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University of Sydney launches institute in Vietnam to focus on public health & sustainability

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New Institute builds on strong foundation of collaborations for research with impact



The University of Sydney Vietnam Institute has been officially launched and will build on a network of leading researchers and educators to benefit communities in Vietnam and beyond through impactful research and engagement. From a strong foundation of health and human clinical trials, the Institute will be the site of multidisciplinary research in health, agriculture, arts, social sciences, business, and Net Zero initiatives.

Australian researchers will work alongside Vietnamese collaborators and the community on projects such as supporting public health efforts and combating tuberculosis in Vietnam, developing emerging technologies for breast cancer diagnosis in the country and examining Vietnam's future as a media innovation hub.

One of the Vietnam Institute's goals is to improve in-country scientific capacity and contribute to the region's economic and social development.

The Institute is supported by up to 40-45 million (AUD) in non-profit funding from the Australian government and international donors. All revenue generated by the Institute will be reinvested into research activities in Vietnam.

Current research partnerships between University of Sydney researchers and Institute staff include Multiple projects led by Professor Greg Fox, related to the treatment, management and prevention of tuberculosis in Vietnam and the region by working with hospitals, universities and government health agencies; Understanding drivers of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Vietnam. This will involve researchers from the Sydney Vietnam Institute working with partners from the Woolcock Institute and the Vietnam Ministry of Health, UNICEF and Murdoch Children's Research Institute; and Establishing a new 'One Health' pathology lab at Hue University, involving Institute staff working alongside University of Sydney researchers.