



Arthritis Australia National Research Program 2019 Recipients

Fellowships

- **Bruce Miller Australian Rheumatology Post Doctoral Fellowship \$125,000.00**
(Jointly funded by BB & A Miller Foundation and ARA Trust)
Dr Mihir Dilip Wechalekar
Department of Rheumatology, Flinders University
Project: Improving outcomes in Rheumatoid Arthritis
- **The Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship \$100,000.00**
(Funded by the ARA Trust)
Dr Danae Papachristos
The University of Toronto Lupus Clinic, Toronto Western Hospital
Project: Clinical features, disease course and treatment outcomes of neuropsychiatric systemic lupus erythematosus (NPSLE) in a large cohort of patients at the University of Toronto Lupus Clinic
- **Leanne Stafford Award \$50,000.00**
(Funded by the ARA Trust)
Dr Ken Cai
Department of Medicine, University of Auckland
Project: Gout Research Fellowship (Auckland, New Zealand)
- **AFA-ARA Heald Fellowship \$50,000.00**
(Jointly funded by the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation & ARA Trust)
Dr Jacqueline Flynn
Monash University
Project: Development of a novel SLE therapeutic
- **Arthritis Queensland's Allen and Gwen Warren Fellowship \$50,000.00**
(Funded by Arthritis Queensland)
Dr Meghna Talekar
The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute, the University of Queensland
Project: Liposome Silica Hybrid Particles for Oral Delivery of Antigen Specific Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis

- **Victorian ARA Fellowship \$50,000.00**
(Funded by ARA Victoria)
Dr Kathleen Morrisroe
Departments of Rheumatology and Medicine, the University of Melbourne and St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne
Project: Developing a multi-disciplinary care model for a complex multi-organ disease
- **ARA Fellowship \$30,000.00**
(Funded by ARA Trust)
Dr Saliu Balogun
Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania
Project: A randomised controlled trial evaluating community walking for knee osteoarthritis

Scholarships

- **Arthritis Australia Scholarship \$25,000.00**
(Funded by Arthritis foundation of Australia)
Ms Hema Urban
Raymond Purves Research Laboratory, University of Sydney, Kolling Institute of Medical Research
Project: The INTERLOCK Study

Project Grants

- **ARA Project Grant \$34,000.00**
(Funded by ARA Trust)
A/Prof Mandada Nikpour
Department of Rheumatology, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Project: Cardiac fibrosis in systemic sclerosis
- **ARA Project Grant and Arthritis Australia Project Grant \$11,750.00**
(Jointly funded by ARA Trust and Arthritis Foundation of Australia)
Winthrop Prof Johannes Nossent
Rheumatology University of Western Australia
Project: The risk and consequences of vertebral fractures for patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Ankylosing Spondylitis in Western Australia

- **Arthritis Western Australian and the Allan and Beryl Project Grant \$26,000.00**
(Funded by Arthritis Western Australia and the Allan and the Estate of the late Beryl Stephens.)
A/Prof Manuela Ferreira
Rheumatology Department, Institute of Bone and Joint Research, University of Sydney
Project: Connect: Telecare health coaching management of low back pain in primary care.
- **Arthritis South Australian Grant \$40,000.00**
(Funded by Arthritis South Australia)
Dr Bernadette Fitzgibbon
Monash Alfred Psychiatry Research Centre, Monash University
Project: Theta Burst Stimulation for Fibromyalgia Syndrome
- **The Molly Saint Grant \$40,000.00**
(Funded by the Estate of the Molly Saint)
Dr Natalie Collins
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Queensland
Project: HAPPI knees! A feasibility trial of shoe inserts for Adolescents with Patellofemoral Pain
- **Reckitt Benckiser (Nurofen) Grant for OA/MSK Pain management Project Grant \$30,000.00**
(Funded by Reckitt Benckiser (Nurofen))
A/Prof Peter Malliaras
Department of Physiotherapy, Monash University
Project: Internet-based management for rotator cuff tendinopathy
- **Arthritis Australia and HJ & GJ Mackenzie Grant \$25,000.00**
(Funded by Arthritis Australia and the Estate of Heather Joy McKenzie)
Prof Nathan Pavlos
School of Biomedical Sciences, University of Western Australia
Project: Slc37a2 as a therapeutic target for osteolytic diseases
- **Eventide Homes Grant \$20,000.00**
(Funded by Eventide Homes)
Dr Kylie Tucker
School of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland
Project: Balancing muscle force and persistent knee pain in adolescents

- **Arthritis Queensland, Arthritis South Australia and the Allan and Beryl Stephens Grant \$31,000.00**
(Jointly funded by Arthritis Queensland, Arthritis South Australia, the Estate of Molly Saint and the Estate of the late Beryl Stephens)
Dr Romi Haas
Monash Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Cabrini Health
Project: Patterns of care for low back, knee and shoulder conditions by general practitioners in Victoria, Australia
- **The Marion A Simpson Grant \$25,000.00**
(Estate of the Late Marion Alice Simpson)
Dr Jayishni Maharaj
School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences, the University of Queensland.
Project: Is pain associated with mechanical joint load in the foot during walking in rheumatoid arthritis? A preliminary study.

Grants-in-Aid

- **Arthritis Australia Grant in Aid \$15,000.00**
(Funded by Arthritis Foundation of Australia)
Dr Benjamin Buckley
Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health, University of Wollongong
Project: Novel uPA inhibitors for the treatment of RA
- **Arthritis Australia Grant \$5,000.00**
(Funded by Suzette Gately)
Dr Andrew Buldt
La Trobe Sport and Exercise Medicine Research Centre, La Trobe University
Project: Classification of differences in bony morphology between individuals with and without foot osteoarthritis using statistical shape modelling
- **Reckitt Benckiser (Nurofen) Grant for OA/MSK Pain management \$15,000.00**
(Funded by Reckitt Benckiser Nurofen)
Dr David Saxby
School of Allied Health Services, Griffith University
Project: Biomechanical contributions to hip osteoarthritis progression
- **Reckitt Benckiser (Nurofen) Grant for OA/MSK Pain management \$15,000.00**
(Funded by Reckitt Benckiser (Nurofen) & Arthritis Australia)
Dr Courtney Davis
Rheumatology, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Project: Comparison of dietary oils in osteoarthritis patients: a feasibility study