

# NEWS RELEASE



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South Australia

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medical device  
PARTNERING PROGRAM

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### **Innovative Medical Device Partnering Program expanding into Singapore**

The South Australian Government has witnessed Flinders University sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Nanyang Technological University Singapore (NTU Singapore), to create an international node of Flinders' successful Medical Device Partnering Program (MDPP).

The MDPP-Partnership 2025 aims to build additional research and development programs between Singapore and Australia, through the commercialisation of research among agencies, academic institutions and the private sector.

Through the partnership, the South Australian MDPP will expand its scope of research expertise and network of partners within the Asia Pacific region; while Singapore's medical device industry will benefit from a proven model for early concept development and evaluation.

#### **Background**

The MOU signing in Singapore is part of a week-long business mission that also includes Malaysia and Myanmar. It forms part of a wider program of engagement with South East Asia.

The MDPP supports the development of cutting-edge medical devices through collaborations between researchers, industry, users and government.

The program provides a mechanism for the development of prototypes and proof of concepts, and assists with the commercialisation of potential Australian medical device products. More: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/mdpp/>

NTU Singapore has an impressive track record globally, as it is ranked 11th internationally in the QS World University Rankings and fourth for Engineering and Technology.

It has strong international research partnerships with top institutions in the US, Europe and Asia, such as MIT, Stanford University, Caltech, Carnegie Mellon University; Cambridge University, Imperial College London; and Peking University, Tsinghua University. NTU also has close industry collaborations with leading industry partners such as Rolls-Royce, BMW Group, Siemens and Thales.

#### **Quotes attributable to Trade Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith**

This is a very pleasing development to increase research and development collaborations in the medical devices space, for which South Australia is already recognised for its expertise and world-class manufacturing potential.

This is a growing sector for South Australia which will benefit both the State and Flinders University through improved research collaboration and the exchange of knowledge and skills with Singapore.

**Quotes attributable to Flinders University VC Colin Stirling**

I am delighted that Flinders University is forging this new partnership with Nanyang Technological University to expand our Medical Device Partnering Program into Singapore.

Flinders University has established a long record of delivering real impact through successful commercialisation of medical devices. This new partnership with NTU will expand our capacity to deliver life-changing medical technologies across the Asia Pacific region.

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