

POSITION STATEMENT

Working with Industry

NICM supports collaboration and partnership with industry to increase integrative medicine research capacity and education.

NICM's position is in line with the Australian Government imperative on partnership and collaboration, as articulated in policies such as the *National Innovation and Science Agenda*, which specifies collaboration to increase the level of engagement between businesses, universities and the research sector to commercialise ideas. This policy imperative was formalised by the Australian Government after Innovation and Science Australia's *Performance review of the Australian innovation, science and research system* which found that researcher-to-business collaboration is a weakness of the Australian system.¹

As with government funded research, when working with industry NICM fully supports ethical responsibility and transparency in the communication of scientific studies. This includes accurate and reliable reporting of research results – including negative findings – and declaration of conflicts of interest where relevant.

¹ Commonwealth of Australia. Australia's National Science Statement 2017 (<http://www.science.gov.au/scienceGov/NationalScienceStatement/index.html> - accessed February 2018).