



Partnership Opportunities for Community Service Organisations

Who

The Western Sydney University School of Medicine (“Western SoM”) was established in 2007 to meet the shortage of medical workforce in the Greater Western Sydney and rural areas. We take students fresh from high school in a five-year medical curriculum culminating in a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

Why

Our School of Medicine is proudly community-engaged. We carry the mission to produce medical graduates who are grounded in the community and have an in-depth understanding of where the patients come from and where they go after receiving treatment. Our curriculum includes intensive community immersion where students learn the bigger picture of health and illness in the community.

What

We strongly believe in mutually beneficial partnerships with community service organisations. Opportunities for partnership include (but not limited to) the following:

- **Co-designing, co-delivering, co-assessing and co-evaluating our curriculum** to ensure its relevance and our students’ competence in meeting the health needs of the community.
- **One-off visits** from our students to get to know the organisation through partaking in incidental events e.g. awareness campaign, engagement with the general public, school visits.
- **Ten days of immersive student placements in a five-week period** to give our students a deeper understanding of services provided and how they could collaborate with the organisation as doctors. They could contribute to the organisation during their placement by completing a small project.
- **Small to medium one-year research projects** by our students for the organisation. These projects may lead to evidence-based improvements of service delivery, funding applications, brief journal articles, and/or conference presentations.
- **One-year service-learning projects** where our students work on specific issues pertinent to the organisation. The outcome of such projects could be analysis of routinely collected data, new educational resources, service evaluations, or models for innovation and improvement.
- **Health check-up and health education** for disadvantaged and vulnerable communities by our students and staff in collaboration with other health-related disciplines within Western Sydney University.
- **Joint application for community grants** where our staff could lend their expertise such as in evaluation research.

When

We are happy to hear from you at any time of the year. Please contact us:

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