



Caring Futures Institute

# Our Vision

The best care is accessible for all  
across the course of their lives

# Our Purpose

Creating better care through research,  
knowledge translation and partnerships

## Our Point of Difference

Research in partnership with people, community and care sectors to change how care is recognised, valued, delivered and experienced.

Research and knowledge translation infrastructure, capability and excellence in partnership with those we serve.

## Our Values

Leveraging Flinders *Fearless* values and driven by focus to create a *Culture of Care*, our research is founded in integrity, excellence, co-operation, diversity, sustainability, generosity and adaptability. We believe that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts which is why partnerships and relationships are at the heart of all we do.

# Research Strategy 2024-2028

## Our Priorities

Research Culture  
Partnerships  
Knowledge Translation  
Research Capacity



**Flinders  
University**

## Research Culture

A high-performance culture that is recognised for world-leading research in care and caring across the life course.

### Key strategies

- Communicate and maintain transparent and robust leadership, systems and processes
- Deliver the research development and support infrastructure to sustain excellence and impact
- Foster areas of research that reflect our capacity, excellence and impact
- Develop sustainable research activity that delivers excellence and impact
- Provide tailored initiatives, including the Grant Review and Support Program (GRASP), to meet development needs and career stage
- Connect researchers and partners with College, University and external opportunities

*Providing the environment for our researchers and partners to grow and deliver impacting research.*

## Partnerships

Build and sustain authentic partnerships to deepen engagement and deliver research impact.

### Key strategies

- Invest in productive partnerships to inform and conduct impacting research
- Foster industry embedded researchers to support our partnerships and support industry-engaged researchers and academic title holders in shared priority areas
- Develop and maintain international relationships and partnerships to inform and extend research impact

*Working with people, organisations and care related sectors to provide the best available evidence to improve systems, care, communities and lives.*

## Knowledge Translation

Create and translate knowledge for improved care, health and wellbeing across the life course.

### Key strategies

- Build integrated knowledge translation capability and support infrastructure in the Institute
- Host workshops to deliver knowledge, skills and practice in knowledge translation including health and social care economics; implementation science; engagement and dissemination
- Create a cohort of experts and partnerships to enable and enhance knowledge translation in the health, ageing and social care sectors
- Provide leadership and infrastructure to support meaningful engagement with people and industry end-users

*Educating and supporting the knowledge translation leaders of the future to work with key stakeholders to improve practice and care outcomes across the life course.*

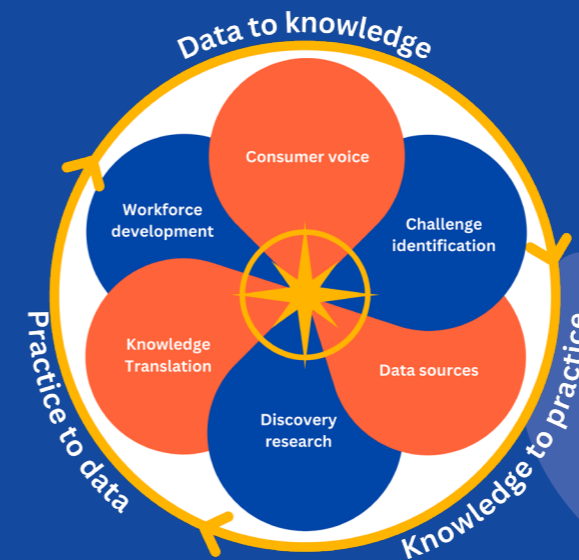
## Research Capacity

Build, activate and support Institute, researcher and partner capacity and capability, to build a future-focused care research workforce.

### Key strategies

- A diverse research workforce that builds reach and depth in our current and future research strengths
- Optimise engagement and networking between researchers of all career stages and positions with a spirit of generous leadership and peer support
- Activate the research training pathway to develop an academic and practice-based research workforce to support research excellence and impact
- Identify and encourage transdisciplinary research to meet national and global health priorities

*Supporting research leaders to build successful research teams who achieve their personal career aspirations while generating research with positive impact locally and globally.*



## Our Offering

### Governance

- Our governance principles: accountability; data-informed; empowerment; partnership; transparency
- Committee terms of reference
- Position and role descriptions
- Practical systems and processes

### Connecting researchers to the right supports

- Research development and expertise, including biostatistics, health and social care economics, knowledge translation and implementation science, research partnerships and commercialisation
- Communities of practice for early and mid-career peer support

### From people to programs

- Grant Review and Support Program (GRASP)
- Area of focus and research program investment
- Transdisciplinary and cross college research initiatives

### Engagement and communications

- Seminars for internal Flinders University across colleges, institutes and centres and external local, national and international stakeholders
- Social media research profiling
- Biennial conference or partner events
- Engagement with partner events

### Integrated knowledge translation platform

- Training in basic and advanced health and social care economics, knowledge translation and implementation science
- Theoretical and practical application to advance the science of translation and implementation
- Implementation scientists, knowledge translation facilitators, boundary and system spanners

### Higher degrees by research (HDR)

- HDR community
- Industry and enterprise scholarships and internships
- HDR milestone conferences and research training

### Infrastructure to navigate and support capacity and capability

- Research development support and training
- Post-Award support, business and project management skills
- Study design, biostatistics, economic evaluation, knowledge translation capability

### Partnering program

- Organisational partnership development and management.
- Joint appointments, industry and enterprise scholarships and internships
- Mutually beneficial research co-designed with delivery and impact partners

## Our Impact

As a dedicated institute for the research of care, the work of our researchers and partners is leading to better systems, better care, and better communities for better lives. Our success in research excellence, partnerships and knowledge translation is delivering impact by changing how care is recognised, valued, delivered and experienced.

Embedding knowledge translation theory, principles, and practices into the foundations of the Institute provides the infrastructure to optimise adoption of research into policy and practice.



## Our Journey Together

Established in 2019 we have achieved exceptional growth in Flinders and Nursing and Health Sciences care and care-related research over this time that is delivering impact.

This has been made possible with the support of our External Strategic Advisory Board, our partnerships with people, carers and organisations including our Local Health and Primary Health Networks, Preventative Health SA, together with our exceptional researchers and their vast network of partners and collaborators.

Our ambition in the coming five years is to maintain our strong partnerships, and expand our connection with people and our national and international network.

Contact us to explore opportunities for research-practice exchanges, internships, higher degrees by research, joint appointments, industry fellowships or commissioned research.

We invite you to join us in our journey.

## Acknowledgement of Country

Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which its campuses are located, these are the Traditional Lands of the Arrernte, Dagoman, First Nations of the South-East, First Peoples of the River Murray & Mallee region, Jawoyn, Kurna, Larrakia, Ngadjuri, Ngarrindjeri, Ramindjeri, Warumungu, Wardaman and Yolngu people.

We honour their Elders past, present and emerging.

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