

Development of a Global Health Community of international Alumni

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New challenges in delivering health care constantly emerge, as societies continue to develop and evolve. In years past, people died from infectious diseases but now non-communicable diseases, such as obesity and diabetes, are increasingly the major causes of death. Developing as well as developed countries are facing these challenges. Global problems require global solutions and a network of health-professionals bound by their common alumni thread will be well placed to meet these challenges.

Engaging with other countries through our International Alumni is becoming increasingly important to the University of Queensland's Faculty of Health Sciences as we embrace the principle that universities have strategic and moral obligations within the international community.

Working with our international alumni to create global networks that are discipline specific, we are developing "Special Interest Groups" that are unique in their inception and synergistic in their motivations.

International Alumni Special Interest Groups (Health) are well positioned to contribute positively to the emerging challenges in global health care through collaboration, advocacy, research and education.

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