

## Australian Cardiovascular Alliance Emerging Leaders Committee Priority Areas for 2024 and 2025

The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) was established in 2015 to raise awareness of CVD as a national health priority and increase the integration of the cardiovascular research sector with key federal and state-based stakeholders to move towards solutions. The ACvA Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC) was established in 2018 with the purpose of providing advice to ACvA leadership on priorities for support, engagement and development of EMCRs as part of a collaborative approach to delivering research impact.

To date, ELC achievements include determining solutions to support EMCRs, delivering the ‘CV Champions’ capacity building and mentoring program, and the 2023 National EMCR Summit which demonstrated the ability to coordinate and bring people together under a common goal to improve EMCR capacity building with key partners.

From the outcomes of the national EMCR Summit, the ACvA ELC has identified key priority areas for driving meaningful change to improve workforce sustainability in the cardiovascular research sector.

- 1. EMCR engagement:** increasing visibility of the ACvA to EMCRs, promoting EMCR members (e.g. through member profiles) and greater engagement of EMCRs in ACvA activities, including developing mechanisms for engagement with ACvA initiatives.
- 2. Outreach:** lead stakeholder mapping and engagement with key groups (CVRNs, Scientific Societies, MRIs) and industry to align priorities, share knowledge and promote opportunities to support diverse funding initiatives in research.
- 3. Capacity building:** support the delivery of nationally relevant and impactful capacity building activities and mentoring through collaboration with relevant stakeholders.
- 4. Metrics of success:** identify key measures of success at the individual, organisation and sector level for workforce sustainability and opportunities for access to available data to track progress within the cardiovascular sector.
- 5. National Summit Planning Committee.** coordinate the delivery of the annual national summit.