



# MARK SMITH

Consultant

## PROFILE

I am passionate about medical / biomedical research and have over thirty years of professional experience in research and research management (all aspects of research grants, grant management, laboratory facilities management and gene technology compliance). My background in the health and university sectors has given me a strong understanding and appreciation of research policy and practice, researchers requirements and the challenges of working in highly regulated environments.

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## EDUCATION

### Sydney University

1978 -1981

Bachelor of Science with Honours [Class 2, Division 1]

### New South Wales Department of Health (Registered Training Organisation)

2014

Diploma of Management

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Director and Principal, Eriter Consulting

2021- present

Offering a wide range of medical & scientific writing, health & medical research grant training, and Biosafety consulting services.

### Western Sydney Local Health District, Research Development Manager

2012-2021

Responsible for all aspects of research grant management and administration with external funding agencies (e.g. NHMRC, Heart Foundation, etc). Scientific review of research grant proposals. Management of all internal research grant schemes. Managed all aspects of gene technology regulation and compliance. Produced weekly research eNewsletter. Member of several high level research governance committees.

### Western Sydney Local Health District/Westmead Millennium Institute, Operations Manager/Facility Manager

1997-2012

A foundation member of the team that established Westmead Millennium Institute, including the designed, construction and fit out of a laboratory research facility housing over 100 staff. Served as operations manager and then facility manager to provide and maintain an efficient operating environment for biomedical research, including PC2 and PC3 facilities. From 2000 was the WSLHD research grants manager and Institutional Biosafety Committee secretary responsible for all aspects of gene technology regulation and compliance.

### Sydney University, Research Assistant/Senior Research Assistant

1982-1996

Molecular biology research into DNA replication in bacteria. Published more than 15 research articles in high ranking international peer reviewed journals. Managed the day to day operations of a molecular biology research laboratory of up to a dozen staff and students.

## SKILLS

Medical Writing / Scientific Writing / Grant Writing / Communication / Research grant strategy, writing and training / Biosafety (Gene Technology) / Containment Facilities design and management / Project Management