

Queensland Advancing Health Research 2026



FAQs

What is the Strategy?

Queensland Advancing Health 2026 sets out Queensland Health's approach for supporting the type of health and medical research that will ultimately lead to better health outcomes for Queenslanders.

The Strategy will be used to directly guide Queensland Health's research related actions and investment decisions over the coming decade.

It is also intended to provide the broader Queensland health and medical research community with a clear statement of government priorities to aid collaboration and co-operation across the sector.

Why was the Strategy developed?

Queensland Health's plan for the future - [My health. Queensland's future: Advancing health 2026](#) – has the goal that Queenslanders will be amongst the healthiest people in the world by 2026.

Health and medical research will play a critical role in meeting this goal as its discoveries lead to more effective and more efficient (better value) ways to prevent, diagnose and treat disease.

The importance of health and medical research was recognised in Direction 4 – Pursing Innovation of *My health, Queensland's future: Advancing Health 2026*.

While better health outcomes are the main reason for developing the strategy, there is also potential to translate new discoveries into commercial opportunities, economic growth and jobs.

What are the objectives of the Strategy and how will they be achieved?

The overall goal or vision behind this strategy is “*Healthier Queenslanders through research-informed healthcare*”. Or in other words, that Queenslanders’ health benefits from having access to the latest discoveries from research.

This goal will be achieved by reaching five objectives that target key health and medical research issues:

Objective 1 - Build our research leaders and research culture

Objective 2 - Boost transdisciplinary collaboration

Objective 3 - Prevent disease and create the healthcare of the future

Objective 4 - Translate research into better health outcomes

Objective 5 - Take our research and health services expertise to the world

Finally, each of these objectives has a set of specific actions to be undertaken. These are just the starting point and it is expected others will be added over the strategy’s lifetime.

The involvement and collaboration of all involved in the Queensland health and medical research community, including our hospital and health services (HHSs), universities, research institutes, industry partners, health consumers and others, will be needed to fully realise the strategy’s vision.

How was the Strategy developed?

The strategy development process was led by the Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office (HIIRO), Queensland Health. The Office reviewed similar strategies and relevant literature from across Australia and internationally to identify key themes and issues.

These were then tested and refined by targeted consultation with a range of Queensland research community stakeholders from within Queensland Health (including HHSs), universities, research institutes and other government departments.

There will be further consultation on the implementation of the strategy’s actions. Comments on the strategy are welcome to HIIRO@health.qld.gov.au.

How much has been budgeted for the Strategy?

Implementation of the strategy’s actions will be supported by a new funding allocation of \$10 million over four years, as outlined in the [2017-18 State budget](#).

This \$10 million allocation is in addition to other announced and ongoing Queensland Health funding for health and medical research and innovation, including \$25 million for the [Queensland Genomic Health Alliance](#) and \$35 million for the [Integrated Care Innovation Fund](#).

What are the expected outcomes of the Strategy?

Overall, a stronger Queensland health and medical research community making discoveries that are actively translated into better health outcomes and improved quality of life for Queenslanders.

Each of the strategy's objectives has its own specific expected outcome as follows:

1. A health system underpinned by a culture of research excellence and learning that attracts, develops and retains a world-class research workforce
2. A strong and connected research community focused on addressing the key health needs of our community
3. Health services and interventions built on new knowledge, technologies and processes offering more effective disease prevention, early intervention and personalised healthcare
4. Health and research system connections, processes and funding optimised to ensure new discoveries are translated and applied to deliver improved health outcomes
5. Queensland's health and medical research, innovation and service expertise are actively converted into economic growth and jobs