

# Jawun Research Institute Annual Report 2024-2025

## Executive Summary

The Jawun Research Institute, formerly the Jawun Research Centre under the leadership of co-directors Professor Adrian Miller and Professor Janya McCalman, was approved as an Institute in January 2025 in accordance with CQUniversity Centre/Institute Policy. Professor Yvonne Cadet-James was appointed Director of the Jawun Research Institute in May of 2025. This report reflects the work undertaken by the Jawun Research Centre up until 30 December 2024 and that of the Jawun Research Institute from 1 January 2025 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The Jawun Research Institute is located on the lands of Traditional Custodians, primarily of the lands of the Gimuy Walabara Yidinji and Yirrkanydji people of Cairns, Bindal and Wulgurukaba people of Townsville, Darambal people of Rockhampton and Turbal, Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people of Brisbane. We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of these and other lands on which we work and learn. We pay respect to the First Nations Peoples and their Elders, past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of First Nations Australians. First Nations Peoples are also respectfully referred to in this report as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Indigenous Australians.

The metaphor of a *Jawun* refers to a Dyrbal word, used by the Jirrbal people of north Queensland, meaning a bi-cornial woven dillybag or basket. A *jawun* represents knowledge held, reclaimed, expanded and passed down through time from generation to generation. Similarly, research staff, affiliated members and higher degree research students of the Jawun Research Institute weave, carry and translate knowledge to support the self determination of First Nations Australians.

The Jawun Research Institute conducts high impact applied research to support First Nations communities and organisations to improve community wellbeing through Indigenous self-determination. Social justice principles of Indigenous sovereignty, engagement, leadership, priority setting, and nation building underpin Jawun Research Institutes' management. The Jawun Research Institute sits within the Office of the Vice President - Research, in CQUniversity. This year saw the continued growth of the Jawun Research Institute, comprised of seven research clusters:



1. **Jingay** (*telling each other something important*): Health service implementation science (led by Principal Research Fellow, Greg Pratt)
2. **Guwal** (*everyday Dyirbal language*): Language, culture and wellbeing (Professorial Research Fellow Alexandra Aikhenvald and Professor Adrian Miller)
3. **Guyji** (*determined to do a certain thing*): Engagement partnerships and community resilience (Principal Research Fellow Kylie Radel, Rockhampton)
4. **Yungura** (*leaning*): Collaborative research for systems reform (Professorial Research Fellow Janya McCalman and Senior Research Fellow Vicki Saunders)
5. **Bambun** (*getting better, in good health, especially after illness*): Caring on Country, wellbeing and survivorship pathways (Professor Yvonne Cadet-James)
6. **Jumbal** (*showing something by holding it up*): Evidence-based Indigenous Pedagogies/ teaching and learning praxis (Associate Professor Gary Fry)
7. **Wabu** (*scrub – thick impenetrable vegetation, interlaced with vines and undergrowth*): First Nations biodiversity and application (Dr Mani Naiker)

The integration and expansion of the Jawun Research Institute was supported by our long term First Nations research partnerships. We wish to thank funders, particularly BHP and BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Medical Research Futures Fund (MRFF), Australian Research Council (ARC), Queensland Health and others. We also wish to thank our committed research partners, strongly committed research staff, research support staff, Jawun members and higher degree research students for their wisdom, questions, prompts, exploration and trust. Finally, we wish to thank members of the Jawun Management Committee for their guidance and support over the past year.

### Alignment with the University’s Strategic Plan:

The Jawun Research Institute is aligned with and contributes to the University’s *2024-2028 Strategic Plan ‘We Change Lives’* through our mutually beneficial partnerships with First Nations stakeholders and end-users, resulting in high-quality and innovative solutions to complex challenges. As per the University’s intent, our research has impact to support and drive positive change towards First Nations’ self-determination. Our researchers create knowledge for the benefit of First Nations communities and support the capacity strengthening of First Nations and non-Indigenous research staff, higher degree students and others.

To achieve this, consistent with the University’s approach:

- We create knowledge that delivers solutions in response to First Nations identified concerns and challenges. Our focus is on applied research that delivers positive impact.
- We conduct research that engages nationally and internationally with other research institutions, industry, government and community partners, with outcomes that deliver positive change in meeting the priority needs and aspirations of First Nations communities.
- We support the conduct of quality First Nations research across CQUniversity, such as through development and implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan First Nations Research Strategy.

- We enrich the RHD student experience, graduate outcomes and social impact through supporting the Jilbay Academy and supervising RHD students.
- We invest in First Nations talent through our recruitment strategy, by developing the skills of emerging researchers and by providing high-quality training for Research Higher Degree students.
- We support First Nations and non-Indigenous researchers by using our reach to share their stories of research achievement and impact, such as through our regular Jawun Seminar series (Appendix 2), lifting our profile as engaged research practitioners.
- We have an entrepreneurial approach to new knowledge and capitalise on opportunities to advance our Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property and that of our research partners.
- We grow and shape our research portfolio to enable opportunities for our students, staff and external partners to realise their needs and aspirations.
- We serve First Nations' organisations and communities.
- We prioritise the quality, integrity and impact of our research accomplishments.

### **The vision of Jawun Research Institute is:**

To contribute to First Nations People's self-determination through research.

### **The purpose of Jawun Research Institute is:**

To meet community priorities in health, well-being and the preservation of culture through social justice principles of Indigenous sovereignty, engagement and leadership.

Jawun Research Institute has adopted five strategic goals:

- 1) Nurture meaningful engagements and research partnerships with First Nations communities and organisations through improved communications.
- 2) Expand impact and reach by promoting our work to key stakeholders. Measure and report on the impact of our research using community-defined measures that serve to strengthen the evidence base for community wellbeing.
- 3) Enhance First Nations governance and leadership of Jawun Research Institute through continuous quality improvement and review of policies and practices, and by enhancing membership and employment opportunities.
- 4) Grow research capacity by increasing Jawun Research Institute's First Nations staff and supervising First Nations research candidates, and by continually improving the quality and cultural responsiveness of research practice.
- 5) Grow funding by increasing the number and value of First Nations led grant applications and encourage the appropriate use of First Nations research design methods in funding submissions.

