

## Why AHWI exists:

- Australia faces a health workforce crisis. The Australian Health Workforce Institute (AHWI) was established in December 2007 to find innovative solutions to the serious shortage of Health Workers both in Australia and Worldwide.
- AHWI is a joint venture between the University of Queensland and the University of Melbourne. The Institute draws on expertise from a wide range of national and international expertise. AHWI's head office is located at the University of Melbourne, Australia.



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## What AHWI does:

The core goal of AHWI is, by 2020, to deliver Australia Health Workforce Sustainability. AHWI does this by:

- Ensuring Maintenance of Health Workforce Data and Statistics;
- Mapping Future Health Systems;
- Developing Innovative and Flexible Education Models for the Future Health Workforce; and
- Working with Jurisdictions to Develop and Implement Health Workforce Policy.

## Priority Activities:

- **Research:** AHWI conducts research on health workforce issues - with a particular emphasis on healthcare in Australia and Asia - to inform government policy-making decisions. AHWI also sponsors conferences, seminars, and public discussions on workforce issues. Scholarship funding is available for high-calibre PhD research projects in the following areas: financial incentives for health workforce redesign; indigenous health workforce; expansion of the scope of health professionals.
- **Policy development:** AHWI plans to provide national and international leadership on important questions on health workforce policy. It promotes informed public debate through the publication of journal articles and articles in the mainstream media.

