

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA

Indigenous Higher Education/Research an IRUA Overview

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Indigenous Research Network

Purpose

- To expand opportunities for Indigenous researchers.
- To capitalize on funding opportunities.
- Creation of critical mass.
- Increase collaborative research.
- Create opportunities for student and researcher exchanges between Universities.

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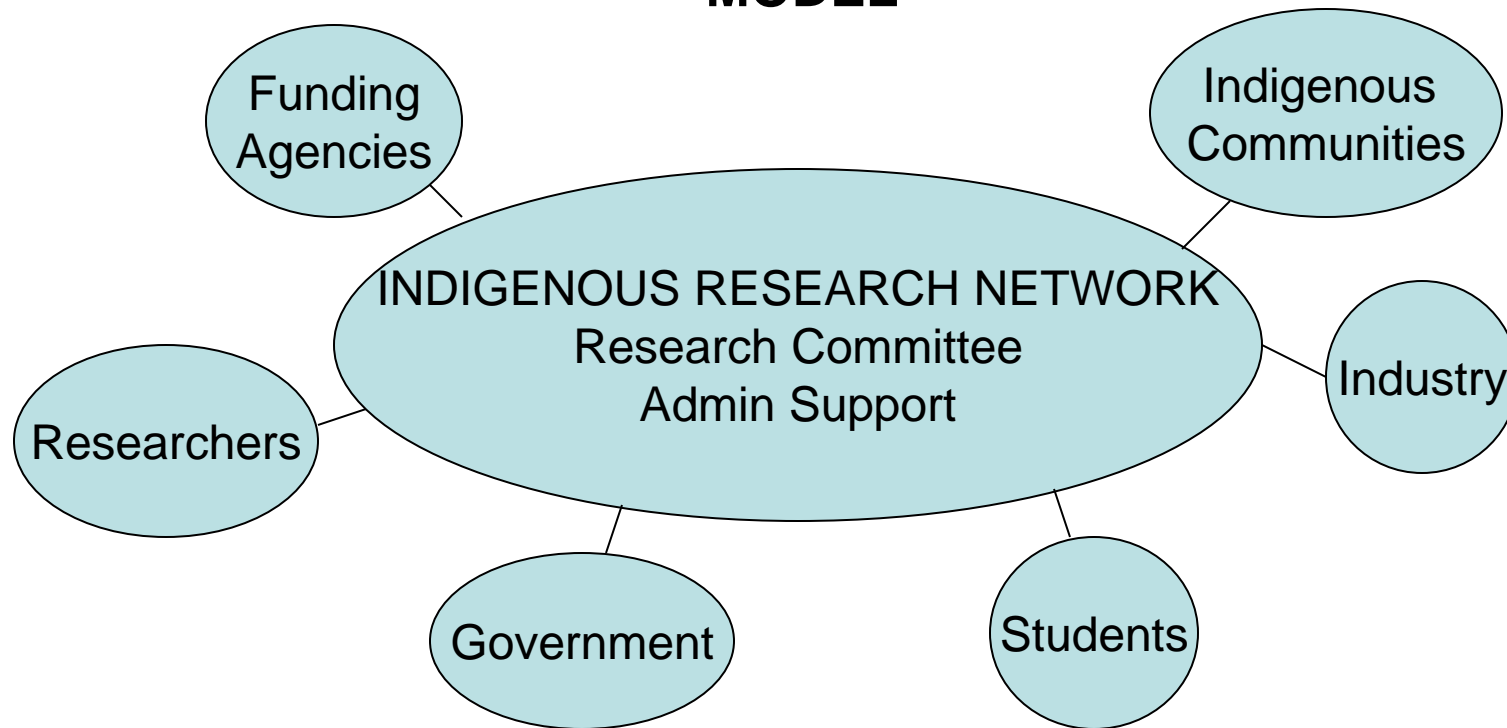
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Benefits

- Increased research funding.
- Maximise research expertise.
- Builds a cohort of researchers.
- Increased networking.
- Research employment opportunity.
- Establish a research environment.
- A sharing of expertise.
- Gives communities access to a larger bank of research expertise.

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Research Committee

- meets 4 times per year
- committee made up of representatives from each IRU
- Chair of committee elected from members
- The committee would build relationships and market the network to communities, government and industry to assist with the identification of research agendas.

Administrative Support

- establish a webpage and link to IRUA site.
- create database containing all researchers bio's
- track, match and disseminate research opportunities

The Network could act as a Research Broker linking Indigenous Communities with researchers and funding agencies.

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Funding

- The committee would develop a budget based on its functions.
- initial set up funding may be in-kind from University hosting the administrative functions.
- funding may come from existing IRUA Indigenous Centre's budget.
- may also seek funding from DVC-R's from each University
- ARC Indigenous Research Network

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Key Strategic Targets

1. Encourage and support an IRUA Network of Indigenous Collaborators. Maximise impact and visibility of IRUA Indigenous Research Expertise. Coordinate infrastructure of strategic planning for research including joint initiatives with IRUA Centre's.
2. Strategic Plan
3. Specialised policy response for the new *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researchers Network*.
4. Connect to collaborative international outreach – collection and dissemination of international data.
5. Benchmarking IRUA Indigenous, support, teaching and research. Recommendation to meet four times a year.
6. Indigenous RHD growth, attract, retain and completions.

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What Next?

- discuss the proposal with your colleagues.
- provide feedback
- develop proposal further
- present to IRUA Research representatives and DVC-R's