

Doherty Institute Community Partnership Program (CPP)

Would you like to support health and medical research?

The Doherty Institute has established the Community Partnership Program to bring lived experience and community perspectives to its important work of improving health outcomes. Community partners will function as a representative voice for people affected by or at increased risk of infectious diseases, immune-related disorders, or illness where immunotherapy plays a critical role, such as cancer.

Community partners and research groups will be paired and supported to develop long-term and collaborative partnerships. Community partners will help to shape and guide research projects, including study designs, grant applications, clinical trials and communicating research results back to communities. The Community Partnership Program will benefit health and research outcomes by providing a community perspective on the work of the Doherty Institute. This may include increasing mutual understanding, bringing community priorities into research considerations and improving relevance and communication of research.

Community partners will be reimbursed for their time and effort. Opportunities for development through training and seminars will be provided periodically.

The Community Partnership Program aims to represent the diversity found in the wider community and is recruiting diverse community partners with a mix of gender, age, disability, sexuality, geographical location, and ethnicity among other attributes.

Applicants from the following groups are strongly encouraged to apply:

- People who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- People who have experience living with cancer, HIV, viral hepatitis, long COVID or Tuberculosis
- People who have cared for someone with one of the above conditions.



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and The Royal Melbourne Hospital

If you want to be involved in the program, please complete the application form using the link below. Review of the application will consider your interests, experience and background. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.

Application form: [Microsoft form- Community Partner](#)

All applicants will be given the option to be added to the Doherty Institute Community Partner Registry and contacted when there is a suitable research group. All community partners on the registry will also receive regular communication about the Community Partnership Program, including short-term engagement opportunities and relevant research updates.

For more information, see the Terms of Reference.

Please reach out to Nell Ayers, Community Engagement Project Officer (nell.ayers@unimelb.edu.au) if you have any questions about the role or the Community Partnership Program.