



Partnership Opportunities for Individual Community Members

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 would like to invite individual community members to help us shape the doctors of the future through the following opportunities:

- Becoming a **community representative** in one of our Western SoM Governance Committees. You will bring the community voice into committee meetings and assist in determining the direction of Western SoM.
- **Interviewing student applicants** to our medical program. You will take part in selecting the best applicants to become our future doctors. Training and support will be provided.
- **Playing the part of a patient** in our clinical examinations. You will be given a fictional role to play in brief clinical examinations so that we could assess how well our students interact with patients. You can still participate if you do not have any medical condition. Training and support will be provided.
- **Contributing your ideas** for the education of our future doctors. You may have suggestions for areas of health-related teaching, learning or research that you believe is needed in the community. We are always looking for new community partner organisations in various sectors in health and community care and we would appreciate any suggestion you may have.
- **Spreading the word.** The wider we could engage with the community, the stronger our curriculum will be, and the better we could train our students. Please feel free to distribute this information to anybody you know who may be interested.

When

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

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