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Walter and Eliza Hall Institute | President-Elect

Background

I am an Associate Professor and Laboratory Head at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI), with over 20 years of experience in medicinal chemistry and chemical biology. I also hold an appointment as Honorary Principal Fellow at the University of Melbourne and am a Fellow of the RACI.

Throughout my career, I have led the discovery and development of small-molecule therapeutics and established a strong track record in translational research. I am recognised nationally and internationally for my contributions to academic and translational drug discovery, with my work on innovative therapeutic approaches delivering significant impact both globally and within the Australian biomedical research landscape.

My research in small-molecule discovery underpins a highly translational pipeline that bridges fundamental scientific discovery and therapeutic development. This work has resulted in more than 100 peer-reviewed publications, over 5,000 citations, and an H-index of 35. My research has been published in leading international journals, including Cell and Nature affiliated journals.

In recognition of my contributions to drug discovery, I have received several prestigious awards, including the RACI Peter Andrews Award (2020), the Max O'Connor Lectureship (2019), the Corin Centenary Fellowship (2018), and a finalist for the Australian Museum Eureka Prize for Infectious Disease Research (2015). These achievements reflect my commitment to scientific excellence, innovation, collaboration, and the translation of research into outcomes that benefit human health.

I have been a member of the RACI for the past 20 years, and throughout that time the organisation has played an important role in my professional development. RACI has provided valuable opportunities to disseminate my research, establish new collaborations, and build enduring professional relationships through its conferences, meetings, and community activities. Through my involvement in RACI committees and the organisation of scientific events, I have also developed and refined my leadership, governance, and stakeholder engagement skills.

I am motivated to give back to both RACI and the broader chemistry community by contributing to the continued success and growth of the organisation. Having benefited greatly from the opportunities RACI has provided throughout my career, I am committed to ensuring that current and future members have access to an even broader range of opportunities. I am passionate about supporting students and early career researchers by creating pathways for professional development, networking, mentorship, leadership, and scientific engagement.

I have witnessed RACI evolve into a more modern, connected, and forward-looking professional society in recent years, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to and build upon this positive momentum. Looking ahead, I would advocate strongly for greater industry engagement across the organisation, fostering partnerships that strengthen links between academia, industry, and government. I am also committed to championing the value of chemistry to the broader public, policymakers, and funding bodies, helping to raise awareness of the discipline's critical role in addressing societal challenges and driving innovation. By strengthening these connections and expanding RACI's reach and influence, I believe we can deliver greater value to members and ensure a strong and sustainable future for the organisation and the chemistry profession.

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Vision for the RACI

I have been a member of the RACI for the past 20 years and have made meaningful contributions through my involvement in its committees and events. This extensive engagement has provided me with valuable insight into the needs and expectations of the Australian chemistry community and the important role that RACI plays in supporting its members. Through these experiences, I have developed a strong appreciation of the need for RACI to remain financially sustainable, strategically focused, and responsive to the evolving needs of its members. A strong and resilient organisation is essential for delivering professional development opportunities, fostering collaboration, and promoting the impact of chemistry across Australia.

To strengthen RACI's long-term sustainability, I would advocate for the consolidation of closely aligned Groups into Divisions, creating a more streamlined and efficient organisational structure. I also support reducing the number of smaller events that place a significant administrative burden on staff and volunteers, while increasing the number of major cross-Division and cross-Branch events. These larger events have the potential to attract broader participation, foster greater interdisciplinary collaboration, and secure increased sponsorship, thereby strengthening RACI's financial position. This approach aligns well with the emerging Division and Branch structure and the associated financial incentive model currently under development.

Another key priority is strengthening industry engagement across RACI, particularly at the Divisional level. I would encourage Divisions to develop industry-focused events and initiatives aligned with their areas of expertise and the needs of their professional communities. Such activities would create valuable opportunities for networking, knowledge exchange, and collaboration, while encouraging stronger industry support and sponsorship of RACI activities. Increased engagement with industry would benefit members, enhance the relevance of RACI's offerings, and contribute to the organisation's long-term sustainability.