### **Outputs/Outcomes**

The Jawun Research Institute (former Centre) generated:

- Total income of \$3,464,586.22 in 2024
- In 2024, publications: 67 publications and 11 other publications

### **Current activities being implemented in 2025 to continue growth/address shortfalls**

The current activities being implemented in 2025 continue to grow and address shortfalls in demand for community and industry responsive research projects that support systems change. As outlined in the Jawun Operational Plan, they include:

- Considerable growth of Jawun Research Institute in 2024/25 through grant income, research projects and staff employed, collaborations and impact. There are now 32 Jawun staff members (17 First Nations; 53%) including academics, professional staff and adjuncts (see Jawun Organisational Chart at appendix 1)
- Aligned with this growth, the organisational structure was revised creating seven discrete clusters of research

### **Opportunities/Challenges that are emerging or need to be addressed**

**Opportunities:** Aligned with the CQUniversity First Nations Research Strategy, the opportunities that are emerging and that need to be addressed, include:

- Increased strategic alliances with First Nations organisations to develop research that focuses on systems change to responds to First Nations community and industry identified research priorities;
- Responses to community-based organisations for long-term research partnerships and programs have resulted in productive grant applications;
- Grant funding e.g. 36 grants were received or current in 2024/25 (e.g. through ARC Indigenous Discovery, MRFF, and NHMRC) – these opportunities continue to arise;

- Enhancing First Nations employment and leadership and growth of First Nations-led research – there are skilled people available, but this opportunity requires resourcing;
- Reviewing the Jawun membership and the benefits that members receive from association with Jawun and improving forms of engagement and communication;
- CQU has volume in the new 45 Field of Research code. We are able to use the Field of Research (FOR) code 45 to identify the scope of research as a baseline for improvement, and the range of other FOR codes we work across.
- Enhancement of First Nations research capacity through employment strategies and supporting the Jilbay Academy. Capacity strengthening efforts are underway with extant Indigenous staff members (grow your own);
- Structural reorganisation of OIE and Jawun to streamline decision making and approvals; and
- The Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan set out a process for developing a First Nations Research Strategy for CQUniversity, which was developed in 2023, and is being implemented from 2024. Jawun also contributes to the development of the Stretch RAP to be submitted from December 2024.

### Challenges include:

- Clarity of alignment of Jawun research and HDR supervision with CQUniversity Schools and other Research Centres/Institutes;
- New rules around fixed term employment will have a critical impact on the ability of Jawun to recruit and retain research staff on fixed term contracts, particularly in the regions. Continuing employment is extremely risky given lack of secure funding.

### JAWUN RESEARCH INSTITUTE ORGANISATIONL STRUCTURE:

(see Appendix 1)

### Section 1: CENTRE / INSTITUTE ADJUNCTS AND MEMBERSHIP

There are three types of membership within the Jawun Research Institute - These are loosely based on the different types of relationships we seek with individuals and organisations that lie at the core of the Jawun aspiration (and criteria for success) - responsive, partnership based, and community led Indigenous research. Jawun membership is currently under review as it is being reconstructed under the Jawun Research Institute (previously the Jawun Research Centre):

Name	Membership	FTE contribution	Centre	School Division
Mimona Abdalla	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
A/Prof Ziyad Abunada	Associate	0.05		SE&T
Dr Mick Adams	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Ruth Barker	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Scott Beattie	Associate	0.05		SB&L
Dr Henry Boer	Full	0.8	JRI	Research Division
Jerry Buckland	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Amy-Louise Byrne	Associate	0.05		NMSS
Prof Yvonne Cadet-James	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Jan Cattoni	Full	0.2	CREATE	SE&A, CARTA
Carmen Daniels	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Francoise Daquin	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Joanne Dargusch	Associate	0.1	CREATE	SE&A
Robert (Bob) Dixon	Affiliate	Adjunct	JRI	Research Division
Thomas Doering	Full	0.2	JRI	IED
Chris Doran	Full	0.2	Appleton	HMAS
Michael Evans	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Ruth Fagan	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Dr Haylee Fox	Full	0.2	JRI	HMAS

Gary Fry	Full	0.2	JRI	IED
Stephen Haines	Associate	0.05		NMSS
Prof Rosita Henry	Associate	Adjunct		External
Dr Helen Hickson	Associate	0.1		NMSS
Christoph Holz	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Kushla Houkamau	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Ambi Jayal	Associate	0.05		SE&T
Joel Johnson	Affiliate	Student		HMAS
Jennifer Judd	Full	0.2		HMAS
Dr Sabitra Kaphle	Associate	0.1		HMAS
Caitlin King	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Dr Lisa Lole	Associate	0.05		HMAS
Haiping Long	Affiliate	Visiting Scholar		External
Melinda Mann	Full	0.2		IED
Prof Janya McCalman	Full	0.8	JRI	Research Division
Dr Alexandra McEwan	Associate	0.05		SB&L
Prof Adrian Miller	Full	0.2		IED
Vinnitta Mosby	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Lorraine Muller	Associate	0.05		NMSS
Mani Naiker	Associate	0.1		HMAS
Cassandra Nancarrow	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Dr Leigh-Ann Onnis	Full	0.6	JRI	Research Division
Prof Chia-Jung Pan	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Prof Jan Pascal	Full	0.2		External
A/Prof Linda Pfeiffer	Associate	0.1	CREATE	SE&A
Prof Greg Pratt	Full	0.8	JRI	Research Division
Robyn Preston	Associate	0.1		HMAS
Prof Kylie Radel	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Dr Julie-ann Rogers	Full	0.8	JRI	Research Division
Katrina Rutherford	Full	0.6	JRI	Research Division
Vicki Saunders	Full	0.6	JRI	Research division
Joann Schmider	Affiliate	Student		SB&L
Natasha Shepley	Associate	0.05		NMSS
Michelle Smith	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Madeline Stewart	Full	0.8		IED
Edwin Surijah	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
A/Prof Matthew Thomas	Associate	0.1		HMAS
Claire Thompson	Associate	0.05		HMAS
Alexandra Van Beek	Full	0.5	JRI	Research Division
Dr Craig Volker	Affiliate	Adjunct	JRI	Research Division
Dr Michael Walsh	Affiliate	Adjunct		External

Dr Pema Wangdi	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Roianne West	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Prof Eileen Willis	Associate	0.1		HMAS
Dr Michael Wood	Affiliate	Adjunct		External
Doug Harris	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Father Leslie Baird	Full	0.3	JRI	Research Division
Bettina Rosser	Affiliate	0.6		External
Llewellyn Saltner	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Layla Schrieber	Affiliate	1		External
Professor Komla Tsey	Full	0.3	JRI	Research Division
Dr Fiona Wirrer-George	Full	1	JRI/IED	Research Division
Dr Vicki Pascoe	Full	1	JRI	Research Division
Prof Alexandra (Sasha) Aikhenvald	Full	0.5	JRI	Research Division
Marijke Bassani	Full	1	JRI	Research Division

## Section 2: CENTRE/INSTITUTE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Jawun Research Institute (formerly Jawun Research Centre) is governed by a Management Committee, which was reconvened in February 2022 and met once during 2024. Terms of reference for the Committee is currently undergoing review in accordance with the change from a Centre to an Institute. The composition and membership of the Committee is also currently being reviewed in line with the requirements of the Institute:

The Management Committee membership of the former Centre was as follows:

Members	Association
Professor Adrian Miller	PVC Indigenous Engagement
Professor Grant Stanley	DVC Research, CQU
Professor Susan Kinnear	Dean, School of Graduate research, CQU
Professor Tania Signal	Deputy Dean Research, School of Health, Medical and Applied Science
Associate Professor Greg Pratt	Representative, Jawun
Dr Roianne West	First Nations research leader and community representative
Research CIRA	Secretary

### Frequency of meetings:

The Centre Management Committee met once in 2024; it is anticipated that the reviewed Institute Management Committee will meet once in 2025 and the four times a year in the future.

