

SCHHS Research Strategic Plan 2021-2026

Vision

Research constitutes core business for Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS), and has been identified as one of the key opportunities for our organisation in the Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

Our opportunities:

Grow research and education capability - Leading and embedding an education and research culture.

Sunshine Coast
Hospital and Health Service

Exceptional people. Exceptional healthcare.

Supporting translation of research to patient care across our region

The SCHHS Research Clinical Council is custodian of this strategy. The council's purpose and scope:

- » Provide recommendations to SCHHS on strategic research issues
- » Provide advice in alignment with relevant codes and strategies
- » Ensure clinician input is included in the decision-making process
- » Communicate appropriate information widely across SCHHS
- » Advise the Clinical Director Research on matters of research importance
- » Report to the stakeholders including the Executive Director Clinical Governance Education and Research, Service Group leaders, SCHI Research Advisory Group and other key sub-committees.



Our Research Priorities:

- » Support and develop excellent research across disciplines within the SCHHS
- » Develop a strong and vibrant research community culture to attract and retain high performing researchers to the SCHHS
- » Develop a stronger framework where translation of the impact and outcomes of research are prioritised and communicated
- » Build on existing strong partnerships with key institutions and facilitate the development of new partnerships

Our core capabilities and strengths



Access to leading research facilities across the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service



Sunshine Coast Health Institute partnership with leading education providers – Griffith University, TAFE Queensland and University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)



Proximity to the USC campus and the strengthening of our research collaborations across its various health-related disciplines



Relationships with leading academics and practitioners from research institutions and organisations across the state and nationally



The rapid growth of the region, and the developing profile of our region as a location with a thriving innovation, entrepreneurial, collaborative, and digital ecosystem



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Delivering our research strategy

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Support excellence in research

Develop a strong and sustainable research culture

Increase the translation of research into clinical practice

Grow partnerships

OBJECTIVES

Support and develop excellent research across the disciplines within SCHHS

Develop a strong and vibrant research community culture to retain high performing researchers and attract more to SCHHS

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ACTIONS

- Build on our existing research strengths and recognise opportunities for alignment with national and regional health research focuses
- Increase the quality and volume of research activity and funding across the SCHHS through the effective deployment of resources to support research growth and development
- Provide guidance and training to all researchers to give them the skills to undertake robust research with the highest possible impacts and outcomes
- Ensure all research staff, and those supporting them, have access to research education and skills training at the core of departmental culture
- Provide effective research governance and development support which prioritises the aims and ambitions of researchers and partners

- Recruit and retain the best researchers at all career stages across clinical disciplines
- Grow the mentoring and interactions between researchers in a supportive and attractive environment including developing pathways for early career researchers
- Support staff in the development of large funding applications in our areas of strength and encourage research income generation through clinical trials
- Support clinicians to develop a strong research and learning culture and recognise the role of research students in promoting research
- Celebrate and encourage our local research achievements through regular research symposiums, showcases and other communication strategies

- Seek to ensure research has impact beyond academic recognition through the engagement of people within organisations to effect policy and practice
- Promote activities that communicate our research strengths, achievements, and successes through greater engagement across SCHHS and with the wider public
- Support the scaling of research activities that are focused on delivering evidence-based approaches to improve healthcare delivery, service improvement and promote best practice through continuous learning
- Ensure our quality improvement activities clearly identify key deliverables and service outcome impacts and monitor their translation into practice
- Provide support for experienced, novice and emerging researchers to nominate translational research projects within their disciplines
- Ensure participation of researchers in relevant clinical meetings to ensure sharing of research findings with clinical staff

- Build strong links at SCHHS and researcher level with other researchers, academics, institutions, and industry, to nurture productive and sustainable partnerships
- Develop partnerships at regional, national, and international levels that support our research ambitions and development of long-term sustainable relationships
- Build a strong and transparent framework for partnership engagement and the development and sharing of successful research programs
- Work closely with SCHI and our partner institutions to grow the SCHHS visiting researcher program and encourage high quality applications from other leading institutions
- Increase the visibility of SCHHS as a quality research and partnering institution through our online presence and interactions with SCHI
- Build relationships with related health care entities such as the Public Health Network (PHN) who may wish to collaborate on new clinical care models and research

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