



## MWC Research Leadership Forum Terms of Reference

The Director has established a Research Leadership Forum (RLF). This Forum is the representative body for researchers from the collaborating parties with membership including;

- the Directorate members
- up to seven Principal Investigator nominees representing major research programmes
- three Associate Investigator nominees who bring expertise in particular disciplines, methodological or technical capabilities
- the Chair of the Early Career Researchers Committee or their nominee
- a Clinical Advisory Board nominee
- three Māori and Pacific Partner nominees
- other representatives may be co-opted to the forum by the Directorate as required

The Forum will meet every three to four months to report on both research progress and other activities. A quorum of at least 60% of Forum members is required for decision making, including appropriate representation relevant in relation to decisions being made from the membership categories listed above. The Forum will be responsible for:

- oversight of the research within established projects and/or subcontracts. For example, this would include receiving progress reports from thematic research areas and flexible funding projects.
- assisting the Directorate in identifying strategic opportunities for the CoRE and new research projects within the Centre
- assessing commercial or translation or outreach opportunities
- creating pathways for implementing Māori and Pacific strategy to address agreed CoRE outcomes and impacts
- considering how strategies or activities will impact careers of early/mid-career researchers and postgraduate
- considering and making decisions on outreach activities, including training and student initiatives
- considering and providing strategic direction on symposia and workshops
- oversight and decisions on strategy for media engagement and social media
- providing security to the funding recommendation process by ensuring that the guiding principles are followed, conflicts of interest have been taken into consideration, and that the process is aligned to the strategic goals of the Centre.
- respond to any issues of concern (and, if possible, resolving them by mutual agreement)