Partnership Scheme 2020

About the International Foundation for Integrated Care
The International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) is a network that crosses organisational and professional boundaries to bring people together to advance the science, knowledge and adoption of integrated care in policy and practice (see www.integratedcarefoundation.org). As a ‘movement for change’, IFIC seeks to achieve its’ mission through the development and exchange of ideas among academics, researchers, managers, clinicians, policy makers, and users and carers of services throughout the world. IFIC supports a number of workstreams including: a peer-reviewed journal, international conferences and events, research and development, education and training activities, implementation support and various other activities to promote knowledge exchange and innovation.

About IFIC Australia

“The mission of IFIC Australia is to develop capacity and capabilities in Australia and the Asia Pacific Region in the successful design and delivery of integrated care in policy and practice. IFIC Australia seeks to achieve this by providing a platform that brings people together to develop and exchange ideas and promote activities in the region”

Following the successful hosting of the 2nd World Congress on Integrated Care in Sydney in November 2014, and the subsequent realisation of a range of follow-up research and training activities, IFIC Australia was founded as a Collaborative Centre in November 2015 as a joint venture between IFIC and the Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health (CRRMH) at the University of Newcastle, NSW. The original Partners scheme for 2017/18 was launched at the 1st Asia-Pacific Conference on Integrated Care, co-hosted with Children’s Health Queensland and supported by Queensland Health, convened in Brisbane on 6th to 8th November 2017. IFIC Australia has since supported a series of activities to promote and support integrated care in Australia. Highlights from 2018 & 2019 include:

- The development and launch of Integrated Care (IC) Search in partnership with CCLHD and Flinders Filters, Flinders University to support swift and tailored access to published research and evidence https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-integrated-care-search
- The International Summer School on Integrated Care co-produced with North Coast PHN and the Centre for Health Care Knowledge and Innovation (CHKI) in Kingscliff, 25-29 March 2018. https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-australia-2#1526309617310-c9055f9b-380f
- A series of workshops and events with various Partners including the Transformers Special Event Series organized in Partnership with the CHKI, the third iteration of which was convened between 5-8 November 2018. https://integratedcarefoundation.org/blog/promoting-better-value-in-care-provision-through-alliencing-prospects-for-australia
- A six-part webinar program on the topic of ‘integrated care solutions’;
- Supporting research and development work, including the formative evaluation of CCLHD’s integrated care program and subsequent journal publications; and
The initiation of a case study collection exercise to support knowledge sharing and comparative research internationally

The IFIC Australia Partnership Scheme
Since July 2017 onwards, IFIC Australia has sought to work with a group of Partners to help take forward IFIC’s mission and aims across the Region on a more sustained basis. Partners will have a mutual commitment to standards of excellence in advancing the science, knowledge and the support to adoption of integrated care in policy and practice. IFIC Australia and its Partners will seek to work together to develop projects, educational activities or material of mutual benefit that meet the aims and objectives of IFIC Australia. IFIC Australia and its Partners will also promote their work to their members, customers and other relevant parties through, where agreed in advance, co-branded communication and marketing material at conferences and workshops, on their public and members’ websites, through social media, and word of mouth.

Partner Packages
All Partners must be paying members of IFIC Australia by taking out a Partner package (see document IFIC Australia – Partnership Packages) and signing a specific Partner Agreement. These packages confer benefits onto the Partners, but also include a commitment to advise, discuss and prioritize IFIC Australia’s future activities in the Region. Implicit in the scheme is to support the annual operational overhead to IFIC Australia’s activities, and to use any surplus created to reinvest in research, education, knowledge-sharing and other activities to the benefit of its mission.

Partnerships can be developed with both individual organizations as well as alliances or networked groups. There is a minimum entry point for organisations with an expenditure above $50 million.

Organization and Management
IFIC Australia is a collaborative venture between IFIC and the CRRMH and is led by its respective Directors – Dr Toni Dedeu and Professor David Perkins. IFIC Australia is supported in its management by named coordinators and communication managers. Their role is to support the relationships with IFIC Australia’s members and Partners, enable knowledge sharing activities, support and maintain a website for IFIC Australia, including related social media including regular newsletters, and otherwise promote IFIC Australia’s work across the Region and internationally.

IFIC Australia is overseen by an IFIC Australia Partnership Committee that will comprise the organizing parties of the IFIC Australia Collaborating Centre together with its associates and Partners. These meetings will be supported by Chair, Professor Nick Goodwin and will meet at least quarterly (face-to-face and/or remotely) to discuss and prioritize IFIC Australia’s areas of work.

Further Information and Key Contacts
For further information about IFIC Australia and its activities, or to enquire about becoming a Partner, please visit our website at https://integratedcarefoundation.org/ific-australia or contact Lucy McEvoy at ificaustralia@integratedcarefoundation.org.

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