I would also like to see RACI and its Divisions develop stronger relationships with leading international chemical societies and professional organisations. Strategic partnerships with organisations such as the European Federation for Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology (EFMC), the International Chemical Biology Society (ICBS), and relevant divisions of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and American Chemical Society (ACS) could facilitate joint initiatives, cross-promotion of events, and enhanced scientific exchange. Such partnerships would increase RACI's international profile, attract greater participation at conferences, expand professional development opportunities, and strengthen Australia's connections within the global chemistry community.

Finally, I am passionate about supporting students and early career researchers (ECRs). I would advocate for expanding travel grants, bursaries, and discounted registration opportunities to encourage participation in RACI events. I would also seek to strengthen RACI's educational outreach programs, school initiatives, and chemistry competitions. By investing in these activities, RACI can inspire and support the next generation of chemists while fostering a strong pipeline of future members, leaders, and innovators. Through these initiatives, I believe RACI can continue to grow as a vibrant, sustainable, and influential organisation that delivers lasting value to its members and the broader chemistry community.

Experience working with government bodies, regulatory frameworks, or public policy

While my direct experience in developing policy with government and regulatory bodies is limited, I possess a strong understanding of the regulatory frameworks and governance requirements that underpin scientific research and innovation. Throughout my career, I have worked extensively within the legal and compliance frameworks governing chemical safety, gene technology regulation, and animal ethics, ensuring the highest standards of regulatory compliance and responsible conduct of research.

I have also gained experience in reviewing and operating within a range of legal and commercial agreements, including confidentiality, material transfer, intellectual property, and collaborative research agreements. Through my translational and industry-partnered research programs, I have developed a practical understanding of intellectual property management, patent strategy, and the commercial considerations associated with the development of new therapeutics.

Although I do not consider myself a specialist in regulatory policy or law, I am accustomed to working within complex regulatory environments and recognising the importance of sound governance, compliance, and risk management. I am also committed to continuous learning and would draw on the expertise of fellow committee members with specialised knowledge in regulatory affairs and legal frameworks, while contributing my own perspectives from scientific research, translational innovation, and organisational leadership.

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Building trust, fostering collaborations & maintaining strong relationships

During my tenure as Chair of the RACI Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology (MCCB) Division, I successfully enhanced member engagement by creating meaningful opportunities for involvement in the organisation and delivery of Division activities and events. By encouraging members to take on a range of volunteer, leadership, and organisational roles, I helped strengthen connections within the MCCB Division and the broader chemistry community. This proactive outreach, combined with more frequent opportunities for members to interact and contribute, has fostered increased participation and a stronger sense of community within the Division.

As MCCB Division Chair, I also developed productive relationships with a diverse range of companies across the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors. Through effective communication and a clear demonstration of mutual value, I was able to secure sponsorship support for major MCCB Division events, including the Division conference. These partnerships enhanced the quality and impact of our events while providing valuable opportunities for companies to engage directly with researchers, students, and professionals across the chemistry community.

Beyond my service to RACI, I lead a multidisciplinary research laboratory with expertise spanning medicinal chemistry, chemical biology, and parasitology. In this role, I direct the medicinal chemistry components of several major multi-institutional collaborations involving leading academic organisations and industry partners, including Merck (MSD), Janssen, and the Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), focused on the development of next-generation antimalarial therapies. Collectively, these research programs have secured more than \$20 million in competitive funding from the NHMRC, Wellcome, and commercial partners. In addition, I serve as Medicinal Chemistry Lead for a major oncology drug discovery program in partnership with a pharmaceutical company, which has attracted \$23.5 million in funding.

Over the past decade, I have led multiple programs focused on the development of innovative, potentially transformative therapeutics, leveraging strategic collaborations across academia, industry, and the not-for-profit sector. These experiences have equipped me with strong leadership, stakeholder engagement, partnership development, and communication skills. I am eager to bring this experience to RACI, building upon my established connections within the chemistry community to strengthen engagement, foster new partnerships, and support the continued growth, influence, and sustainability of the organisation.

Leadership roles within the RACI

I have maintained a longstanding commitment to leadership and service within professional scientific organisations. I currently serve

as Chair of the RACI Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology (MCCB) Division (2024–2026), following my term as Chair-Elect (2022–2023). In these roles, I have led the delivery of several major initiatives, including the MCCB2025 National Conference in Darwin, the ongoing MCCB Symposium Series (2023–present), the Medicinal Chemistry Workshop 2023, and the Division's awards program. I also serve on the Steering Committee for the RACI National Congress 2026 in Perth and am coordinating the MCCB Division's scientific program at the Congress. These initiatives have strengthened engagement across the medicinal chemistry community, attracted strong attendance and sponsorship, and collectively generated a financial surplus for the Division.

