



Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020

University of South Australia Cancer Research Institute



Vision Statement:

Lead cancer research with foresight, to benefit society.

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GOAL 1: Aspire to provide foresight and leadership as a cancer research institute

- With end-user validation and input, lead the creation of scale in inter-disciplinary cancer research.
- Enhance the research capability and inter-connectedness of the Centres by focussing them on the translation of their output.
- Flexibly pursue funding opportunities across all HERDC categories to secure incremental annual growth in research funding.
- Attract and retain leading high-performance researchers who have the vision to engage with clinician and industry driven cancer research, translation and commercialisation.
- Embrace equity and diversity in the workplace and pursue culturally sensitive research activities.

GOAL 2: Innovate in translational research

- Identify and focus on big questions of importance that improve health outcomes by translating knowledge into practical solutions for end-users and commercialisation.
- Seek to influence research policy at state, national and international levels.
- Prioritise emerging research infrastructure to increase translation capacity and capability.
- Build strategic linkages with other research groups, hospital based researchers and consumer groups across UniSA, South Australia, nationally and internationally.
- Maximise ERA research metrics; publications and grant income.

GOAL 3: Mentor and educate the cancer research leaders of the future

- Encourage the engagement of researchers with students to attract higher degree research students.
- Implement a mentoring program and targeted leadership training for early career staff, to help them become inspiring research leaders for the next generation.
- Accelerate and enhance research linkages with high quality universities, to include growing postgraduate student exchange and attracting postdoctoral fellows.
- Create opportunities and pathways for students to establish national and international connections, and develop commercialisation and entrepreneurship skills.

GOAL 4: Inspire partnership and collaboration

- Align research with the UniSA Cancer Theme, with industry partners and with national priorities.
- Continue the nexus between teaching and research by remaining engaged with the University's academic structure.
- Take inspiration from external advisory panels to provide national and international perspectives on the Institute's strategic direction.