

ELECTION OF ONE ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER FROM THE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND PHARMACY
TO THE HEALTH, MEDICINE AND WELLBEING COLLEGE BOARD
FOR TERMS 1 JANUARY 2027 TO 31 DECEMBER 2028 (TWO YEARS)

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



SAAD SALEM

I am seeking election to the College Board to contribute my experience in academic leadership, governance and continuous quality improvement. Teaching across all years of the Bachelor of Pharmacy program has given me a broad perspective on curriculum design, assessment, student progression and academic standards. I have led evidence-informed improvements to courses and assessments, mentored colleagues, collaborated with external partners, and contributed to University governance through committee service. These experiences have reinforced the value of collaborative, transparent and evidence-based decision-making in achieving excellence in teaching, learning and research. If elected, I will work constructively with colleagues to strengthen academic quality, support innovation, and contribute to informed governance that enhances student success and advances the strategic priorities of the College.



MITCH SMITH

After serving on the CHMW Board for the past two years, I am re-nominating to further support to the College's continuous improvement in teaching, research, and engagement. Throughout my 11 years at the University of Newcastle, I have consistently sought leadership and service opportunities. As Head of Discipline of Exercise and Sport Science, I lead a diverse academic team and have overseen program development, accreditation and benchmarking, curriculum innovation, and external partnerships at a time of rapid growth. I have also led complex change processes and established strategic collaborations that strengthen the University's impact within the community. In addition, as Deputy Director of the Global Sport and Movement Collaborative, I work with leaders across the institution to advance shared research, education, and engagement priorities. If re-elected, I will continue to bring a balanced, informed, and collegiate perspective to Board discussions, drawing on my experience and a strong commitment to service.