Prior to this appointment, I served on the RACI Victorian Bioactive Drug Discovery and Development Group Committee (2016–2022), including a term as President Elect (2018–2019). In this capacity, I contributed to the development and delivery of scientific forums and networking opportunities that supported the local medicinal chemistry and drug discovery community in Melbourne.

I currently chair the RACI Communities Funding and Incentive Group, which is responsible for developing sustainable long-term financial models and incentive frameworks for consideration by the RACI Board and Communities. This role has provided valuable experience in strategic planning, financial sustainability, stakeholder engagement, and organisational governance.

My broader commitment to advancing the chemical sciences has also been recognised internationally. I was recently appointed to the IUPAC Division VII (Chemistry and Human Health) Committee (2025–2027), where I lead a project aimed at raising the profile of medicinal chemistry within the broader healthcare and policy landscape and advocating for increased investment from government and philanthropic funding bodies. In addition, I serve as a regular topic reviewer for ACS Pacificchem and am a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of ACS Medicinal Chemistry Letters. These appointments reflect my ongoing commitment to supporting scientific excellence, fostering collaborative research communities, and advancing the impact of chemistry on human health.

Experience with governance, risk management, and digital systems

While my direct experience in formal governance and risk management is relatively limited, I have gained valuable experience in identifying, assessing, and mitigating risk through both my scientific leadership roles and professional service activities. At WEHI, I have worked closely with the Chemical Safety Team to develop and implement safety systems designed to strengthen safety practices, ensure regulatory compliance, and minimise workplace hazards. This experience has reinforced the importance of proactive risk management, clear governance frameworks, and a culture of continuous improvement.

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I also currently chair the RACI Communities Funding and Incentives Group, which has provided me with insight into financial governance and strategic planning within RACI. A central objective of the Group is to identify approaches that reduce financial risk and enhance the long-term sustainability of the organisation. This includes developing funding and incentive models that promote a balanced distribution of major Division and Branch events across successive years, helping to stabilise revenue streams and strengthen financial resilience.

Although my experience in digital security and cyber risk management is not extensive, I have developed a sound awareness of these issues through regular institutional training and professional development at WEHI. As part of my responsibilities, I complete mandatory training covering cybersecurity, data protection, and the responsible use of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence. These activities have provided me with an appreciation of the evolving digital risk landscape and the importance of effective cybersecurity practices within modern organisations.

I recognise the importance of strong governance, risk management, and digital security in supporting organisational success. As a part of the board, I would bring a collaborative and evidence-based approach, while drawing on the expertise of colleagues with specialist knowledge in these areas. I am committed to continuous learning and professional development and would actively seek opportunities to strengthen my capabilities in governance, risk oversight, and digital security, while contributing my own experience in scientific leadership, strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and organisational development.

Communication style

My experience in committee-level communication has been developed through serving both as Chair and as a member of numerous internal committees at WEHI, as well as external committees, including those of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI). In academia, I have chaired numerous seminar sessions and delivered presentations at both national and international conferences. These experiences have enabled me to communicate complex scientific concepts effectively to specialist audiences while also adapting my presentations to engage and inform audiences from diverse disciplinary backgrounds. In addition, I have delivered seminars and lectures to undergraduate students, which has required the ability to present detailed content in a clear, accessible, and engaging manner. Through these roles, I have developed strong communication skills across a broad range of professional, academic, and educational settings.

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Background

I am a Professor of Materials Chemistry at Curtin University, where I lead pioneering research into heavy-metal-free colloidal semiconductor nanocrystal quantum dots to address critical global energy and environmental challenges. My academic foundations include a PhD from the City University of Hong Kong (2009) and a transformative four-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2010–2014). I established my independent research group at Curtin University in 2015 through a Curtin Research Fellowship, later accelerated by an ARC DECRA (2015) and an ARC Future Fellowship (2021).