## Section 3: RESEARCH PERFORMANCE

### Jawun Research Institute Performance Data 2024-2025

**Total Research Income** (audited) for 2024 calendar year

- Category 1 Income: \$2,889,217.02
- Category 2 Income: \$568,458.12
- Category 3 Income: -

- Category 4 Income: \$6,911.08
- TOTAL: \$3,464,586.22

#### Current (2024/2025) research projects awarded

Fund source/s	Category	Title of Project	Grant Value	Name of Researcher/s
CRC for Developing Northern Australia	4	First Nations Genetic Healthcare	\$6,911.08	Gregory Pratt (PI)
National Health and Medical Research Council (GNT1170882 - NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence Grant)	1	STRengthening systems for InDigenous healthcare Equity (CRE-STRIDE)	\$142,813.97 (to CQU)	Janya Mccalman (CI)
Commonwealth Government of Australia, Department of Health	1	Reducing the impact of chronic hepatitis B (CHB) in seasonal workers working in regional Queensland (4-H3C9CYJ) (4-H3C9CZ2)	\$119,499 (to CQU) (total grant \$433,996)	Janya McCalman (CI), Adrian Miller (CI), Chris Doran (CI), Robyn Preston (CI), Geraldine Vaughan (CI), Catherine O'Mullan (CI), et al.
National Health and Medical Research Council - 2022 MRFF Genomics Health Futures Mission	1	2024837 - Integrated Genetic HealthCare: Improving Access to Quality Genetic Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients (IGHC Pilot)	\$210,926.79 (to CQU) (total grant \$1.98M)	Gregory Pratt (PI), Julie Ann Rogers (CI)
National Health and Medical Research Council - NHMRC Ideas Grants 2021	1	2011912 - Communication training for mental health professionals: developing cultural sensitivity and capability to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people mental health outcomes (Comms 4 Mental Health)	\$1,312,111.53 (to CQU) (total grant \$2.8M)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
National Health and Medical Research Council - 2021 NHMRC TRC Improving health of people with intellectual disability through University of New South Wales	1	2015753 - GeneEQUAL: equitable and accessible genomic healthcare for people with intellectual disability	\$70,000 (to CQU) (total grant \$1.5M)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
MRFF Mental Health Pharmacogenomics Grant Opportunity 2019 through QIMR	1	1200644 - Australian Pharmacogenomics Diversity Project: Examining the evidence and improving the performance of pharmacogenomics in the Australian context (PGx)	\$143,192.8 (to CQU) (total grant \$1.3M)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
2020 MRFF - EPCDRI - Improving Diagnosis in Cancers with Low Survival Rates through Flinders University	1	2007652 - Shining Light into the "Unknown" on Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians with Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)	\$18,672 (to CQU) (total grant \$2.4M)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
Queensland Health	2	Evaluation of the TORCH Project (CaTHC) (Torres and Cape Regional Commissioning for Health)	\$273,884.15	Janya Mccalman (PI), Christopher Doran (CI), Ruth Fagan (CI), Adrian Miller (CI), Henry Boer (CI)

Australian Government - Department of Health and Aged Care - MRFF 2023 Early to Mid-Career Researchers Grant	1	Working together: A collective impact approach to achieve the priority reforms underpinning Closing the Gap targets (MRF2031751)	\$694,834.3 (to CQU) (total grant \$4,988,655)	J McCalman (PI), A Miller (CI), V Saunders (CI), L Onnis (CI), H Boer (CI), et al.
2021 MRFF Genomics Health Futures Mission Streams 3 - 5 through The Australian National University	1	Pathways to benefit for Indigenous Australians in Genomic Medicine (MRF2016124) (ALIGN)	\$326,708.0298 (to CQU) (total grant \$5M)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
Bioplatforms Australia (Industry contribution)	2	Pathways to benefit for Indigenous Australians in Genomic Medicine (MRF2016124) (ALIGN)	\$44,573.9702	Gregory Pratt (PI)
Australian Government - Department of Health and Aged Care - MRFF Indigenous Health Research Fund - 2022 Indigenous Health Research THROUGH Flinders University	1	2024966 - Optimizing screening and surveillance models of care for liver disease in remote Indigenous Australian communities (Screening Liver Disease)	\$19,142 (to CQU) (total grant \$2.9M)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
Queensland Health	2	Amplifying the voices of First Nations people in research to support equitable access to health research and healthcare	\$250,000	Gregory Pratt (PI)
MRFF 2022 Indigenous Health Research Fund - 2022 Indigenous Health Research - Stream 2 THRU University of Sydney	1	Connecting our Way: Improving the Well Being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 5-12 years (MRF2026086)	\$28,711.5	Tessa Benveniste (PI), Vicki-Lea Saunders (CI)
BHP/BMA Philanthropic funding	3	Developing and implementing access to tertiary education for residents of discrete Indigenous communities: Creating spaces for Self-determination, Sovereignty & Sustainability	\$828,333 (to CQU)	Kylie Radel (PI) Katrina Rutherford (CI)
BHP/BMA Philanthropic funding	3	First Nations Perspectives on Empowering Community Engagement: Developing a framework to support Central Queensland communities' nation building for effective self-governance	\$828,333 (to CQU)	Kylie Radel (PI Mr Doug Noel Harris (CI); Traditional owners (Cis): (Aunty) Michelle Grace Leisha, (Uncle) Milton Lawton, (Uncle) Steve Kemp, (Aunty) Deb Clark, Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation (RNTBC)
BHP/BMA Philanthropic funding	3	Understanding the social, cultural, and economic impacts of donor / philanthropic scholarships on higher education students	\$828,333 (to CQU)	Kylie Radel (CI) Vicki Adele Pascoe (CI) Natasha Lamb (AI)

