Care Economy Research Institute** (CERI) invite you to this research seminar on **writing proposals** for competitive grants, where our panel speakers will explore the critical elements of **successful grant writing** and how to **avoid common pitfalls** that can undermine strong ideas. Drawing on international experience, **Professor Graeme Smith** will look at designing proposals that demonstrate **clarity, innovation, feasibility**, and alignment with funder priorities. **Professor Chris Maylea** will explore what works in the Australian context and tailoring applications to major funding bodies such as the **NHMRC, ARC, and MRFF** highlighting the growing **importance of co-design** and meaningful public involvement, responding to **industry needs** and ensuring that research can be translated into real-world impact.

Whether you are just starting or consolidating your track record, this session will provide **critical tips and perspectives** to support competitive proposal submissions.

PANEL SPEAKERS

Graeme Smith

Professor Graeme D. Smith is Professor in S.K Yee School of Health Sciences at Saint Francis University in Hong Kong. A Fellow of the European Academy of Nursing Science since 2003, he holds a Doctorate from the University of Edinburgh and is Honorary Professor in gastroenterology. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at La Trobe University. His research interests include health literacy, illness perception, complementary medicine in nursing, and academic resilience. He is currently an editor of the Journal of Advanced Nursing and formerly edited the Journal of Clinical Nursing (2012–2022).



Chris Maylea

Professor Maylea is a social worker, lawyer, and Professor of Law at La Trobe University as well as CERI's Associate Director for Partnerships, Engagement and Community. His research spans interdisciplinary practice, gender-based violence in mental health settings, elder abuse, and human rights analyses, often using co-design methods to amplify service users voices. Chris' research success centers around his ability to forge meaningful industry partnerships.



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Ken Ho

Dr Ken Ho is the Associate Dean of Research, Industry and Engagement in the School of Nursing and Midwifery. He specializes in gerontology and wellbeing of migrants, with a focus on loneliness and social connections, and applies qualitative (particularly phenomenology) and mixed methods in his research. He is a Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy and is currently the Deputy Editor of Nursing Open.



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