

There is a critical need for women's health research

Inequities in health research

Health research is central to improvements in health outcomes. Research informs practices, policy and investment locally and globally. Yet women's health research has been drastically overlooked.

- Women and girls of reproductive age were excluded from clinical trials until the 1990s.
- Even when women were included, data on sex and gender has not been analyzed such that discoveries can be made where symptoms or treatment efficacy may differ.
- This results in misdiagnoses, minimized symptoms, poorly targeted treatment, and ultimately poorer health outcomes in women.
- Chronic underfunding for women's health research compounds this; women's health research is funded less often, for lower amounts and shorter terms. Women's health researchers are also underrepresented in publications, education, and academic opportunities.

Without funding or attention, women's health outcomes will continue to be in jeopardy.

Centring collaboration to improve women's health

Women's Health Research Cluster (WHRC)

The WHRC is determined to eliminate these inequities. We are a multidisciplinary, collaborative network of researchers and stakeholders with a mission to promote, expand, and catalyze impactful research on women's health.

We actively facilitate and catalyze women's health research on an international scale through our four pillars:

Research Facilitation

Enable researchers to do their best work by supporting them through all parts of the research cycle.

Capacity Development

Support the next generation of researchers and enhance the sustainability of women's health research.

Knowledge Translation

Foster interdisciplinary and public dialogue, imparting the power of research to improve health outcomes.

Advocacy

Uncover evidence and actively challenge inequities and biases affecting women's health.

WOMEN'S

Health Research Cluster

International
Multi-disciplinary
Accessible
Inclusive
Collaborative

We envision a future where women and girls can live equitably healthy lives across their lifespan



Our initiatives

Together with our members we...

Facilitate **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES** to enhance collaboration.



Convene **WORKING GROUPS** to support networking and idea-sharing in key areas of women's health.



Provide **GRANT FACILITATION** and award funding to help counteract the biases in health research funding.



Offer **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT** in best-practice methodologies, analyses, and knowledge translation to build capacity.



Provide **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** to expand trainee skill sets and provide work experience.



Develop innovative **DATA-SHARING** opportunities to facilitate research discoveries and collaboration.



Foster **PUBLIC DIALOGUE** through our podcast, blog and seminar series to expand the reach of research.



Host **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS** to a spectrum of stakeholders to raise awareness about women's health research issues.



Our impact last year

375
members

17
countries

41
events

\$3.2m
of grants
facilitated

29
blogs posts +
podcasts

20
trainees
working with
the WHRC

And our members produced more than*:

778 peer-reviewed publications.

187 conference presentations/abstracts.

26 book chapters.

52 white papers and policy briefs.

77 Media releases.

*Based on survey responses from a proportion of our members

We welcome you to join us

Fund the next generation of researchers through our **Student Awards**.

Sponsor impactful knowledge translation through our seminars, blog and podcast.

Collaborate with us on research initiatives through our working groups.

Follow the impact of our work and members through our social media accounts.

Partner with us on advocacy for improved research funding for women's health.

Sign up as a member of our collaborative community of international and multi-disciplinary stakeholders.

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