

Consumer training for the Priority-drive Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme



Cancer Australia runs the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS), an innovative annual national research project grants funding scheme. The scheme brings together government and other funders of cancer research to collaboratively fund cancer research in Australia.

This funding scheme helps to:

- coordinate funding of priority-driven cancer research at the national level
- foster collaboration between cancer researchers to build Australia's cancer research capacity
- foster consumer participation in cancer research, from design to implementation

In order to improve the ability of people affected by cancer to participate meaningfully in this scheme, Cancer Australia began a project to train consumers to review the Additional Questions submitted into the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme.

Consumers are selected through a national, open, merit-based application process. Once selected, the consumers receive training over three days with a major component of the training conducted by the Cancer Council NSW. This training occurs annually.

Once trained in reviewing Additional Questions grant information, consumers are eligible to participate as members of Cancer Australia's Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme Grant Review Committees. In addition, these consumers can also be engaged in evaluating applications for research projects.