



Who we are

The Australian Centre for Integration of Oral Health (ACIOH) is the leading national research centre in integrated oral health care and translational research - a key focus of Australia's National Oral Health plan (2015-2024). ACIOH is a virtual centre led by Western Sydney University (WSU) in collaboration with partner universities, health services and professional organisations. WSU has a strong reputation in this area having co-established a successful interprofessional oral health research centre in 2015 (www.cohortaustralia.com).

ACIOH generates research for the Australian Network for the Integration of Oral Health (NIOH) which was established in 2017 as an independent group, connected through our mission to put the mouth back into the body and make oral health everyone's business. NIOH has over 120 members across universities, government agencies, not-for-profits, consumer groups, and industry within Australia.

ACIOH provides a national platform for individuals and organisations to collaborate on oral health research, generate evidence to inform policy and practice, and disseminate findings through NIOH. This approach ensures that research being undertaken is complementary and builds on existing work; and importantly avoids duplication and enhances research translation. The work being led by ACIOH/NIOH has been internationally recognised and endorsed by the World Health Organization as well as the National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health in the United States.

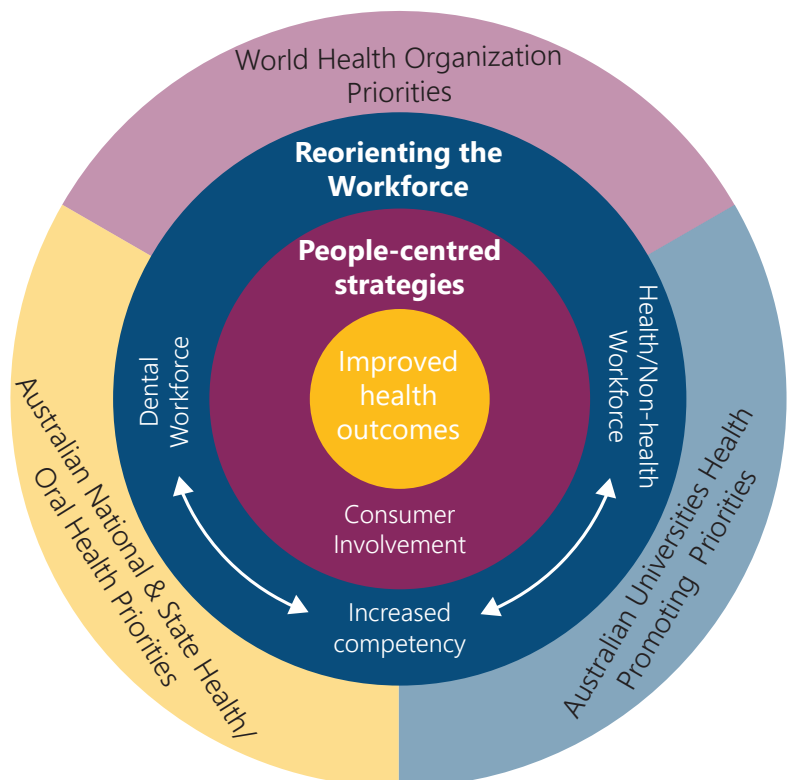
What we do

The core themes of ACIOH are:

- Building capacity and capability to reorient the workforce
- Developing people-centred strategies across the life course

ACIOH projects focus on developing and implementing evidence-informed, culturally appropriate strategies that improve clinical practice and patient outcomes, are cost-effective for healthcare services and influence policy change.

We work closely with consumers and stakeholders from conceptualisation to implementation to ensure long-term sustainability and scalability of the strategies. There is a strong focus on increasing community oral health awareness, and the competency of the workforce through the development of appropriate resources, continuing professional development programs and undergraduate training.



Track record

The ACIOH executive team have a strong research track record in publications, grants, conference presentations, awards as well as research translation and impact in integrated oral health.



