



Rugby League Research Committee

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APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH FUNDING

Expression of Interest

The NRL and Rugby League Research Committee invite applications to fund research into the following question:

Factors Influencing Decision Making in Rugby League Officiating.

Background

The NRL has identified this topic as a priority for research in 2020 and has undertaken steps to evaluate the influence of factors on rugby league officiating. The Rugby League Research Committee endorses the application(s) of research endeavouring to answer this question. The Rugby League Research Committee has a pool of funding available to support this research upon a successful application.

Scope of the project

Officiating in rugby league is one of the most demanding and discussed areas of our game. As the game has evolved and modernised, the influences on decision-making are increasing. This research would examine and evaluate the various forces and influences on decision-making.

While the general topic is very broad, it is foreseen that the topic could be sub-categorised into the following areas:

- physical demands (GPS movement profiling)
- psychological factors
- current referee models and training and evaluation processes
- new technologies – training and performance intervention(s) (e.g. virtual reality)
- expansion of media (social and non-social) - effects on performance and public perceptions

Submission of application

Applications must be submitted on or before **Monday 23rd September 2019 COB**, by email to the Rugby League Research Committee, at research@nrl.com.au

Submission requirements

A read-only version of the application form can be found at

<https://www.nrl.com/operations/research/apply/>

For an editable version, please contact research@nrl.com.au