My connection to chemistry lies at the intersection of fundamental material synthesis and real-world application. I am internationally recognised for developing sustainable, heavy-metal-free quantum materials designed for energy conversion and advanced light-emitting diode (LED) devices. Over my career, I have secured more than AU\$5 million in competitive research funding across various ARC schemes (DP, FT, DECRA, LIEF), industry contracts, and international grants. I have published over 190 peer-reviewed papers in elite journals—such as *Nature Materials* and *Advanced Materials*—resulting in 10 journal covers, over 8,000 citations (h-index of 52), and widespread public media coverage. My peers have acknowledged this impact through more than 100 invited global presentations and prestigious honours, including the RACI Materials Chemistry Award (2023) and the Australian Academy of Science's J G Russell Award (2016).

My motivation to serve on the RACI Board is driven by a desire to strategically strengthen Australia's chemical sciences ecosystem. Having built a career across multiple international landscapes, I bring a global perspective to research leadership, multidisciplinary collaboration, and institutional governance. As a Board Member, I am eager to give back to the community by creating robust professional development frameworks for early-career researchers, forging stronger, actionable pipelines between academia and manufacturing sectors, and fiercely advocating for the critical value of chemical innovation to the Australian public and policymakers.

Vision for the RACI

My vision for the RACI is to serve as the premier driving force for advancing Australian chemical sciences by cultivating an open, inclusive, and diverse community, while championing scientific excellence and evidence-based public advocacy. If elected to the Board, I will contribute to shaping this strategic direction through four key pillars:

1. **Fostering Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI):** I will advocate for targeted initiatives and funding frameworks that actively dismantle structural inequalities within the chemical sciences. By creating a highly supportive environment for underrepresented individuals and groups, we can ensure that talent from all backgrounds is recognized and uplifted.
2. **Driving Innovation and Multidisciplinary Collaboration:** Drawing on my experience building large-scale research programs, I will champion high-impact conferences, workshops, and symposia. These platforms will not only showcase cutting-edge chemical research but will also actively forge vital, commercial pipelines between academic researchers and industrial sectors.
3. **Democratising Chemistry Education and Outreach:** I am committed to expanding RACI's educational outreach and supporting open-access resources. I will work to ensure that high-quality chemistry education and hands-on practical activities are equally accessible to students across all regional and socio-economic landscapes.
4. **Amplifying RACI's Voice as a Trusted Authority:** I will leverage my public media experience to help RACI engage more effectively with policymakers, industry leaders, and the public. By proactively addressing critical issues like research ethics, sustainability, and chemical safety, we will solidify RACI's position as the nation's leading voice on chemical matters.

Through my proven research leadership at Curtin University, nationally and internationally, I am fully prepared to help guide RACI toward an impactful, sustainable, and highly collaborative future.

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Experience working with government bodies, regulatory frameworks, or public policy

Successfully navigating government bodies requires translating complex chemical and materials sciences into actionable economic policy. Throughout my leadership tenures, I have consistently balanced scientific insight with state policy frameworks to drive meaningful industrial transformation.

Navigating Government and Public Policy: As President (2024–present) and former Vice President (2022–2024) of the Western Australian Chinese Scientists Association (WACSA), I represent a premier body of roughly 300 multidisciplinary scientific leaders, including university executives and research chairs. In this capacity, I serve on a high-level ministerial advisory committee, participating in quarterly policy consultations with the Western Australian Government's Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (DEED). Within this regulatory framework, my role centers on providing expert scientific advocacy to shape WA's transition to a sustainable, low-carbon economy.

Influencing Outcomes and Supporting the Sector: A primary example of my ability to navigate these complex regulatory environments is my strategic advocacy for local, high-value mineral processing. Within the DEED advisory framework, I championed a transition away from the traditional, carbon-intensive practice of exporting unprocessed raw iron ore. I provided a scientifically rigorous blueprint for local value-added processing, presenting the reduction reaction of iron ore utilizing green hydrogen—produced via solar-powered water electrolysis—as a commercially and environmentally viable pathway.

This continuous advisory engagement and strategic alignment with the WA Government's economic diversification goals directly contributed to the realization of major industrial initiatives. This includes the multi-corporate "Green Iron Initiative" deployed by Fortescue, Rio Tinto, and POSCO Australia. By shifting the paradigm from shipping raw materials to exporting cleanly processed green iron, we helped anchor a vital renewable energy value chain within Western Australia.

On the RACI Board, I will utilize this exact capability to build strong relationships with federal and state policymakers, ensuring that chemical innovation is central to national manufacturing and clean energy legislation.

Building trust, fostering collaborations & maintaining strong relationships

My approach to building trust, fostering collaboration, and maintaining resilient relationships centers on mutual benefit, active

listening, and structural accountability. I have successfully demonstrated this methodology across my leadership roles in the Western Australian scientific ecosystem:

- 1. Translating Industry Engagement into Trust:** As President of the Western Australian Chinese Scientists Association (WACSA) since 2024—a body of roughly 300 multi-disciplinary members—I have transformed how our community interacts with external industrial partners. I established a framework where key stakeholders, such as Fortescue and the Water Corporation, are invited to present their core technical bottlenecks directly to our researchers. By shifting from standard academic presentations to collaborative, problem-solving roundtables, we align our scientific expertise with industry's commercial goals. This transparent, value-first approach built the foundational trust necessary to secure multiple successful ARC Linkage grants.
- 2. Fostering Long-Term Member Relationships:** Within academia, I actively sustain our membership pipeline by designing and leading targeted workshops for Early-Career Researchers (ECRs) across Western Australian universities. I provide hands-on mentorship covering funding scheme timelines, strategic career planning, and institutional workload management. By dedicating time to empowering the next generation, I establish long-term professional goodwill and a deeply connected peer network.

By bringing this proven engagement framework to the RACI Board, I will ensure that our interactions with government, education sectors, and industrial partners are collaborative, strategically sound, and built on verifiable trust.

Leadership roles within the RACI

Throughout my career, I have translated my leadership roles into measurable growth, financial sustainability, and structural inclusivity for member-based organizations.

Leadership and Impact within RACI: I have been deeply embedded in the governance of the RACI Materials Chemistry Division (MCD), serving as Treasurer (July 2021 – March 2024) and subsequently as Chair (March 2024 – August 2026). In these executive roles, I co-directed the division's strategic initiatives, award panels, and conference frameworks. My most significant impact includes:

- 1. Establishing a Premier Conference Series:** I was the Founder and Organizing Committee Chair of the 1st Australian Materials Chemistry Conference (AMCC23) in Fremantle, which drew 200 delegates and generated a financial surplus of \$39,232. Building on this success, I provided extensive strategic backing to the Chairs of AMCC25 on the Gold Coast. I was instrumental in launching a high-impact, industry-focused theme, "Materials for industry, defence and space applications," designed to dismantle traditional barriers between academic research and commercial sectors. AMCC25 secured an exceptional surplus of \$71,172. Now, as Immediate Past Chair, I continue to guide this series as an Advisory Committee member for AMCC27 in Adelaide, having successfully cemented it as a premier, globally recognized biennial event.

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2. Structural Governance and Inclusivity Reform: To future-proof the MCD Executive Committee, I drove a comprehensive structural expansion. I introduced dedicated, diverse representative portfolios—including Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), Early-Career Researchers (ECRs), Industry, Students, and Communications—creating a far more dynamic and representative leadership ecosystem.

Broader Institutional Leadership: Beyond RACI, I leverage my leadership capabilities to shape the broader scientific landscape:

- 1. Western Australian Chinese Scientists Association (WACSA):** As President since 2024, I lead a multi-disciplinary body of approximately 300 members. I have successfully organized cross-sector symposia spanning engineering, IT, and medicine, focusing on translating academic insights into industry-led solutions.
- 2. International Influence:** Highlighting my global standing, I have initiated and chaired the “Colloidal Semiconductor Nanocrystals” symposia at both the American Chemical Society (ACS) Spring and Fall meetings annually since 2024.
- 3. National Governance:** In October 2024, I was appointed to the prestigious Australian Research Council (ARC) College of Experts (2025–2027). In this capacity, I actively assess research excellence, shape peer-review methodologies, and provide high-level strategic advice to guide national science policy and innovation investment.

Bringing this proven track record of fiscal responsibility, structural modernization, and national-level governance, I am fully equipped to drive organizational effectiveness on the RACI Board.

Experience with governance, risk management, and digital systems

Effective board oversight requires a balanced approach to structural governance, strict fiscal compliance, and active mitigation of emerging digital risks. I have consistently demonstrated these competencies across my senior institutional and professional roles.