National Health and Medical Research Council	1	Respecting the Gift: Empowering Indigenous Communities in Genomic Medicine (CONNECT)	\$500,000 (to CQU) (total grant \$5M)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
National Health and Medical Research Council Ideas Grants 2021 through University of Queensland	1	Advancing Equitable and non-discriminatory Access to health Services for First Nations Peoples: A multidisciplinary Queensland Human Rights Act case study - Project 37	\$8,296.35 (to CQU) (total grant \$930K)	Gregory Pratt (PI)
National Health and Medical Research Council	1	Our Collaborations in Health Research OCHRE	\$0 to CQU (total grant \$10M)	Gregory Pratt (PI), Y-Cadet James (CI)
Contract Research	3?	Community Champions (Lead)	\$115,000	Gregory Pratt (PI)
Movember via University of Canberra: SIIP Advisory Committee (Contract Research)	3	Global Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Framework for Movember's Indigenous Social and Emotional Wellbeing Portfolio	\$50,000	Janya McCalman, (PII) Gregory Pratt (CI)
MRFF	1	Diagnosis for All	\$875,000	Gregory Pratt (PI)
ARC DP; additional funding through JGU Mainz,	1	The integration of language and society	\$0 to CQU (total grant \$500,000)	Alexandra Aikhenvald (PI), Robert Dixon (CI), Nerida Jarkey (CI) (USyd)
First Languages Australia, original funding		The Dyirbal language of North Queensland: documentation and maintenance	\$15,000	Adrian Miller (PI), Robert Dixon (CI), Alexandra Aikhenvald (CI)
Endangered languages fund, ELD (Cambridge UP)		Documentation and maintenance of the languages of the Sepik Province of PNG	\$0 to CQU (total grant \$100,000)	Alexandra Aikhenvald (PI), Robert Dixon (CI), jointly with Dr Wojtylak et al (Cis).
ARC DP	1	Indigenous language loss among PNG's young people: scope and ramifications	\$0 to CQU (total grant \$550,000)	Hannah Sarvasy (PI), Alexandra Aikhenvald (CI), V. Novotny (PI), A. Kik (PI)
ARC Discovery Indigenous GNT IN250100468.	1	Dandighu Yimbana: Listening on Country for social and emotional wellbeing.	\$867,741	Vicki Saunder (PI), Janya McCalman (CI), Jan Cattoni (CI).
Philanthropic funding	3	Family Wellbeing Research Partnerships	\$680,879 (to CQU) (total grant \$1.711m)	Komla Tsey (PI), Lesley Baird (CI), Yvonne Cadet-James (CI), Janya McCalman (CI)
NHMRC	1	STAUNCH Research project	\$460,000 (to CQU) (total grant \$2.5M)	Vicki Saunders (CI), Adrian Miller (CI),
MRFF	1	Achieving true representation of Indigenous people in nursing and midwifery	\$67,050 (to CQU) (total grant \$2,167,291)	Vicki Saunders (PI)

CRC Developing Northern Australia	4	Great Northern Spices (A.2.2122016)	(total grant \$2.125M)	Mani Naiker (PI)
Advance Queensland Industry Research Fellowships 2021; Meat & Livestock Australia Donor Company MLA-DC	2	New methane mitigation technology to increase Queensland's beef industry sustainability (AQIRF169-2021RD4) Exploring methane inhibitors supplemented through water to increase beef industry sustainability (MLA-MDC: P.PSH.1378)	(total grant \$1.508M)	Mani Naiker (PI)
CRC Developing Northern Australia 2020/21 Funding Call; Peanut Company of Australia Pty Ltd (PCA)	3	Grain and Graze: Dual Purpose Peanuts for Northern Australia (A.2.2021083)	(total grant \$1.17M)	Mani Naiker (PI)
Orica Australia Pty Ltd	3	Green Pathway Development for Sustainable Hydrogen Cyanide Technical Viability Study	(total grant \$160,000)	Mani Naiker (PI)

There has been a consistently strong performance in funding success in over the last five years following the initial establishment of the former Centre for Indigenous Health Equity Research (CIHER) in 2017 progressing to the Jawun Research Centre in 2020. And in 2025, the Jawun Research Institute exceeding the research performance threshold for a research institute.

Jawun Research Centre /Institute	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	222,292.82	1,278,565.36	784,370.86	864,560.53	1,399,748	3,464,586

#### Total Publications for 2024

HERDC/Annual Publication Collection and ERA Eligible		
Publication Type	HERDC/Annual Collection Eligible	ERA Eligible
A1 Books	0	0
B1 Book Chapters	6	6
C1 Journal articles	58	59
E1 Conference Papers	0	0
Reports	0	2
NTRO	0	0

All Other Publications			
Publication Type	Declined	Not Nominated	Still Under Review
A2 Books Other	1	0	0
B2 Book Chapters Other	0	0	0
C2 Journal Article Other	0	0	0
E2 Conference Papers Other	1	0	0
Other	7	3	1

## STRATEGIES AND CHALLENGES IN ACHIEVING RESEARCH PERFORMANCE

### Engagement

Jawun has a strong reputation for establishing and maintaining long term relationship with industry and community partners with a commitment to working with partners to bring about transformative change. Our partners appreciate our collaborative and participatory approach to research within a self-determination framework which places them at the centre of the research based on their priorities, needs and community focused solutions.

### Developing research capabilities and skills

Modelled as a community of practice and a collaborative research network, there are several ways that engagement occurs within the Jawun Research Institute and the different forms of membership that these relationships represent:

#### 1. Within CQU with:

- HDR students and their supervisors
- Staff – teaching and research
- Schools – research support/committees

Jawun staff provide supervision support to First Nations and non-Indigenous HDR students across the CQU schools HMAS, NMSS, SEA, and SBL. Jawun staff support supervisors from these schools in the supervision of First Nations students and non-Indigenous students studying First Nations issues.

Jawun staff also support teaching and research staff from other CQU schools, research centres and institutes in developing grant applications, contributing to Jawun grant applications, delivering projects and drafting papers. Examples include:

- Leadership and development of a MRFF targeted call for Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care research (\$5mill) with research and teaching staff from HMAS and NMSS.
- Successful grant application to ARC Discovery Indigenous scheme with researcher/teacher from SEA.
- Support and guidance to staff in the School of Business and Law in the development of a CQU Internal Grant.
- Guidance to staff, Appleton Institute & School of Health, Medical and Applied Sciences regarding First Nations participation in health literacy research
- Guidance to staff, School of Engineering and Technology regarding First Nations Fire Management and Technology
- Engagement with HMAS staff regarding research topics for post graduate students and delivery of a research seminar on First Nations research protocols, principles and practices

The development of the First Nations Research Strategy under the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan has prompted great collaboration between the Jawun Research Institute and CQU Schools and other research centres and institutes.

#### 2. External to CQU

- Industry/commercial
- First Nations community partners, individual and organisational
- Non-Indigenous community partners, individual and organisational

Jawun researchers have engaged with industry partners such as BHP and BMA to conduct research with commercial potential. An example is the development and delivery of a micro credential course based on the development of the First Nations Community Engagement Guide (PDC115414: A Guide to First Nations Community Engagement at CQUniversity) which is now live.

