

Membership commitment: What it means to be a member

We are delighted to have you join our community of clinician and academic researchers dedicated to undertaking impactful research with a nutrition focus. As a valued member of the Nutrition Research Collaborative, you bring with you a wealth of expertise and unique insights that will enhance our collective efforts.

As a Nutrition Research Collaborative member, we ask that you commit to the following:

- Being an active researcher (or working towards this)
- Actively contributing to ideas and research planning
- Pursuing these ideas within this group in the spirit of good faith, bringing in additional expertise as needed
- Enabling collaboration through existing partnerships
- Inviting and involving members of the collaborative where it meets the needs of the research project/ program
- Supporting the development of research by other members by providing peer review and methodological expertise
- Openly declaring conflicts of interest and other research partnerships to the group, including industry funding and partnerships (see next page)
- Acknowledging the Nutrition Research Collaborative in outputs that have been established through or conducted with support from the group and its members. This may include affiliation on papers
- Acting in accordance with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2018\)](#)
- Contributing to the evaluation of the impact of Nutrition Research Collaborative

We meet every second month as a group, with additional correspondence and project-specific meetings as needed. We welcome you to participate in these meetings as you are able.

We will invite you to our collaborative Teams page and include your profile on our website.

Conflict of interest disclosure

All Nutrition Research Collaborative members must disclose any financial or commercial interests they or their family members may hold. This includes actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest.

Please indicate details of any potential conflicts of interests that you or your immediate family have, that may arise regarding the Nutrition Research Collaborative. Please note that this information will be securely kept on the NRC Teams page and will only be used for the purposes of real or perceived conflicts of interest, as related to the work that the NRC member is involved in.

1. **Financial interests:** an interest must be declared as a potential conflict when benefits or losses either in money or in-kind have occurred or may occur at a level that might reasonably be perceived to affect a person’s judgement in relation to fair decisions about evidence and their participation in group decision-making. This includes future expectation of a benefit, for example, proceeds from the sale of intellectual property arising from a project or the promise of shares in a spin-off company.

- I have no actual, potential or perceived financial conflicts of interest to declare
- I have the following conflicts of interest to declare:

Organisation/company	Date/s	Details/ circumstances

Financial interests requiring disclosure include, but are not limited to:

- direct payments to the researcher, such as salary, consultancy payments, speaking fees,
- panel memberships
- indirect payments to the researcher, for example funding of travel, accommodation, professional development, hospitality
- payments to support research, such as funding from an industry or interest group
- company shares or options
- royalties
- directorships
- some scholarships
- operational or infrastructure support.

When disclosing financial interests, researchers should consider the significance of the financial interest, including:

- the monetary value of the payment, gift, or interest
- the significance that a reasonable, independent observer would attach to the payment, gift or interest
- the circumstances under which a gift or payment is made, for example, if the gift or payment is a regular payment or a single instance.

2. **Other relationships:** an interest must be declared as a potential conflict when a strong position or prejudice or familial connection or other relationship held by a person could reasonably, or be perceived to, affect a person’s judgement in relation to fair decisions about evidence and their participation in group decision-making including making an effort to arrive at a consensus.

- I have no actual, potential or perceived other relationships or conflicts of interest to declare
- I have the following other relationships or conflicts of interest to declare:

Organisation/company	Date of engagement	Details

Examples may include

- board membership (even if unpaid) or other affiliation with an organisation that could stand to benefit from or be affected by the research
- personal or social relationships and current and past professional relationships, where relevant
- recent employment with, or role in, organisations with financial links or affiliations with industry groups that could stand to benefit from or be affected by the research
- roles in other research groups or collaboratives that could stand to benefit from or be affected by the research

I will report any new conflicts of interest interests (actual, potential or perceived) that arise in regards to participating in the Nutrition Research Collaborative to the Chair via email: NutritionResearchCollaborative@health.qld.gov.au

Name:

Signature:

Date: