**ARTHRITIS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM**  
**2018 RECIPIENTS**

### Fellowships

**AFA-ARA Heald Fellowship - $50,000**  
*(jointly funded by Australian Rheumatology Association and Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation)*  
**Dr Feitong Wu**  
Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania  
**Project:** *Early life strategies for improving fracture risk factors throughout life*

**The Arthritis Queensland Fellowship - $50,000**  
*(funded by Arthritis Queensland)*  
**Dr Natalie Collins**  
School of Health and Rehabilitation Science, University of Queensland  
**Project:** *Patellofemoral osteoarthritis and predictors of progression in young to middle-aged adults with chronic patellofemoral pain*

**Bruce Miller - Australian Rheumatology Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship - $125,000**  
*(jointly funded by BB & A Miller Foundation and Australian Rheumatology Association)*  
**Dr Meghna Talekar**  
Diamantina Institute, University of Queensland  
**Project:** *Targeted oral Liposomal Microcomplexes for Tolerizing Dendritic cells in rheumatoid arthritis*

**Bruce Miller - Australian Rheumatology Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship - $125,000**  
*(jointly funded by BB & A Miller Foundation and Australian Rheumatology Association)*  
**Dr Mihir Dilip Wechalekar**  
Department of Rheumatology, Flinders University  
**Project:** *Improving outcomes in Rheumatoid arthritis*

**The Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship - $75,000**  
*(funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)*  
**Dr Huai Leng (Jessica) Pisaniello (nee Yong)**  
The Arthritis Research UK Centre for Epidemiology, Centre for Musculoskeletal Research, School of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, The University of Manchester  
**Project:** *The role of mobile health (mHealth) application in real-time capture of self-reported symptoms and longitudinal activity, and its feasibility in patient-focused remote monitoring in musculoskeletal disorders*
Leanne Stafford Award - $50,000
(funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)

Dr Shi-Nan Luong
Centre for Rheumatology Research, University College London Division of Medicine
Project: *Investigating the relationship between autoimmune rheumatic disease activity and pregnancy outcomes*

Scholarships

Estate of The Late Grace E Cameron & ARA Project Grant - $30,000
(jointly funded by the Estate of The Late Grace E Cameron & Australian Rheumatology Association)

Dr Sudha Raghunath
Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University
Project: *Cognitive dysfunction in SLE*

Project Grants

ARA Project Grant - $35,000 (Translational Grant)
(funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)

Dr Helen Keen
Fiona Stanley Hospital, UWA School of Medicine and Pharmacology
Project: *Community perceptions of rheumatoid arthritis pharmacotherapy: An analysis of social media platforms*

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - $40,000
(funded by Arthritis South Australia)

Assoc Prof Ilana Ackerman
Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University
Project: *Falls prevention: The missing element in osteoarthritis care*

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - $10,000
(funded by Arthritis Australia)

Dr Ayano Kelly
Medical School, Australian National University
Project: *Standardising outcomes in interventions to improve medication adherence in rheumatology*

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - $15,000
(funded by Arthritis South Australia)

Dr Tasha Stanton
School of Health Sciences, University of South Australia
Project: *Does targeting pain-related beliefs in people with knee osteoarthritis increase physical activity?*
Dr Kylie Tucker
School of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland
Project: Balancing muscle force and persistent knee pain in adolescents

Dr Dawn Aitken
Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania
Project: A randomised controlled trial evaluating community walking for knee osteoarthritis

Dr Claudia Di Bella
Department of Orthopaedics, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne
Project: 3D Bioprinting of bio-adhesive scaffold for cartilage regeneration

Dr Ky-Anh Nguyen
Discipline of Life Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney
Project: Autoantibody cross-reactive epitope of P. gingivalis

Prof Christopher Jackson
Sutton Arthritis Laboratory Rheumatology, University of Sydney
Project: The differential functions of PAR1 and PAR2 in the onset and development of rheumatoid arthritis

Dr Eliza Pontifex
Rheumatology Medical Sciences, Flinders University
Project: Perception of pain in psoriatic arthritis

Dr Linda Rehaume
The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute, University of Queensland
Project: The relationship of IL-23 and the microbiota in the development of spondyloarthritis in SKG mice
ARA project Grant - $10,000
(funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)
Dr Premarani Sinnathurai
Rheumatology Department, Royal North Shore Hospital
Project: Adipokines: a link between obesity and psoriatic arthritis

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - $15,000
(funded by Arthritis Western Australia)
Dr Amity Campbell
School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science, Curtin University
Project: Predicting knee loading using wearable sensors

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - $15,000
(jointly funded by Arthritis Western Australia and Arthritis Australia)
Dr Ming-Chin Lee
Department of Medicine (RMH), University of Melbourne
Project: CCL17 in osteoarthritis and its associated pain

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - $10,000
(funded by Arthritis South Australia)
Dr Jiao Jiao Li
Kolling Institute, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney
Project: A novel strategy for treating chronic joint injury

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - $10,000
(funded by Arthritis South Australia)
Dr Jenny Setchell
School of Health and Rehabilitation Science, University of Queensland
Project: Translating low back pain research: Identifying potential hidden harms in health messaging

HJ & GJ McKenzie Grant - $10,000
(funded by Estate of the late Heather Joy McKenzie)
Mr David James Tunnicliffe
Sydney School of Public Health, University of Sydney
Project: Optimising transition from paediatric to adult healthcare in rheumatology