

## **Menzies research receives highest praise**

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A comprehensive review of Australian research has found that the Menzies School of Health Research has received the highest possible ranking for its expertise in Medical and Health Sciences.

The Federal Government's 2012 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative is a comprehensive review of research at Australian universities which has ranked Charles Darwin University (CDU) at or above world average on 71 per cent of the research disciplines for which it was assessed.

The pinnacle of CDU's achievement was through its ranking in Clinical Science.

Conducted primarily through Menzies, Clinical Science received the highest possible score of five out of five, ranking the discipline's performance as outstanding, and well above world standard.

Menzies Director, Professor Alan Cass pointed to the bold and innovative research continually being undertaken by Menzies staff as a key contributor to the quality and capacity of research at CDU.

"The results in the Medical and Health Sciences, the majority of which come from research at Menzies, place CDU at or above world standard in almost every health field we work in, and show that we definitely punch above our weight nationally," he said.

"The ERA rankings reinforce Menzies' status as a national leader in Indigenous and tropical health research.

"Menzies research extends to communities across central and northern Australia, as well as developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, with a view to improve and advance health outcomes for those in our global neighborhood."

ERA 2012 is the second review of research at Australian universities and the results show that there has been an improvement in research quality across Australia since the last assessment in 2010.

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**Background**

Menzies School of Health Research is a national leader in Indigenous and tropical health research. It is the only medical research institute in the Northern Territory, with more than 300 staff working in over 60 communities across Central and Northern Australia, as well as developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Menzies is also a significant contributor to health education and research training.