

HEALTH TRANSLATION QUEENSLAND

Key achievements summary

Health Translation Queensland (HTQ) supports integration and collaboration to enable health research translation in Queensland. In the Financial Year 2022-23, our small but agile team progressed 24 activities under the pillars of our Strategic Plan.

Pillar 1: Make the work of translational research easier

- Supported the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) Health Studies Australian National Data Asset (HeSANDA) project through involvement in the Steering Committee and project teams, and provided input into the design and development of ARDC's Health Data Australia working groups to lay the foundations for making access to and the sharing and reuse of health research data easier.
- Developed in collaboration with CSIRO's Australian e-Health Research Centre, the Queensland Cyber Infrastructure Foundation, ARDC and other Queensland partners the HeSANDA Queensland node – a statewide online catalogue that curates, stores and enables the sharing of health research data generated by the Queensland research community.
- Developed and launched Brisbane South and Gold Coast Asset Directory which identifies equipment and infrastructure in these organisations that are available for sharing, and the Research Support Directory which provides points of contact for clinicians and researchers conducting research across the HTQ partnership.

Below Consumer and community involvement workshop



- Developed and launched research ethics, governance and facilitation tools, including provided input into the Research Integrity Maturity Model that provides a structured framework for assessing and improving the level of research integrity across HTQ partnership organisations.
- Curated a range of research ethics and governance, research integrity, and consumer and community involvement (CCI) resources and tools on the HTQ website.
- Managed and evaluated HTQ's Research Passport Agreement in collaboration with HTQ partners to support collaborative research by streamlining the contractual processes.
- Established the CCI in Research Alliance as a new HTQ collaborative group, bringing together 25 CCI leaders from across HTQ's partnership and 3 consumers to learn from each other and reduce duplication of effort by collaborating on shared CCI activities.
- Completed Phase 1 of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Network (QATSIHRN) via QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute which brought together 45 researchers, clinicians and policy makers from across Queensland to improve the quality, coordination and translation of health research through First Nations led action.
- Held regular collaborative group meetings for the Human Research Ethics and Governance Advisory Group, Research Integrity Group and Digital Advisory Group bringing together representatives from across HTQ's partnership and beyond to promote and facilitate collaboration with a focus on developing and sustaining a community of practice.
- Led by HTQ's Digital Advisory Group, mapped and described Queensland's current health research digital ecosystem and developed a blueprint with recommended actions for the ecosystem in the future through a partnership with Queensland Health, CSIRO's Australian eHealth Research Centre and The University of Queensland's Queensland Digital Health Centre.
- Established a HTQ Mental Health Collaborative Group, bringing together 19 mental health professionals and researchers to begin scoping HTQ's Queensland Mental Health Collaborative Hub.

Below Mental Health Collaborative Group workshop



Pillar 2: Increase Queensland's translational research capability

- Welcomed 2 new partners to HTQ: Griffith University and Gold Coast Health.
- Developed and launched HTQ's Roadmap outlining 33 actions for the health and medical research sector to take to strengthen health research and translation in Queensland under the 3 priority areas – ecosystem, workforce and funding.
- Developed and launched HTQ's Health Research Needs Assessment – a snapshot of current health research translation needs in Queensland.
- Developed and launched HTQ's Queensland Cancer Research and Translation Funding Analysis Report – a comprehensive analysis of federal research funding that is awarded to cancer research bodies in Queensland, and the Queensland Cancer Research and Translation Capability Overview 2023.
- Held 6 major HTQ education and training events attracting more than 2,300 registrations.
- Held HTQ's Research Integrity Group's inaugural Research Integrity Showcase designed to support clinician researchers interested in becoming a research integrity advisor.
- Delivered HTQ's 3rd National Human Research Ethics Committee Conference, with over 1,300 registrations for the 3-day event.
- Established a QTRAC working group, including representation from 8 universities, 4 research institutes, 8 HHSs to explore opportunities for a clinician-researcher pathway program.
- Brought together 20 representatives from across HTQ's partnership to initiate networking and explore opportunities to better support clinical trials in Queensland.
- Completed MRFF RART 2.2 projects, encompassing 6 translational research projects from across HTQ's partnership. From 2019–2023 HTQ distributed \$6.36 million of MRFF funding to 18 late-stage translational research projects through the MRFF Rapid Applied Research Translation Program 2.1, 2.2 and the National System Level Initiatives.

Below HTQ Roadmap launch



Pillar 3: Maximise the benefit of health research translation for all Queenslanders

- Launched HTQ's Consumer and Community Involvement (CCI) microgrants program which provided more than \$30,000 in microgrants to more than 30 translational research projects across HTQ's partnership to help engage consumers early in research.
- Provided a CCI Advisory Service to HTQ partners, advising more than 50 research projects on how to best involve consumer voices.
- Engaged with rural, regional and remote audiences through making HTQ's training and professional development offerings available predominantly online.

Below UQ research team use CCI microgrants program funding to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at the 2023 Queensland Murri Carnival.

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