Jawun staff members continued to engage with Indigenous community partners such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health and Youth Services (e.g. Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service, Wugu Nyambil Employment Agency, Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG), Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Cape and Torres Health Commissioning (CATHC) Ltd), and leadership groups (e.g. the Yarrabah leaders' Forum, Woorabinda Leaders' Forum, Gunawuna Jungai Ltd) through long-term research relationships. Networks were maintained and enhanced through memberships of Centres of Research Excellence (e.g. STRIDE and new collaborative consortium, STAUNCH) and organisational membership of research organisations such as the Lowitja Institute, AIATSIS and NHMRC funded project, Our Collaborations in Health Research (OCHRE) National Network. New partnerships were also forged with community organisations (e.g. Dyirrbal corporation, Jabu Mugay Yarrabah Leaders' Consortium and Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation).

Non-Indigenous community partners include service providers that serve First Nations communities. Examples include government departments such as the Commonwealth Department of Health, QLD Health, and Education QLD, as well as philanthropic organisations. Partnerships with universities included with those as diverse as Australian National University, University of Canberra, Hunter Medical Research Institute and Menzies School of Health Research.

### 3. International engagement

Examples of our scholarly international engagement are:

- Visiting Fellowships by Chia Jung Pan and Chantal Viscogliosi
- Inclusion of CIs in grant applications including ARC Discovery Indigenous grant (Aotearoa, Canada); MRFF Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care (USA).
- Providing consultancy and teaching materials for a Movember monitoring and evaluation framework (with partners from Canada, USA and Aotearoa)
- Numerous editorial activities, including editorial duties for special editions of BMC Health Services Research, in addition to memberships in numerous editorial boards
- Presenting numerous international plenary addresses (e.g. in Canada, USA, Aotearoa)
- Serving as scholarly referees for a variety of journals and grant-giving agencies (including Aotearoa New Zealand, NSF, ESF, Czech Science foundation, Hong Kong Science Foundation).

A core engagement activity of Jawun that crosses over internal, external, and international engagement is our Jawun seminar series (Appendix 2), established in 2021 (see <https://www.cqu.edu.au/research/organisations/jawun-research-centre/about-us>).

The series runs in mixed mode and has been attracting a wide variety of scholars and community representatives, including First Nations and immigrant communities (including Papua New Guinea). At present, Jawun Research Institute is the hub for interrelated workshop and seminar series, within the multidisciplinary forum 'Communication, health, and social and cultural well-being'. Each deals with various facets of First Nations research methods, practice and ethics, through establishing new partnership and expanding the existing ones, and enhancing collaboration world-wide.

The core Jawun Seminar and Workshop subseries (run by Professor Aikhenvald in collaboration with Prof R M W Dixon) meets regularly every first Wednesday of each month (face-to-face in Cairns and via zoom) and on additional dates if required.

The focus of the subseries is on First Nations research methods and practice, and sharing knowledge in various multidisciplinary domains, across the world (nationally and internationally). The Jawun multidisciplinary series continuously attracts a wide audience (especially via zoom).

A further subseries, CLASS (Cairns Linguistics and Anthropology Seminar series) focuses on First Nations research practices, Indigenous knowledge, colonial histories in a broad international context. The series is run by Professor Aikhenvald jointly with Professor Rosita Henry (CQU Jawun/JCU). The seminar series is usually scheduled on Thursdays, 4 – 5.30pm.

The third subseries, The Cairns Research Think-tank (CRITTERS), focuses on First Nations research practices and research in general, with a view of attaining a wider audience and expanding cross-CQU and national engagement. The series is run by Professor Aikhenvald jointly with Dr Darren Walker. This subseries is currently being revitalised in 2025. The seminars and workshops presented July 2024 – June 2025 can be found in Appendix 2.

## Impact

Outcomes of our research have included:

- **The creation of new knowledge that delivers solutions to meet community priorities.** Jawun research is focussed on adding value to the work of community and other organisations to progress First Nations agendas. Examples include the evaluation of the establishment of the Torres and Cape Health Commissioning fund as a new way of distributing pooled funded through community control to Cape York and Torres Strait Islander healthcare services; and the place-based co-design project with Cairns and Yarrabah health and youth services to identify needed systems changes in child and youth wellbeing services and evaluate priority interventions. Our collaboration with national and international First Nations communities also focuses on language maintenance and well-being.
- **New engagement with other research institutions, industry, government and community partners,** with outcomes that deliver positive change; for example, our new partnerships with the Yarrabah Leaders Forum, Woorabinda Leaders Forum, Gunawuna Jungai Ltd and DIYDG to co-design, implement and evaluate strategies to advance progress against the four reforms that underpin the Closing the Gap strategy (MRFF Working Together – now called SPARC - project).

- **An enriched student experience, graduate outcomes and social impact** by using our research to inform and influence our learning, teaching and training practices. 2 HDR students have graduated from the Jilbay Academy. There are now 18 First Nations RHD students being supported by the Jilbay Academy, many of whom are supervised by Jawun staff, with a further 10 non-Indigenous RHD students being supervised by Jawun Research Members to complete relevant research and contributing to international supervisory research panels, thus expanding the research potential and impact, in addition to participation in RHD Research Intensive courses and presentations.
- **First Nations’ Research Capacity Strengthening** through recruitment, employment and skills development of 17 First Nations researchers as emerging research leaders.
- **Sharing stories of research achievement and impact**, lifting our profile as engaged research practitioners. For example, through publications and presentations at conferences and forums and through the Jawun Research Institute Seminar Series (described above).

### Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals

Jawun aligns particularly closely with the UN Sustainability goals: No poverty (SDG 1), Good health and well-being (SDG 3), Quality education (SDG 4), Decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), reduced inequalities (SDG 10); Sustainable cities and communities (SDG11), Climate action (SDG 13), Peace Justice and strong institutions (SDG 16), and Partnerships for the goals (SDG 17).

Outcomes from the research include:

- SDGs 1,8, 10 and 11: Partnerships with the leadership groups of three of the ten most disadvantage communities in Queensland (Yarrabah, Woorabinda, Doomadgee) to address the political determinants of their health (MRFF Working Together (now called SPARC) project);
- SDG 3: Evaluated the establishment of a funds pooled community-controlled health commissioning model for the Torres Strait and Cape York.
- SDG4: Established partnerships with Yarrabah to examine the perspectives and preferences of discrete First Nations communities for pathways for accessing tertiary education within or external to community. Supervision and support of First Nations HDR students through the Jilbay Academy.
- SDG8: Research in First Nations Nation Building; Working with organisations and communities to strengthen self governance systems for growth in and control of economic development (NHMRC STAUNCH project)
- SDG 13: Research in disaster management has explored the policies of Discrete First Nations community councils regarding extreme weather, pandemic and other disasters, with recommendations for co-design of improved policies.
- SDG 16 and 17: All Jawun research works towards supporting the self determination of First Nations peoples through research.
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### Alignment with CQUniversity First Nations Research Strategy (2023-2028) and CQUniversity Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) (April 2025 - March 2028)

The Jawun Research Institute contributed to the development of the First Nations Research Strategy, a key initiative of the CQU Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan. The five goals of the Jawun Research Institute are highlighted within the report and our Jawun Institute strategies and operations are closely aligned with that strategy.

