

Disaster, Resilience and Health Research

IRU Senior Staff Forum
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Existing strengths

- **Flinders** – Research Centre for Disaster Resilience and Health
 - Science, Health Sciences, Social Sciences
 - strong links to the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine, the International Council of Nurses and the Health Action in Crisis (HAC) and Health and Security Interface (HSI) groups at WHO/Geneva
 - Torrens Resilience Institute
 - » Flinders, UniSA, Adelaide, Cranbury, SA Govt

Existing strengths

- **James Cook** - natural hazards assessment, understanding natural disasters
 - World Safety Organisation
 - Collaborating Centre for Disaster Health and Emergency Response.
 - Master of Public Health
 - Existing links with Flinders.
 - Centre for Disaster Studies
 - focused on emergency management and meteorology.
 - Cyclone Testing Station
 - focused on high wind and building damage/practices.
 - WHO Collaborating Centre for nursing
 - development of mental health standards for disaster nursing through the Asia Pacific Emergency and Disaster nursing Network.

Existing strengths

- **Newcastle**

- Masters Degree in Disaster Preparedness and Reconstruction offered within the School of Architecture and Built Environment

- **Charles Darwin**

- Masters level teaching in humanitarian response and collaborating with Flinders on joint activities in the field of disaster and humanitarian response.

IRU Collaboration

- Network or Centre to build the capacity to succeed in research in emerging areas such as climate change impacts and resilience that require a multidisciplinary and multi-centre approach.
- Enhance success at grant applications
- provide a better network for supervision and examination on PhDs
- Could lead to a bid for a Centre of Excellence?