Who is the Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College?

The Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College (GSBRC) is a collective that supports and profiles over 500 humanities, social and behavioural science-based researchers, and a similar number of postgraduate students, in its twelve constituent Griffith University Research Centres and Institutes.

They include:

- Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS);
- Centre for Governance and Public Policy (CGPP);
- Centre for Tourism, Sport and Service Innovation (TSSI);
- Centre for Work, Organisation and Wellbeing (WOW);
- Griffith Asia Institute (GAI);
- Griffith Centre for Cultural Research (GCCR);
- Griffith Health Institute (GHI);
- Griffith Institute for Educational Research (GIER);
- Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law (IEGL);
- Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance (KCELJAG);
- Socio-Legal Research Centre (SLRC) and;
- Urban Research Program (URP).
Following the tradition of the former Griffith Institute for Social and Behavioural Research, the Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College (GSBRC) continues the value-adding role as an ‘umbrella’ body for research in the social and behavioural sciences and humanities at Griffith University; so too does it facilitate its twelve constituent Centres and Institutes in building a collective research capacity and to improve research performance.

In January 2011, the former Griffith Institute for Social and Behavioural Research became the Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College, (GSBRC) auspiced under the Office of the Pro Vice Chancellor for Arts Education and Law, and with Professor Richard Bagnall, Dean Research (Arts, Education and Law) as its Acting Director.

The College's joint staffing arrangements with the Arts, Education and Law Group enabled cooperative activities to take place while the College's staffing and transitional changes were ongoing. Through this collaboration and other joint Centre events, the College responded to the University's recommendation that its activities be conducted jointly with constituent Centres, Institutions and Academic Groups. The following reports upon some of the key activities and achievements in 2011.

Strategic Development
- Expansion of College membership to include: the Griffith Asia Institute; the Centre for Governance and Public Policy; the Centre for Tourism, Sport and Service Innovation; and the Griffith Health Institute.
- Support for Centres through grant application reviews, funding referrals, strategic advice, exemplar text, ‘research environment’ statements for Australian Research Council (ARC) applications.
- Staff development support for Centre Managers and senior Administrators through regular network meetings; sponsored attendance at the Australasian Research Management Society Conference and a dedicated Professional Staff Development Day.
- Contributor to University's response to Chief Scientist Infrastructure Roadmap consultation (culture and communities) (with URP).
- Full consultation program across the membership to prepare and deliver the College's Strategic Plan for 2012-2014.

Research Development
- Two-part workshop on ARC DECRA scheme, including a presentation by Professor Andrew Wells, Deputy Director, ARC (GSBRC-AEL event).
- From Publication to Impact (GSBRC-WOW-OR event).
- Internal Funding Opportunities (GSBRC-AEL-CEPS event).
- Publication Writing Retreat (GSBRC-AEL Group event).
- Introduction to Citations (GSBRC-WOW-OR event).
- Inside the ARC College of Experts and Preparing Rejoinders.
- Working with the Australian Bureau of Statistics - Data and partnerships.
- 2011 HDR Colloquium and Members Convocation.

Research Methodology Training
- Direct support for over 15 projects by Statistician, Dr Ayoub Saei (January—June 2011).
- Introduction to Interviewing Techniques.
- The A-Z of Qualitative Research.
- Thick, Rich and Powerful: Making the Most of your Qualitative Data.
- Action Research: Learning from Stakeholders (GSBRC-URP event).
- SPSS Support Session - for introductory / medium level analysis.
- Getting the Most Out of your Survey: Discussions on Planning, Designing and Analysing Surveys.
- Sponsorship of places to ACSPRI and NVivo training programs.
- Continued provision of software licences for STATA and Qualtrics.
- Maintenance of comprehensive online monthly calendar of training and development events offered by University offices, constituent Centres and Institutes and the GSBRC.

Research Program Development
- Continued support for the Community Indicators Queensland project and its steering committee, including support for successful $300 000 funding submission by Associate Professor Geoff Woolcock.
- Hosting of the only academic consultation of the national ABS Mapping Australia initiative.