Welcome to the Women in Research Network (WiRN) at UNSW, a group which was established with the support of the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) in 2006 by a group of mid-career women researchers in order to share experiences and strategies with women across disciplines at UNSW.

WiRN is strengthening UNSW’s capacity for gender equity and enabling women to reach their research goals by informing, supporting and advocating.

Through the initiatives of the women participating in the network, WiRN has grown and matured into a sustainable organisation with strong leadership and excellent communication tools. It also offers a range of events combined with networking opportunities that are designed to meet the specific needs of women researchers. Specifically, the program of events for the year is developed with the input of all members and is continually evolving to address current issues.

As Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research Training) as well as Professor of Biomedical Engineering, I am delighted to not only be part of this group but to be able to support and endorse the activities of the network.

The success of women researchers is a high priority for UNSW and this network is an important mechanism for support for women researchers, as well as being a forum for discussion and feedback on research issues.

I strongly encourage your participation in the activities and leadership of this group so that it continues to go from strength to strength, and I look forward to being part of the network’s activities and to meeting WiRN members.

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