#### Progress against current Centre/Institute Strategic Plan

Initiative Title and Goal	Measure	Time Frame		Responsibility	Success Barrier	Progress by 30 June 2025
		Start Date	End Date			
Develop research	Support the Jilbay RHD Academy model through supervision and mentorship to support First Nations	1 July 2024	ongoing	Director and academic	Supervisory capacity of Jawun staff	Jawun researchers were working across 41 funded research projects in 2024/25. These provide

<p><b>capabilities and skills.</b></p> <p>Increase First Nations RHD completions; recruit First Nations researchers; and train and engage non-Indigenous researchers.</p>	RHD students to progress and complete their studies.			staff, Jawun		opportunity for collaborative higher degree study.
	Hold regular workshops and seminars in First Nations research methods, practice and ethics through partnerships and collaboration (Jawun Seminar Series).	1 July 2024	ongoing	Language, Culture and Wellbeing Hub leader	Jawun staff to nominate speakers	This strategy has been successfully actioned. At present, Jawun Research Institute is the hub for three interrelated workshop and seminar series; each deals with various facets of First Nations research methods, practice and ethics, through establishing new partnership and expanding the existing ones, and enhancing collaboration world-wide.
	Appoint First Nations academics to identified research positions and provide career progression opportunities through early, mid and leadership levels.	1 July 2024	ongoing	Jawun Director	Issues of cultural taxation as part of academic profiles to account for cultural brokerage role. Security of funding to offer First Nations staff dedicated career development employment, training and support opportunities (ECR, MCR and Research Leadership programs.)	High priority At 30 June 2025, Jawun employment had grown to 17 First Nations research staff, at all levels of academic progression. First Nations staff were encouraged and supported to participate in the CQU Research training (ECR and MCR) courses and supported to progress their track records through grant applications and publications.
<p><b>Expand income and scope.</b></p> <p>Take stock of current Jawun income and plan for sustainable growth</p>	Strategically invest in targeted funding opportunities for First Nations led and informed research projects.	1 July 2024	ongoing	Jawun Hub leaders; adjuncts	Staff capacity to lead additional grants; Research support from CQU Research Grants team	Jawun has undergone an intense growth period since 2022 – need to take stock and ensure sustainability.  New grant funding applications have been submitted, with successful applications as per Current Research Projects table above. There were also 2 unsuccessful grant applications to June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025.
<p><b>Increase partnerships and collaborations.</b></p> <p>Scope and develop new research partnerships with First</p>	Audit current partnerships/Jawun members/ stakeholder group including level of engagement and reason for partnership. Conduct a gap analysis.	1 July 2024	ongoing		Dedicated research Support	

Nations stakeholders. Develop agreements with First Nations stakeholders, and with government and industry on opportunities for First Nations research, innovation, and commercialisation.	Using a relational ontology, measure progress/ maturation of current and potential engagement over 12 months.					
<b>Translate quality and impact</b>  Translate research and innovation outputs to key stakeholders in community, government and industry.	Continually build Jawun's publication output of First Nations-led and informed research in high quality journals and Indigenous-read publications (dual publications strategy).	1 July 2024	ongoing	All Jawun staff and adjuncts	Focus on dual strategy	High priority improvement area
	Identify resources for coordination of outward facing Jawun communications using social media (visual stats and storytelling). This could be a cross-centre initiative with CREATE.	1 July 2024	ongoing	Jawun Director	Lack of dedicated resources	High priority. Jawun has just submitted an ARC Linkage with CREATE and will be the basis for ongoing collaboration including social media visual stats and storytelling Jawun is in process of updating its website
	Translate outcomes to practical outputs e.g. micro credentials, masterclasses, badging of training programs, conferences, social media (celebrate and promote what we are learning)	1 July 2024	ongoing	All Jawun staff		High priority improvement area
<b>Contribute to reform of CQU-wide governance and policy systems to foster an ethical and culturally empowering</b>	Advocate for establishment of a First Nations research leadership group	1 July 2024	ongoing	DVCIE, Jawun Director	Support of research Leaders Group	The launch of the First Nation Research Strategy in July 2024 has allowed for the need to establish this leadership group
	Develop a Jawun position statement about First Nations data sovereignty and Cultural and Intellectual Property.	1 July 2024	ongoing	DVCIE, Jawun Director	Resources for RAP Research Strategy implementation	This is part of the deliverable for First Nation Research Strategy and is scheduled in the strategy.

<b>research environment. Contribute to achievement of the CQU Indigenous Research Strategy (as a RAP deliverable).</b>													
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**Section 4: Issues / Additional Comments (for consideration by Research Committee)**

During 2024/25, the Jawun Research Institute further strengthened its critical mass to address large scale multi-disciplinary research questions related to First nations self-determination.

**Section 5: Proposed Expenditure for 2026 (budget allocation for Institutes is \$100,000; budget allocation for Centres is \$50,000)**

<b>Jawun Research Institute budget 2025-26 - Revenue \$100,000</b>													
item	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	total
Expenses													
Non Salary													
Advertising fees for research translation and promotion of events						600				600			1200
Bursaries/Scholarships/Prizes													
Consumables/materials including catering for Jawun research seminars and management committee/strat planning meetings	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	7200
Fees for welcome to country and other fees	500	500	1000	500	1100	500	500	1100	500	500	1100	500	8300
Internal Transfer Expenditure													
Minor Acquisitions for stationery and sundry supplies							2400			1200			3600
Non Staff Travel for management committee meetings and events						1500		5200			2400		9500
Other Overheads		400		400		400		400		400		400	2400
Publications/Collections	500		500			500		500		500		500	3000
Repairs & Maintenance		200			200				200				600
Services/Utility Costs													

Staff Development	4000			4000				4000			4000		16000
Staff Recruitment	4000						4000						8000
Staff Travel					5200				5400		11000		21600
Telecommunications for remote travel and staff mobile phone contracts	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	6600
Consultancies for editing/proofreading of grants and papers, graphic design, libraraian, strategic planning and curriculum development								6000		6000			12000
total													100,000

## Section 6: Future Plans

### Jawun Research Institute operational Plan 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027

Strategy category	Initiative Title and goal	Measure	Timeframe		Responsible Person/s	Success/Barrier
			Start date	End date		
<b>01 Develop research skills and capabilities of First Nations researchers.</b>  <b>Build skills and capabilities in First Nations-led and informed research.</b>  <b>Supervise and support current and future First Nations HDR students and graduates.</b>	Supervise and mentor First Nations HDR students and completions.	Support Jilbay activities, supervise and mentor Jilbay students.	07/2025	06/2028	Jawun Director and senior staff	Supervisory capacity of Jawun staff. Long term funding.
	Promote and supervise First Nations enrolments and completions in Graduate Certificate Research	Find opportunities to promote the Grad Cert in Research to First Nations students and provide content supervision.	07/2025	06/2028	All Jawun staff	Supervisory capacity of Jawun staff
	Support employment and skills/capability development of First Nations researchers, including adjunct staff	Pilot a model of traineeships through Jingay to "grow our own" research capacity through establishing research pathway programs for undergraduate and post-graduate First Nations students.  Find opportunities for research students to assist on research projects.	07/2025  07/2025	06/2028  01/2026  06/2026	Jingay Cluster Lead  Jawun Director  Jawun Director, with	Long term funding and supervisory capacity.

