



## Arthritis Australia National Research Program 2019 Recipients

### Fellowships

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- **Bruce Miller- Australian Rheumatology 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 - \$100 000**  
*(Funded by the Australian Rheumatology Association(ARA))*  
**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**  
*(Funded by the Australian Rheumatology Association)*  
**Dr Ken Cai**  
Department of Medicine, University of Auckland  
**Project: Gout Research Fellowship (Auckland, New Zealand)**
- **AFA- ARA Heald Fellowship - \$50,000**  
*(Jointly funded by the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation & the ARA)*  
**Dr Jacqueline Flynn**  
Monash University  
**Project: Development of a novel SLE therapeutic**
- **Arthritis Queensland's Allen and Gwen Warren Fellowship - \$50,000**  
*(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**  
*(Funded by the Victorian ARA)*  
**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**

## Scholarships

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- **Arthritis Australia Scholarship - \$25,000**  
*(Funded by Arthritis Australia)*  
**Ms Hema Urban**  
Raymond Purves Research Laboratory, University of Sydney / Kolling, Institute of Medical Research  
**Project: The INTERLOCK Study**

## Project Grants

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- **ARA Project Grant -\$34,000**  
*(Funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)*  
**A/Prof Mandada Nikpour**  
Department of Rheumatology, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne  
**Project: Cardiac fibrosis in systemic sclerosis**
- **ARA Fellowship- \$30,000**  
*(Funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)*  
**Dr Saliu Balogun**  
Menziess Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania  
**Project: A randomised controlled trial evaluating community walking for knee osteoarthritis**
- **ARA Project Grant and Arthritis Australia Project Grant -\$11,750**  
*(Jointly funded by Australian Rheumatology Association and Arthritis 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**  
*(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**  
*(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**  
*(Funded by the Estate of the Molly Saint)*  
**Dr Natalie Collins**  
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences , University of Queensland  
**Project: HAPPY knees! A feasibility trial of shoe inserts for Adolescents with Patellofemoral Pain**

- **Reckitt Benckiser (Nurofen) Grant for OA/MSK Pain management - \$30,000**  
*(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**  
*(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**  
*(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**  
*(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**  
*(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

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- **Arthritis Australia Grant in Aid- \$15,000**  
*(Funded by Arthritis Australia)*  
**Dr Benjamin Buckley**  
 Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health, University of Wollongong  
**Project: Novel uPA inhibitors for the treatment of RA**
- **Suzette Gateby Grant-\$5,000**  
*(Funded by the Estate of Suzette Gateby)*  
**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**  
*(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**  
*(Funded by Reckitt Benckiser (Nurofen))*  
**Dr Courtney Davis**  
*Rheumatology, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital*  
**Project: Comparison of dietary oils in osteoarthritis patients: a feasibility study**