Benefits of partnering with ACIOH

Health services

- Generate evidence to support research translation, guideline development and influence policy
- Collaborative projects with other clinical services to develop new models of oral health care
- Greater involvement of broader health workforce in oral health research
- Research/evaluation projects that are aligned with industry strategic plans and priorities
- Research projects to improve efficiency and delivery of public dental services
- Mentoring clinical staff to engage in quality improvement/research projects
- Support applications for Quality and State Health Awards
- Improved delivery of integrated oral health services
- Increased consumer engagement in research projects and driving integrated care initiatives
- Opportunities to work with mentors and experts nationally to develop research capacity and capability
- National and international recognition of the health service

Universities

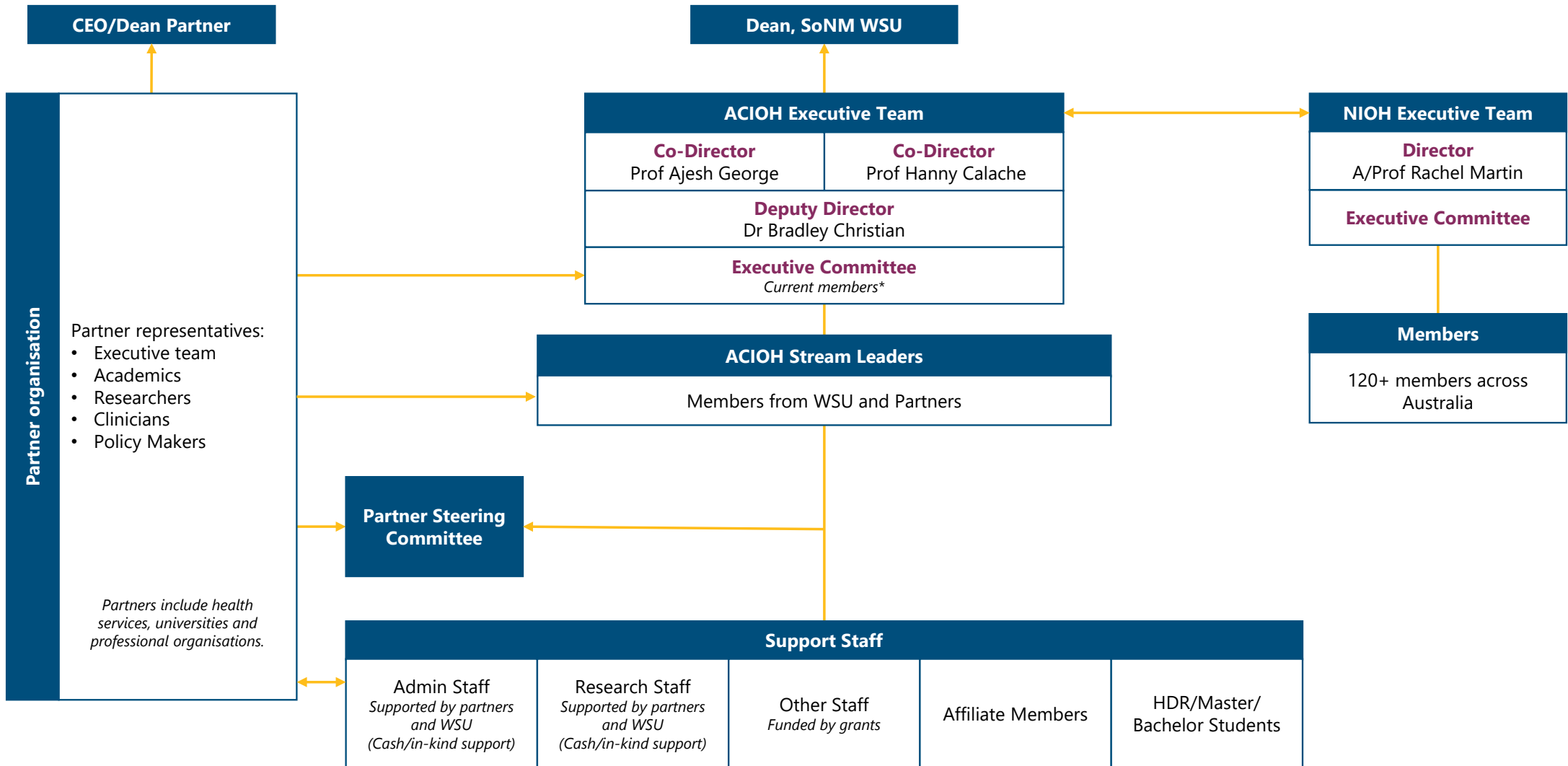
- Improve universities ranking in the next Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2023
- Opportunity for national and international collaborations
- Collaborating on competitive and industry research grants
- Attract and supervise higher degree and masters research students
- Focus on publishing in high quality publications (Q1)
- Increase citations, research translation and research impact
- Opportunity to disseminate research at diverse national and international conferences

Professional organisations

- Collaborate on CPD programs to enhance competency of clinicians and improve clinical care
- Opportunities to co-design and disseminate evidence based oral health resources for consumers

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Australian Centre for Integration of Oral Health (ACIOH): Governance Structure



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