

Our Vision

The delivery of vibrant health-related research by Notre Dame that is recognised by our peers and valued by the community.

Our Mission

To promote and support excellence in research at Notre Dame that will improve the physical, mental, social and spiritual health and wellbeing of people and communities, particularly those in need.

Our Principles

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OUR OBJECTIVES

OUR STRATEGIES

Our Principles					
Provide leadership, innovation and quality advice		Consultative and collaborative work practices		Build on the expertise and knowledge available across Notre Dame and other locations	
1. Advance Catholic Intellectual Tradition	2. Facilitate and promote health-related research	3. Focus on research that meets the needs of people	4. Foster interdisciplinary research	5. Support research students	6. Assist staff to undertake research
To further the Objects of University and recognise that 'the human person is a unity of body and soul', and that health is fundamental to a person's total wellbeing.	To promote the productivity, quality and profile of health-related research at Notre Dame.	To promote research that improves the health and wellbeing of people and communities, particularly those in great need.	To foster interdisciplinary scholarship in health and medical research.	To support health-related research to enhance the learning opportunities for students enrolled at the University.	To promote and support academics in conducting health-related research within and between Schools.
1.1 Support research initiatives that contribute to the Catholic conception of the life, health and well-being of persons in the community. 1.2 Form alliances and links with other like-minded research institutions and groups. 1.3 Comply with the Code of Ethical Standards produced by Catholic Health Australia.	2.1 Build and maintain partnerships within and outside Notre Dame. 2.2 Use multimedia technology to increase the ease for cross-fertilising ideas and interests. 2.3 Assist staff within the Schools develop or maintain an interest in health research. 2.4 Support programs that increase the skills in the areas of grant and manuscript preparation.	3.1 Identify new and emerging trends in research into the health and wellbeing of the community. 3.2 Work with organisations and health care providers that target people and communities with the greatest need. 3.3 Promote the Notre Dame research that informs social and health policy.	4.1 Develop and strengthen interdisciplinary collaborations. 4.2 Seek collaborative arrangements between Schools and the IHR. 4.3 Provide forums for exhibiting the variety of health research undertaken at Notre Dame. 4.4 Establish close links between the IHR and clinicians involved in primary and tertiary care.	5.1 Work collaboratively with the 'health' Schools to provide robust research skills to HDR students. 5.2 Encourage co-supervision of HDR students in the health field with IHR staff. 5.3 Support workshops and seminars that target skill development of HDR students. 5.4 Seek accommodation appropriate for HDR students.	6.1 Identify areas of staff research activity that are complimentary. 6.2 Identify skills and knowledge of staff applicable to health research that are employed at Notre Dame. 6.3 Promote and support increased opportunities for academics with an interest in research. 6.4 Provide support to staff in research design and analysis.

Our guiding documents

- Notre Dame Objects & Goals
- Notre Dame Strategic Plan 2013-2016
- Notre Dame Research Strategic Plan 2015-2017
- Final Report of the IHRR Review Committee

OUR ACTIONS

1. Advance Catholic Intellectual Tradition

- Work with staff and students to bring a distinct perspective to their research that recognises the social, ethical and religious aspects of Catholic Intellectual Tradition.
- Build collaborative opportunities between Catholic partner universities and health service providers.
- Raise awareness with collaborative partners on the ethical and moral standards of Catholic institutions.

2. Facilitate and promote health-related research

- Seek relevant adjunct appointments to the IHR.
- Create and maintain professional relationships with health researchers located at other universities and hospitals.
- Offer support to staff and HDR students in project design and statistical options.
- Organise research seminars and visits by external experts.
- Provide regular information updates via a newsletter, website and Yammer.

3. Focus on research that meets the needs of people

- Develop and maintain links with other centres engaged in health research.
- Engage with NGOs, sporting and other community groups to promote health and wellbeing.
- Make contributions to public forums, public debate and government policy.

4. Foster interdisciplinary research

- Hold meetings that support interdisciplinary conversations between schools and campuses.
- Look for research opportunities that could involve staff or students from different Schools and Institutes.

5. Support research students

- Increase the availability of research design and biostatistical support.
- Run courses and seminars on research design, data analysis and manuscript preparation.
- Organise forums for sharing knowledge of projects across the team.
- Link students to researchers at other locations with a similar research interest.
- Host student research presentation functions.
- Provide mentoring support.

6. Assist staff to undertake research

- Identify new and emerging researchers by analysing publications lists captured in IRMA.
- Work with School Deans to identify staff with health related research interests.
- Promote and hold annual research seminars.
- Provide statistical advice to staff supervising HDR students.
- Provide grant management support to researchers in the IHR.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

Essential

- Increase the number of grant applications between the IHR and health-related schools.
- Increase the number of health-related publications by the schools and the IHR.
- Increase the number of health researchers' working at Notre Dame.
- Participate in research projects or public debate that focuses on the health requirements of people in need.
- Maintain regular dialogue with health-related NGOs and policy agencies.

Pathway

- Increase the number of HDR students supervised by IHR staff.
- Increase biostatistical knowledge through the provision of seminars and online courses.
- Increase the number of researchers and adjunct appointments affiliated with the IHR.
- Increase the number of students participating in an annual research symposium.
- Increase opportunities for collaborative interaction between Notre Dame and other sites.

Cultural

- Publish at least three IHR Newsletters per year.
- Increase the number of staff & external collaborators affiliated with the IHR.
- Increase the use of multimedia to engage with and share information across campuses.
- Provide forums for the sharing of health research interests between the Schools.
- Develop and maintain strong links to other academic groups involved in health research.
- Work with the Research Office to promote research undertaken at Notre Dame.