

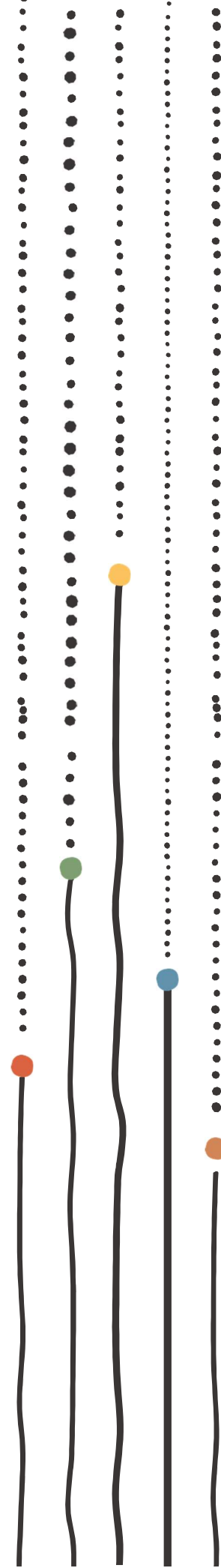
Knowledge and Research Policy Statement

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Law of Obligation

We honour the many Goori Tribal Nations in whose territories we live and work.

We honour the legacy and the vision of those who paved the way and those who continue to guide us.

We honour our future generations by maintaining the vision with focused determination.

Purpose and scope

1. The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) auspices the IUIH Network Knowledge and Research Centre.
2. The Knowledge and Research Centre is responsible for overseeing all research on behalf of the IUIH Network.
3. The IUIH Network Knowledge and Research Governance Committee (a Sub Committee of the IUIH Network CEO Forum) is responsible for research governance across the Network, ensuring that research practices reflect the collective values and priorities of Our peoples and Communities.
4. This Policy Statement is the overarching policy, informing the IUIH Network Knowledge and Research Governance Framework (the Framework). It ensures all research and associated activities (referred to as “research” throughout the Framework) are consistent with our:
 - a. Obligations to Community;
 - b. Commitment to enacting and upholding The Ways Statement and Cultural Integrity Investment Framework;
 - c. Ethical, legal, and regulatory obligations; andthat research is conducted responsibly, ethically, and with integrity.
5. The Framework applies to everyone who conducts, assists with, or administrates research at or on behalf of the IUIH Network.
6. The Framework is underpinned by:
 - a. The Ways Statement and the Cultural Integrity Investment Framework;
 - b. The [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) (the Code for Responsible Research);
 - c. The [AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research](#); and
 - d. The [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#) (2025).
7. The Framework does not replace legislation or broader IUIH Network policies, procedures or guidance.
8. Additional policies, procedures and guidance addressing specific aspects of research sit beneath this Policy Statement and within the Framework.

Responsible and ethical research

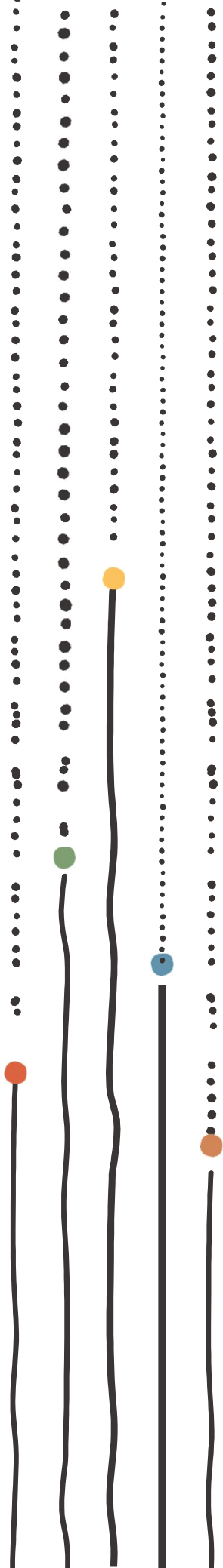
9. Research will be undertaken in a responsible and ethical manner complying with the [Code for Responsible Research](#) and other relevant obligations, applicable laws, regulations, mandatory standards, contractual obligations, and organisational policies and procedures.
10. All research across the IUIH Network must:
 - a. undergo full ethics review;
 - b. commence only after ethical approval has been granted;
 - c. commence only after Knowledge and Research Governance Committee authorisation (institutional authorisation) has been granted;

- d. be conducted in accordance with the ethical approval and institutional authorisation;
 - e. cease if ethical approval or institutional authorisation is suspended or withdrawn; and
 - f. be subject to monitoring.
11. All researchers must comply with the laws of the State and the Commonwealth, uphold the principles of responsible research, and fulfil their responsibilities as detailed in the [Code for Responsible Research](#).
 12. The IUIH Network will provide ongoing training and education that promotes and supports responsible research conduct for all researchers and those in other relevant roles.
 13. Research funding must be consistent with Our priorities, and all research funding applications and proposals require approval of the Knowledge and Research Governance Committee prior to submission.
 14. Research collaborations and partnerships with Propa and reciprocal partners are welcome subject to Our protocols and prior approval by the Knowledge and Research Governance Committee.
 15. The Knowledge and Research Governance Committee will identify and train Research Integrity Advisors.
 16. IUIH will have a timely and effective process for managing and investigating complaints about potential breaches of the Code for Responsible Research in accordance with The Ways Statement and the principles of procedural fairness.

Monitoring and review

17. The Director, IUIH Network Knowledge and Research Centre is responsible for monitoring and review of the Framework including this Policy Statement at least annually.
 - a. Minor amendments such as updating role titles, document names, references, and similar changes do not require endorsement or approval by the Knowledge and Research Governance Committee or the IUIH Board.
 - b. Substantive changes must be endorsed by the Knowledge and Research Governance Committee and approved by the IUIH Board.
 - c. Updated versions will be made available on our websites and in our internal quality management system.
18. This Policy Statement was last updated on 11/03/2026.

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