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MIMR-PHI set to change landscape of medical research

After a combined 75 years of discovery and innovation, respected leading research brands, Monash Institute of Medical Research and Prince Henry's Institute have joined forces as MIMR-PHI Institute of Medical Research. Changing the landscape of Victorian medical research, the merger positions the institute as one of the state's top five independent medical research institutes and the largest in Melbourne's southeast region.

MIMR-PHI Institute Director, Professor Bryan Williams sees the move as a positive step for both institutes, as they seek to increase their influence within the Australian and global research communities and the presence of translational research in one of Melbourne's growth corridors.

"This merger is a natural progression of what has been a long and fruitful research partnership. As a research leader we can help set the Australian and global research agenda and focus on making the discoveries needed most. This will position Melbourne's growth corridors as a hub for health innovation and translation," said Professor Williams.

As the translational research centrepiece at Clayton's Monash Health Translation Precinct (MHTP), MIMR-PHI Institute will work closely with both Monash Health and Monash University to expedite translation of research discoveries to benefit patients sooner. In a further boost to ties between the Institute and Monash Medical Centre, a new \$84 million translational research facility is currently under construction on the site.

"MIMR-PHI Institute will have strong ties to Monash Health, particularly through its connection to Monash Medical Centre. Working closely with one of Victoria's biggest healthcare providers means we are in the best possible position to target our research to address areas of critical need, as well as expedite translation so our discoveries reach the bedside in the shortest possible space of time," says Professor Williams.

MIMR-PHI's over 400 researchers and students will also benefit from increased competitiveness and access to grant funding, as well as onsite access to state-of-the-art equipment and research platforms, clinicians, and patients for translation of discoveries. This will not only mean greater research capability but also capacity to shape future healthcare. With strengthened links to one of the country's most respected tertiary institutions, Monash University, the Institute will also foster the next generation of scientific leaders. Something Professor Williams sees as positive for the institute's researchers as well as for patients.

"Our location on the MHTP enables us to maintain close partnerships with leading health and education providers, Monash Health and Monash University. This means we are in a position to not only make a difference to the health of Australians, but also protect the future of medical science by fostering the next generations of research innovators."

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With a team of leading clinicians and researchers and access to one of the state's best hospitals, research at MIMR-PHI will not stop in the laboratory.

“We are in the fortunate position to be able to tell the full story of health innovation on one precinct, from the early stages of discovery in the laboratory to clinical research and trials through to translation and patient care. There is something very special about seeing your work make a difference, knowing in some small way you might have saved or improved a life.”

You can find out more about MIMR-PHI Institute at <http://mimr-phi.org/>

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