

**WESTERN SYDNEY**  
UNIVERSITY



**THRI**

Translational Health Research Institute  
Membership Application

# INTRODUCTION

The Translational Health Research Institute (THRI) is Western Sydney University's primary vehicle for advancing health and medical research in the Western Sydney region and beyond, and for realising shared research and health impact goals with our partners.

THRI will be a single, visible presence to our stakeholders and community. It will draw upon the University's breadth of health and medical research strengths, support our researchers through targeted infrastructure, and train the next generation of health and medical researchers.

THRI operates across a number of multidisciplinary themes which reflect the research strengths of Western, and the key health and wellbeing priorities of our region:

- Preventing and Managing Chronic Disease
- Health, Culture and Society
- Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Diagnostics and Therapeutics

By becoming a member of THRI, you can help transform the health and wellbeing of the people of Western Sydney, Australia and globally.

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## OUR VISION

To transform the health and wellbeing of the people of Western Sydney, Australia and globally through translational research that is holistic, collaborative and targeted.

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## OUR APPROACH

We have three principles which drive our work:

**Collaboration** – uniting researchers from across Western Sydney University through a common vision, and encouraging communication and engagement within Western and with our partners and community to drive user-led research priorities.

**Translation** – supporting health and medical research relevant to our Western Sydney community and providing the framework, infrastructure and incentives to ensure it is translated into policy and practice.

**Reputation** – ensuring we are recognised for our research, are seen as a partner who can commit to and deliver on results, and that we leverage this reputation for the benefit of the Greater Western Sydney community, Australia and across the globe.



# BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF THRI

- Maximise the real-world impact of your research through interdisciplinary and cross-thematic approaches, access to translational expertise, and a dynamic and supportive intellectual environment
- Grow the profile of your research by aligning with a THRI research theme
- Promote your work through a strong web and social media presence
- Continue to build your research capacity through targeted training programs covering a diverse range of research skills
- Access specialist research support
- Attract higher degree research students to your research agenda
- Expand your collaborative networks both within and outside Western Sydney University, including with local health districts and primary health networks
- Boost your grant applications by including a description of THRI's research culture and environment

The 2017-2021 THRI Operational Plan identifies a number of new initiatives that will be available to THRI members including a coordinated and targeted NHMRC and ARC grant development scheme, clinical fellowships and translational research training programs, clinical trials support, targeted PhD recruitment and support, stronger links with external partners including Maridulu Budyari Gumal - The Sydney Partnership for Health, Education, Research and Enterprise (SPHERE), and a translational research grant scheme.

**By joining THRI, you can help drive impactful research that improves the health and wellbeing of our community.**

# THRI MEMBERSHIP

## MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Academic staff researchers from Western Sydney University who demonstrate they meet the following membership principles may apply to become a member of THRI:

- Commitment to
  - research translation and impact
  - health, medical and well-being research which is relevant to greater Western Sydney and beyond
  - developing the next generation of health researchers
- Preparedness for collaborative and multi-disciplinary research
- Valuing the importance of building research capacity across Western Sydney University

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

THRI members may either be Core or Associate. The performance data of members will be counted both for THRI and the member's home academic unit (e.g. School or Institute).

### Core members

Core membership is available to researchers whose primary research program and outputs are integral to the mission and research programs of THRI. Core members must qualify for research active status and be registered to supervise higher degree research students at Western Sydney University.

### Associate members

Associate membership is available to researchers who may be involved in components of THRI's activities, such as an individual project, co-authoring papers or shared supervision of higher degree research students, but whose primary research program and outputs are not integral to the delivery of THRI's strategic plan.

## EXPECTATIONS OF THRI MEMBERS

- Undertake research of value and impact
- Undertake any relevant, theme-based research under the sponsorship, guidance and support of THRI while continuing to be engaged by their home academic unit
- List THRI as an institutional affiliation on publications, grant applications and other engagement and dissemination activities, where appropriate
- Contribute to the culture and intellectual environment of THRI by:
  - serving on THRI committees and panels as required
  - mentoring early career and emerging researchers as appropriate
  - contributing to THRI's Annual Report, triennial reviews, and other publications
  - contributing to the effective administration, planning, and management of THRI by participating in meetings and other affiliated conferences and events as appropriate

## HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available at [westernsydney.edu.au/THRI](https://westernsydney.edu.au/THRI) or can be requested by emailing [THRI@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:THRI@westernsydney.edu.au)

Completed application forms should be sent to [THRI@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:THRI@westernsydney.edu.au)

The application will be considered by the THRI executive and assessed against the Membership Criteria using information provided in the form and the applicant's research activity over recent years. The applicant will be formally advised as to the success of the application.



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