

Research and Development Program to Transform Prisoner Rehabilitation Through Digital Technology

Expression of Interest Form – Major Projects

Background

Corrective Services NSW is seeking to partner with university research teams and industry to create new knowledge and inform practice to transform prisoner rehabilitation through digital technology. Guiding frameworks and priorities for Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) in relation to the research and development program is detailed in the Research Strategy for Transforming Prisoner Rehabilitation Through Digital Technology ([link](#)).

This expression of interest (EOI) process is the first stage of Corrective Service NSW's engaging with potential partners. A description of the full partnering process is provided on the [webpage](#) associated with this research program. This EOI stage is about identifying interested and capable teams for discussions around partnering on a research project aligned with the strategy. In the EOI process, research teams need to provide a clear rationale and outline for a research project that is feasible, creates new knowledge and contributes to practice around transforming prisoner rehabilitation in NSW and other prison jurisdictions.

It is important to state that while CSNSW has nominally committed to providing up to \$50,000 cash funding and up to \$100,000 in-kind funding for each project, the research team is expected to budget and source additional funding through competitive grants programs or partnering with industry for their project.

A Q&A session for the EOI process will be held online on 26 April 2023, and EOI applications need to be lodged by Friday, 2 June 2023 to ensure their consideration for selection in the first-round. There will be ongoing opportunities for research teams to submit EOI applications after this time, but the process for this has not been established beyond this EOI process and it is likely to be longer for out-of-session application.

An Expression of Interest proforma is provided in this document with section headings, content guidance and maximum word limits. Please adhere to the guidance and if you have any specific questions, please attend the Q&A session or send an email to csnswtechresearch@justice.nsw.gov.au.

PROPOSED R&D PROJECT

Research Team and Partners

1. Name of proposed research and development project

Please also provide a short plain English title.

2. Name and contact details for lead individual proposing the research

Please provide name, position, institution, area of expertise, and email

3. Additional research team members and partners

For each research team member please provide the name, institution/organisation, and area of expertise. Please attach CV for each team member (maximum 4 pages each). For the partners, provide the organisation name, contact person and industry or sector.

Research Overview

4. Project description

Please provide a succinct, plain English description of the project, including aims, objectives and expected outcomes (maximum 300 words).

5. Research plan

Please provide a succinct, plain English description of the research plan including what methods you will use to create new knowledge and, if relevant, how you will assess impact (maximum 200 words).

6. Alignment to Strategy Document

Outline how your proposed research project aligns with the CSNSW Research Strategy for Transforming Prisoner Rehabilitation Through Digital Technology. This can include how it aligns with the Return to Wellbeing Framework and specific project area(s) (maximum 150 words).

7. Research significance and impact on transforming rehabilitation

Please outline why the proposed project is a) significant in its contribution to knowledge and b) its impact regarding transforming rehabilitation (maximum 200 words).

Capabilities

8. Research team capability

Please outline why your research team is well placed to undertake this research with consideration of the multi-disciplinary as well as applied aspects of the Research and Development Project (maximum 150 words).

9. Industry and Community Project Partners

If you have industry or community project partners, please provide the organisations name, contact person and the partners expected contribution and/or involvement in the project (maximum 150 words).

Project plan and funding

10. Project tasks, timeframes and estimated total budget

Please indicate an approximate timeframe for your project in years and months and outline an estimated budget. (maximum 150 words).

Key Tasks	Description	Milestone Date	Approx. Budget

11. Sources of project funding

Please briefly outline how you propose to obtain funding for the project, and any discussions or commitments in relation to this if relevant (maximum 150 words).

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12. Interest in a community of practice

Lastly, CSNSW would like to develop a community of practice with researchers, industry and practitioners around transforming prisoner rehabilitation through digital technology. Would you be interested in participating in one or two events each year?

Yes/No

Project Lead Name

Signature

Date