	<p>Support a business case for resources to develop a post-doctoral/ ECR program for Jilbay alumni and other First Nations staff of CQU.</p> <p>Support a business case for establishing a Grad Cert in Research in First Nations methodological studies, potentially with a NZ or Canadian university (co-tutelle).</p>	07/20 25	06/20 26	<p>Jilbay Academic lead</p> <p>Jawun Director, with Jilbay Academic lead</p>	
Appoint First Nations academics to identified research positions and provide career progression opportunities.	Continue to appoint First Nations academics to identified research positions and provide career progression opportunities through early, mid and leadership levels.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Jawun Director and cluster leads	Security of funding and cultural taxation.
Explore internal and external opportunities for internship, cadetships, exchange or industry placement programs for First Nations researchers.	Engage stakeholders to identify possible opportunities.	07/20 25	06/20 28	All Jawun staff	Balance of achieving deliverables with building research capacity/professional development.
Support Jawun staff to complete training as First Nations HDR supervisors.	Promote enrolment in UTS supervision course for First Nations HDR students	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director	Promoting the UTS course. Support from SGR.
Support staff to complete training in First Nations research practice.	Continue to hold regular workshops and seminars in First Nations research methods, practice and ethics through partnerships and collaboration (Jawun Seminar Series with a	07/20 25	06/20 28	Language, Culture and Wellbeing Cluster Lead	Jawun staff to nominate presenters

		special focus on First Nations across the world).				
<p>02 Translate quality and impact</p> <p>Grow research volume, quality and impact that delivers benefits to First Nations communities and wider society.</p> <p>Translate research outcomes into education, training and commercial products.</p>	<p>Translate research and innovation outputs to key stakeholders in community, government and industry.</p>	<p>Translate outcomes to practical outputs e.g. micro credentials, masterclasses, badging of training programs, conferences, social media (celebrate and promote what we are learning).</p>	07/2025	06/2028	Jawun Director, and Cluster leads	<p>Funding of research translation within scope of research projects.</p>
		<p>Identify resources for coordination of outward facing Jawun communications using social media (visual stats and storytelling).</p>	07/2025	01/2026	Jawun Director, Coordinator Research Administration This is a cross-centre initiative with CREATE.	
	<p>Increase publication outputs in First Nations research across recognised metrics.</p>	<p>Continually build Jawun’s publication output of First Nations-led and informed research in high quality journals and Indigenous-read publications (dual publications strategy).</p>	07/2025	06/2028	Jawun Director, Research Cluster Leads	<p>Focus on dual strategy</p>
		<p>Increase capacity for staff to write publications via Writing Retreats and other dedicated opportunities.</p>	07/2025	06/2028	Jawun Director	
	<p>Increase/maintain national and international rankings.</p>	<p>Use current projects to increase capacity of researchers through PD.</p>	07/2025	06/2028	Jawun Director, Research Cluster Leads	<p>Lack of dedicated resources</p>
<p>03 Expand income and governance.</p> <p>Increase percentage of First Nations</p>	<p>Increase research and commercialisation of products and services with First Nations co-partners.</p>	<p>Strategically invest in targeted grant funding opportunities for First Nations led and informed research projects.</p>	07/2025	06/2028	Jawun Director	

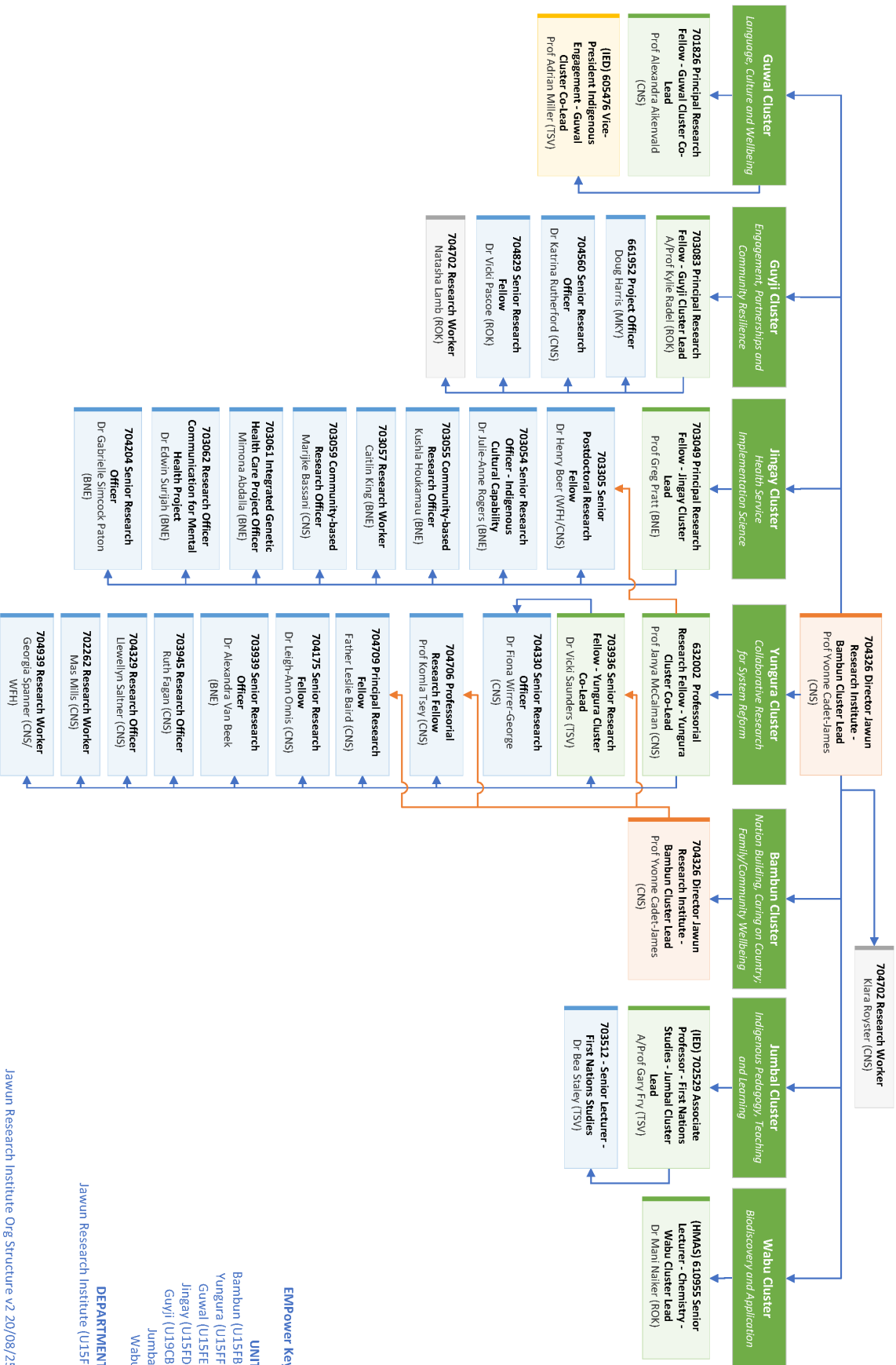
research income over the period.	Take stock of current Jawun income and plan for sustainable growth.	Revise heat map of current capacity and sustainability of Jawun staff, funding, partnerships	07/20 25	01/20 26	Jawun Director	Lack of dedicated resources
	Contribute to reform of CQU-wide governance and policy systems to foster an ethical and culturally empowering research environment.	Advocate for establishment of a First Nations research leadership group as a sub-committee of the CQU Research Leaders' group.	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director	Support of research leaders group
		Advocate for embedding position statement about First Nations data sovereignty and Cultural and Intellectual Property in an induction training program for research division staff and in research systems	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director	
	Contribute to achievement of the CQU Indigenous Research Strategy (as a RAP deliverable).	Contribute to development of an induction training program for staff in the CQU Research Division.	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director	Resources for Research Strategy implementation
		Develop a micro credential for research quality assurance in First Nations research based on the research readiness flow chart for use in funding/ethics applications (potentially Indigenous/ non-Indigenous versions).	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director	
		Advocate for a CQU requirement for submitting Indigenous-relevant grant applications as completion of the micro credential training course.	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director	

