

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE WIN THE LIFE SCIENCES WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AWARD 2018?



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My career has been dedicated to the enhancement of the research and development of new treatments for diseases through the facilitation of clinical trials. I am passionate about facilitating value-adding collaborations of organisations involved in the clinical development of new therapies. My strong understanding of therapeutic regulations, human research ethics, translational science and early drug development has led me to become a strong advocate of the Life Sciences sector in Queensland. I have regularly promoted the sector by an active participation in national and international industry delegations, and international conferences and workshops. My unique academic and research background in innovative vaccine trial design and immunotherapy, and malaria challenge studies, has positioned me at the forefront of coordinating the various parties required to facilitate collaborations and effective pathways for the registration of new vaccines and malaria treatments.

I have a passion for education and sharing my knowledge with new career graduates as well as colleagues looking for new career directions. I find mentoring people in their careers is extremely rewarding, no matter what stage of their professional life. I have introduced work-placements and clinical trial workshops for a number of Queensland university Biomedical Science and Pharmacy courses, where students have then gone on to careers in the Pharmaceutical and the Biotechnology sectors.

As an advisory committee member on QUT's Biomedical Industry Group, Griffith University's Clinical Trial Centre, and training organisations such as PRAXIS and SCRS, I appreciate how important it is to keep up to date with international regulations. Attendance at the 2019 European Solutions Summit (SRCS, March 2019) would provide me with the platform to participate in a number of European, cross-functional educational offerings with real-world applications. I would also have a unique opportunity to network with a variety of Key opinion Leader experts in drug development, and to bring opportunities back to Queensland, as well as to advocate the significant advantages of conducting clinical trials in Queensland.