



What is NTRC?

The National Translational Research Collaborative (NTRC) is a virtual membership hub enabling real-life connections that support the establishment and expansion of research projects:

- within and between hospitals, universities and research institutes
- between starting and established pharmacy researchers and other health professionals.

How much does it cost to join NTRC?

NTRC membership is currently free for organisations and individuals.

I've never taken part in pharmacy research, can I join NTRC?

Yes. Joining NTRC is a great way to make a start in pharmacy research.

Who can join NTRC?

NTRC membership is open to both individuals and organisations (including pharmacy departments, health services and research-related organisations).

If registering as an organisational member, you must have the delegation to apply for membership on behalf of your organisation. Only one application per organisation is required.

Do I need to be an SHPA member to join the NTRC?

Individual NTRC membership is open to SHPA members. But as a network of collaborative, multi-disciplinary researchers, non-SHPA members are also encouraged to apply. Non-SHPA members will be considered under Associate Member clauses in the SHPA Constitution.

How do I join NTRC?

Go to the [NTRC website](#) and select the relevant application type (individual or organisation). The application asks a range of questions regarding research background and experience, support for research, and research output and takes 10-15 minutes to complete.

Why does the application ask questions about my research or my pharmacy department's research?

Membership is open to all, regardless of your level of research experience. By completing the application questions, we can establish some baseline characteristics of pharmacy research capability and capacity in Australia to better target the broader services and support NTRC delivers. We will also be able to tailor the types of NTRC services and communications we will provide to you, or to your organisation.

Why should I join NTRC as an individual member?

Membership of NTRC will give you a number of research benefits:

- access to key research development information via the NTRC's online portal
- review, feedback and endorsement of research proposals through the NTRC's Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
- advice regarding grants and funding opportunities, including practitioner research development grants, through the NTRC's Research Grants Committee (RGC)
- on-site research support through NTRC liaisons (at hospital, universities and medical research organisations with organisational membership)
- research support and guidance through expert mentors across the NTRC network.

Why should my pharmacy department/health service/research organisation join NTRC?

Membership of NTRC will provide a number of organisational benefits:

- opportunities for collaborative research across multiple centres
- staff development and research capacity/capability building
- recognition as a pharmacy research active hospital, university or medical research organisation
- evidence, guidance and tools to translate research into everyday practice.

Who is the organisational NTRC Liaison?

The NTRC organisational membership application asks you to nominate an NTRC Liaison, who will be SHPA's primary point of contact regarding NTRC matters. Depending on organisational expectations, the NTRC Liaison may be the key contact for research initiatives at your site via the NTRC, and will gain additional support and development through SHPA.

Who oversees the National Translational Research Collaborative?

The SHPA's NTRC is governed by the NTRC Executive Committee, chaired by Dr Lisa Pont. View full details of Executive Committee on the [NTRC website](#).

Sub-committees of the NTRC include:

- [Scientific Advisory Committee](#), convened by Greg Roberts (SA)
- [Research Grants Committee](#), convened by Associate Professor Michael Barras (Qld)
- [Capability and Capacity Working Group](#), convened by Professor Jeff Hughes (WA).

How do I get more information on NTRC?

For general enquiries, or to provide feedback on NTRC, email Andrew Matthews, General Manager, Workforce Transformation at SHPA: amatthews@shpa.org.au