

VISION

The Institute envisions an innovative, productive, and vibrant research culture that draws inspiration from the unique cultures and natural resources of PNG, utilizing the latest methodologies from the Sciences and the Arts to contribute to the advancement of humanity.

MISSION

The mission is to serve as a coordinating and regulatory body for the fostering of all research and publication activities at UOG. It also serves as a hub for integration with other national government research initiatives and compliance with national research policy directives.

VALUE

The values promoted by the SRI include:

- The preservation and documentation of the linguistic diversity and the cultural heritage of Melanesia;
- The appreciation and sustainable uses of the rich biodiversity and natural resources of PNG;
- Contribution to the formulation of Government policies and development initiatives;
- Enhancing best practices in industry through research;
- Promoting a culture of research and publication within the university.

FRAMEWORK & STRATEGIES

A research policy framework for SRI guided by the University of Goroka Strategic and Corporate Plan has been developed. This framework highlights the Institute's research goals, research strategies, success indicators and objectives.

GOALS

- Leading in developing the best teaching and learning strategies and approaches for the Teacher Education Program;
- Responding to the National Government Research Agenda and contributing to addressing gaps in knowledge, skills, and practices;
- Improving understanding of community problems and providing solutions;
- Building a strong research culture at UOG and expanding its network with external institutions at the national and international level;
- Developing best practices and solutions for industry application.

STRATEGIES

- Explore the best approaches and creative strategies for teaching and learning to develop and maintain a competitive teacher education program;
- Respond to National Government Research Priorities;
- Build a research data bank for information conservation and sustainable utilisation;
- Train the next generation of PNG researchers and academics;
- Engage in national and international research partnerships;
- Communicate research outputs to industry partners, the government, and all relevant community stakeholders, honestly and with integrity.

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" WE ARE LOCATED HERE "

INTRODUCTION

The establishment of the SRI is an important undertaking by the UOG Council and Top Management Team to promote Research and Innovation, as captured in the Strategic and Corporate Plan for 2019-2023. It is responsible for implementing, monitoring and coordinating research policies and processes, and managing information from research outputs. The reasons for the establishment of SRI as highlighted in the UOG Strategic and Corporate Plan for 2019-2023 are:

- Coordination of research centers through an overarching research institute;
- Provision of necessary support and resources to promote research and publication;
- Coordination and revision of research policies, procedures and standards;
- Research collaboration between national and international institutions;
- Publication of research outcomes through conventional and electronic means.

In addition SRI will contribute to the University's global focus, community engagement and development through researching, preserving and disseminating cultural and historical knowledge.



SOMARE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (SRI)

The University of Goroka (UOG) is a state-run academic institution, which has the primary objective of conducting university-level education through teaching and learning, research, publication, and the dissemination of research results for the benefit of its students, staff, and a wider audience including local communities. Article 5 of the University of Goroka Act, 1997, dedicates the university to the pursuit, advancement and dissemination of knowledge, understanding and wisdom for human resource development and other developmental needs of Papua New Guinea (PNG). These are grounds for UOG to encourage and support research and publication activities, and interaction with local communities in PNG and the wider Melanesian region, and in international partnerships.

UOG has seven research centres which operate within the three schools of Education, Humanities and Science and Technology:

- i) Centre for Melanesian Studies (CMS)
- ii) Centre for Social Creative Media (CSCM)
- iii) Centre for Confucius Education, Culture and Research (CECR)
- iv) Centre for Natural Resources Research and Development (CNRRD)
- v) Glen Lean Ethno-Mathematics Research Centre (CEMR)
- vi) Centre for Biotechnological Research (CBTR)
- vii) Centre for Education, Research and Publication (CERP)



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