- Institutional Governance and Compliance:** My appointment to the Curtin University Academic Board (2025–present) has provided me with deep, practical knowledge of large-scale corporate and academic governance frameworks. Through rigorous board inductions and regular monthly proceedings, I actively oversee corporate governance structures, performance evaluations, and institutional risk registers. My role involves analyzing complex policy matters, managing conflicts of interest, and ensuring compliance across the university’s research and teaching operations.
- Fiscal Responsibility and Risk Management:** I have a proven track record of managing financial risk and ensuring regulatory compliance across multiple high-stakes portfolios:

a. Division Governance: As Treasurer of the RACI Materials Chemistry Division (2021–2024), I oversaw all budgeting, financial reporting, and income pipelines, ensuring absolute transparency and the long-term financial health of the division.

b. Commercial Viability: As Founder and Chair of the 1st Australian Materials Chemistry Conference (AMCC23), I successfully mitigated financial risk by securing AU\$50,000 in corporate sponsorships, meticulously managing resource allocation, and delivering a substantial surplus of AU\$39,232.

c. Grant Compliance: Managing over AU\$3 million in competitive funding as a Chief Investigator has given me deep experience in auditing expenditures, allocating salaries, and ensuring strict compliance with institutional and federal funding rules. Furthermore, as a Lead General Assessor (Carriage 1) for the ARC College of Experts, I evaluate and draft annual funding budgets for approximately 20 major national proposals each year.

- Digital Systems, AI, and Cyber Risk Oversight:** As an Editor for leading global scientific journals published by Elsevier (including Materials & Design and Materials Today Chemistry), I have underwent advanced professional training in digital system integrity, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence (AI) risk management.

In this capacity, I actively manage risks related to intellectual property theft, data breaches, and the unauthorized use of generative AI in peer reviews. I apply this knowledge to enforce strict compliance with data privacy laws, detect fraudulent digital submissions, and protect sensitive research data from cyber vulnerabilities.

On the RACI Board, I will leverage this intersection of financial prudence, corporate governance experience, and digital risk awareness to strengthen the Institute’s operational resilience and safeguard its digital assets.

Communication style

My communication style is fundamentally clear, direct, evidence-based, and deeply respectful. I actively tailor my delivery to match the distinct requirements of different professional environments to ensure maximum impact and collaboration.

- External Partners and Global Stakeholders:** When engaging with international scholars, industry executives, and external visitors, I prioritize proactive clarity and precise logistics. As the coordinator of the Curtin University Chemistry Seminar Series (2020–present), I manage all national and global speaker itineraries. This structured, direct approach has consistently earned formal commendations from international guests and head-of-discipline executives alike. Furthermore, as an invited member of the Global Initiatives Committee, I collaborate directly with executive directors to synthesize and articulate complex barriers and enablers affecting international research and teaching alliances.

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- **Colleagues and Emerging Talent (Mentorship):** Within the academic environment, my communication shifts to a collaborative, supportive, and pedagogical style. As the Unit Coordinator for CHEM2001 (Materials Chemistry), I lead multi-staff teaching teams and actively mentor early-career academics, such as Dr Elena Gorenskaia, providing structured feedback to elevate classroom engagement. This thoughtful, resource-driven approach has translated into sustained institutional success, reflected in my receiving over 80% positive student agreement scores across consecutive university evaluation reports.
- **High-Level Governance and Consensus Building:** In intense, peer-review panel environments where conflicting viewpoints arise, I employ an analytical, diplomatic, and highly respectful communication strategy to drive consensus:
 - a. **ARC College of Experts:** Managing 30 to 50 national grant proposals annually—and serving as the Lead General Assessor (Carriage 1) for half of them—frequently requires reconciling vast differences in scores between technical reviewers. In these instances, I lead complex discussions via email and live forums, presenting structured, objective summaries of strengths and weaknesses while actively validating the insights of fellow assessors to reach an aligned, consistent final ranking.
 - b. **ANSTO Australian Synchrotron:** I apply this exact consensus-driven diplomacy on the X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy Program Advisory Committee, where I evaluate the scientific merit of highly competitive beamtime applications alongside national stakeholders.

By bringing this versatile communication toolkit to the RACI Board, I am fully equipped to advocate fiercely for the chemical sciences, bridge the gap between academic and corporate interests, and lead sensitive governance discussions with utmost professionalism.

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