<p>04 Increase collaboration and projects.</p> <p>Partner and collaborate with First Nations organisations, and with government and industry, on new research initiatives.</p>	<p>Increase number of applications and total value (\$) in Category 1-3 research funding.</p>	<p>Develop a system to start grant applications early, thereby increasing capacity to apply, including meetings with stakeholders to see what opportunities there are for research contributions.</p>	07/20 25	06/20 26	Jawun Director, Coordinator Research Administration	Dedicated research support
	<p>Scope and develop new research partnerships with First Nations stakeholders.</p>	<p>Strengthen research partnerships through encouraging staff to undertake the newly developed OIE Industry Engagement micro-credential as part of research training and partnership development.</p>	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director, Research Cluster Leads	Dedicated research support
		<p>Audit current partnerships/Jawun members/ stakeholder group including level of engagement and reason for partnership. Conduct a gap analysis. Using a relational ontology, measure progress/ maturation of current and potential engagement over 12 months.</p>	07/20 25	01/20 26	Jawun Director, Coordinator Research Administration	
		<p>Develop new MOUs with First Nations partners for research.</p>	07/20 25	06/20 28	Jawun Director	
	<p>Develop agreements with First Nations stakeholders, and with government and industry, on opportunities for First Nations research, innovation, and</p>	<p>Develop a business case for a scholar in residence program</p>	07/20 25	01/20 26	Jawun Director	CQU MOU template, status of agreements.

	commercialisation.						
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**Appendix 1: Jawun Research Institute Organisational Structure**

# Jawun Research Institute Organisational Structure



**EMPower Key**

- UNIT**
- Bambun (U15FB)
- Yungura (U15FF)
- Guwail (U15FE)
- Jingay (U15FD)
- Guyji (U19CB)
- Jumbal
- Wabu

**DEPARTMENT**  
Jawun Research Institute (U15F)

Jawun Research Institute Org Structure v2 20/08/25

## Appendix 2: Jawun Multidisciplinary Research Seminar Series

Convenors: Prof A Y Aikhenvald, Prof R M W Dixon

Once a month; 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month (usually); 3 - 5 pm (face-to-face and via zoom)

### 2024

8 July 2024, Julie Rogers *'Cultural Wisdom: Reframing Research Through a BlaK Lens'*

28 August 2024, Gary Fry *'Indigeneity as a foundation for patterned Northern Territory remote Aboriginal student achievement within a stratified western education system'*

4 September 2024, Dr. Katrina Rutherford. *'Determining Self While Being Pushed, Pulled and Shaped at the Cultural Interface: The post schooling transitions of Cape York boarding school graduates'*

5 November 2024, Gregg Pratt. *'Implementation Science Evolved: Better Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research.'*

### 2025

19 February Dr Kasia I Wojtylak, University of Warsaw/CQU. *'Hidden Patterns: The Linguistic Landscape of Northwest Amazonia.'*

16 April Dr Fiona Wirrer-George *'First Nations Methodologies and Creative Practice - The Call of Lineage - A Living Epistemology.'*

7 May Joann Schmider *'Looking to advance Wet Tropics Rainforest Country Interests.'*

30 June Professor Haiping Long *'Clause-medial development and positional shifts of subjective adverbials.'*

9 July Professor Tim Carey *'Why Settle For Equity: What is health for?.'*

6 August Associate Professor Lisa Law (JCU). *'Culture and the arts as critical infrastructure in Northern Australia: an analysis of current policy.'*

13 August. Dr Jan Cattoniand team *'Future Stories: Co-creating virtual worlds with young people in hospital.'*

3 September. Professor Yvonne Cadet-James and Dr Janine Gertz. *'Gugu Badhun Nation-Building: Sovereignty, Self-Determination, and Self-Government.'*

## CAIRNS REGION INNOVATION THINK TANK FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND RESEARCH (CRITTER)

Convenors: Dr Lydia Mainey (now Dr Darren Walker), Prof A Aikhenvald

4-5.30 pm, face-to-face and via zoom

### 2024

21 August, Dr Miriam Ham *'Global Competence the key to good 'humaning''.*

### 2025

9 April, Dr Anja Pabel. *'From idea to publication: a practical guide on planning your first book'*

## CLASS (Cairns Linguistics and Anthropology Seminar series)

Convenors: Prof A Aikhenvald, Prof Rosita Henry

4-5.30 pm, face-to-face and via zoom

### 2024

19 September, Dr Bartolomew Dean (U of Kansas) *'Inner Voice & the End of the Future: language & memory in post-conflict Peruvian Amazonia'*