



**YOUNG &
RESILIENT
RESEARCH
CENTRE**



Membership

INTRODUCTION

The Young and Resilient Research Centre researches how to harness technology to promote the resilience of young people and their communities.

We collaborate with young people, government, industry and the not-for-profit sector locally, nationally and internationally. Together, we generate evidence and co-design technology-based strategies that make a real difference.

We are experts in a range of innovative social, cultural and digital research methods. We work with minoritised and marginalised groups and communities to develop new approaches and methods that leverage their experiences and needs. We involve young people in peer-based and participatory research and translate research into policy and practice at the local, national and global level.

BUILDING YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESILIENCE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT

Young people around the world are facing climate change, job uncertainty, unaffordable housing, poor mental health and intensifying social inequality. These issues are especially acute for the 470,000 young people living in Greater Western Sydney.

Most young people have access to the internet and a smartphone. Engaging them through technology is a way to reduce disadvantage, promote resilience and increase wellbeing.



**PROFESSOR AMANDA THIRD,
CO-DIRECTOR**

“High quality research and evidence that centres young people’s lived experience needs to drive policy and practice, now and into the future. We are deeply concerned to grapple with local issues in Western Sydney, and our work has also directly impacted state, national and global policy and practice. Thinking about how these layers intersect and inform each other gives our work real power.”

Since 2010,
our team has

WORKED WITH
2500+
YOUNG PEOPLE

PARTNERED WITH
100+
ORGANISATIONS

VIA
50+
PROJECTS

IN
70+
COUNTRIES



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PHILIPPA COLLIN,
CO-DIRECTOR**

“By working closely with young people we are able to better understand and address the problems and opportunities they face. By working in partnership with all stakeholders and developing new methods and approaches we co-create data and innovations that can be taken up by young people and those who work for and with them to create change right away.”



MEMBER

benefits

- Access to a lively intellectual environment and an international network of members and researchers;
- Engagement with research teams who have a strong record of success in attracting research funds;
- Pre and post-award support for all projects delivered through the Centre;
- Opportunities to develop research leadership through new dedicated roles and mentoring;
- Support to promote, communicate and track the impact of research projects delivered through the Centre;
- Eligibility to apply for Strategic Research Development funds for research development activities (including pilot projects, research assistance, conferences, engagement events, etc.);
- External funding is counted by the members' School/Institute and the Centre;
- Authorisation to use the Centre's name in applications for competitive grant schemes.

MEMBERSHIP

criteria

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Academic staff researchers, students (undergraduate and postgraduate) from Western Sydney University, and Industry partners are eligible to be members of the Young and Resilient Research Centre provided they can demonstrate they meet the following membership principles, and have formal approval from their Dean/Director, and final approval from the Co-Directors.

Core Members

Core membership is available to WSU researchers who have:

- Demonstrated commitment to engaged research;
- Track record of research outputs and income;
- Demonstrated commitment to cross-sector and interdisciplinary research;
- Alignment with the vision of the Centre.
- Contribute to the eligibility criteria of a School-Based Fellow

All core members including: school-based fellows, stream leaders, and general members are *to enhance the reputation and contribute to the Centre's performance targets including increasing external grant income, increased and meaningful partnerships, HDR supervision and high quality publications.*

School-based Fellows

School-based fellows are appointed at 0.5FTE per year for a two year period. Appointment of fellows is subject to agreement with the relevant Dean/Head of School.

Fellows will negotiate their program of work with the Centre Directors and will be expected to aim for the following:

- Submission of category 1 - 3 grants;
- Generate new partnerships and external funding with a focus on community, government and industry relationships ;
- Contribute to the engagement agenda of the Centre including engaging young people in participatory research, working with Industry partners, and producing Industry reports;
- Collaborate in research and share knowledge, expertise and advice with other Y&R members;
- Attend Y&R events and meetings;
- Acknowledge the Centre on publications and other research outputs.

Stream leaders

Stream leaders are appointed at 0.25 FTE for a two-year period and extended for a two-year period subject to approval by the relevant Dean. Each of the four streams will have two co-leaders, the overarching Intergener8 Living Lab will also have two co-leaders.

- Lead the design and delivery of their respective research program agenda;
- Work cooperatively with project CIs within their Program to promote successful delivery of projects, outputs and new funding associated with the stream;
- Promote cooperation, collaboration and a commitment to youth engagement, excellence in research, engagement with constituents of the research and innovative use of technologies;
- Strategically support industry partnerships and broker research-related opportunities;
- Ensure their respective Research Program contributes to meeting the Centre's engagement agenda;
- Convene Research Program meetings and attend Y&R events and meetings on a regular basis.

General members

General Members are external to WSU and contribute to the success and culture of the Centre by:

- Collaborating with Y&R members on research projects;
- Contributing to research outputs such as reports and publications;
- Providing valuable Industry experience;
- Assisting in enhancing the research profile and reputation of the Centre.

Associate Members

Associate membership is available to researchers based externally to WSU who may be involved in the Centre's activities such as research projects, co-authoring publications or shared supervision of HDR students, but whose primary research program and outputs are not integral to the delivery of the Centre's strategic plan.

Associate members are different to Adjunct members who have official status with WSU and hence have access to WSU resources.

Student Members

The Young and Resilient Research Centre welcomes both Undergraduate and Higher Degree Research students from all Institutes and Schools who wish to be members. Our student members are situated within the Institute for Culture and Society which offers extensive training opportunities and a vibrant research culture for HDR students.

Adjunct Members

Adjunct membership is a formal, honorary affiliation with the Centre and the University and is available to Researchers and Fellows who are not employed by WSU. Adjunct members have access to WSU resources. For further information on Adjunct membership please email youngandresilient@westernsydney.edu.au

MEMBERSHIP

expectations

- Co-create the research agenda of the Centre by undertaking imaginative, innovative and meaningful research aligned with one or more Research Streams;
- Collaborate in research as appropriate with other Centre members and share knowledge, expertise and advice with other members where required;
- Actively work to generate externally funded projects that align with the Centre's agenda;
- Publish research findings in high quality, scholarly venues and communicate results to project partners and the wider public;
- Promote the Centre's research and activities within professional networks and to the wider public through engagement activities and dissemination of research through the media and social media;
- Champion the Centre's research and activities through University networks such as Yammer and University research activities such as Research Week;
- Contribute actively and energetically to the research culture of the Centre;
- Actively participate in monthly Centre meetings; and
- Recognise the Centre within publications and other research outputs.



HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available at westernsydney.edu.au/young-and-resilient

Please email your completed application forms to youngandresilient@westernsydney.edu.au

INSTITUTE FOR CULTURE AND SOCIETY (ICS) MEMBERS

The Young and Resilient Research Centre encourages any members who wish to apply for ICS membership to email ics@westernsydney.edu.au

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