



ARTHRITIS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM 2017 RECIPIENTS

Fellowships

- **AFA-ARA Heald Fellowship \$50,000.00** (*jointly funded by ARA Trust and Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation*)
Dr Feng Pan
Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania
Project: *Krill oil effects on osteoarthritis of the knee: A randomised control trial*
- **The Arthritis Queensland Fellowship \$50,000.00** (*funded by Arthritis Queensland*)
Dr Indira Prasadam
Injury Prevention and Trauma Management Theme, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology
Project: *Osteoarthritis*
- **The ARA Victorian Fellowship \$50,000.00** (*funded by ARA Victoria*)
Dr Shereen Oon
Departments of Rheumatology and Medicine, The University of Melbourne at St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Project: *Factors influencing treatment decisions in SLE: development of a patient-physician centred treat-to-target algorithm*
- **Bruce Miller - Australian Rheumatology Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship \$125,000.00** (*jointly funded by BB & A Miller Foundation and ARA Trust*)
Dr Meghna Talekar
Diamantina Institute, The University of Queensland
Project: *Evaluating oral therapeutic strategies for Tolerizing Dendritic cells in rheumatoid arthritis*
- **The Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship \$36,000.00** (*jointly funded by an educational research grant by ARA Trust and Roche Products Pty Limited*)
Dr Joanna Tieu
Vasculitis and Lupus service, Addenbrooke's Hospital, University of Cambridge
Project: *Optimising therapy in ANCA associated vasculitis*
- **The Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship - \$39,000.00** (*jointly funded by an educational research grant by ARA Trust and Roche Products Pty Limited*)
Dr Lauren Host Centre of Rheumatology and Connective Tissue Diseases, Royal Free Hospital and University College Medical School, London, England
Project: *The clinical and biological significance of altered IL-7 expression in systemic sclerosis*

- **Leanne Stafford Award \$50,000.00** *(funded by ARA Trust)*
Dr Matthew Parker
 Department of Rheumatology, Salford Royal NHS, the Centre for Musculoskeletal Research and the University of Manchester
Project: *A natural history study of patients with statin-associated necrotizing autoimmune myositis and modelling of the MHC-II/HMGCR epitope*

Scholarships

- **The Allan and Beryl Stephens Grant \$30,000.00** *(funded by The Estate of the late Beryl Stephens)*
Dr Ayano Kelly
 Medical School, The Australian National University
Project: *Understanding and improving adherence to disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs in rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis*
- **Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Translational Grant \$30,000.00**
(funded by Arthritis South Australia)
Dr Anthony Sammel
 Rheumatology, Royal North Shore Hospital
Project: *Improving the diagnosis and prognostication of giant cell arteritis (GCA) through the use of positron emission tomography (PET), immune and microbiological biomarkers*

Project Grants

- **ARA Project Grant \$30,000.00** *(funded by ARA Trust)*
Prof Catherine Hill
 Rheumatology, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Project: *A randomized clinical trial of colchicine in inflammatory hand osteoarthritis*
- **ARA Project Grant \$15,000.00** *(funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)*
Prof Johannes Nossent
 School of Medicine & Pharmacology, The University of Western Australia
Project: *Investigating SLE in Western Australia*
- **ARA Project Grant \$30,000.00** *(funded by Australian Rheumatology Association)*
Prof Ian Wicks
 Inflammation Division, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Project: *Exploring GM-CSF as a regulator and therapeutic target in vasculitis*
- **Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant \$30,000.00** *(funded by Arthritis South Australia)*
Dr Tania Crotti
 Adelaide Medical School, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Adelaide
Project: *Pain, bone and joint modification in a murine model of inflammatory arthritis*

- **Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Translational Grant \$30,000.00**
(funded by Arthritis South Australia)
Dr Helen Keen
School of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Western Australia
Project: RCT of anti-inflammatory therapy in gout
- **Arthritis Australia and State & Territory Affiliate Grant \$30,000.00**
(jointly funded by Arthritis Western Australia and Arthritis Tasmania)
Assoc Prof Jane Munro
Cell Biology Theme, Murdoch Children's Research Institute
Project: Understanding the JIA experience from the patient perspective: Reconsidering the juvenile idiopathic arthritis core set -How patients and caregivers define disease activity.
- **Eventide Homes & Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant \$25,000.00**
(jointly funded by Eventide Homes NSW and Arthritis Foundation of Australia)
Assoc Prof Pazit Levinger
Institute of Sport, Exercise & Active Living (ISEAL), Victoria University
Project: High speed resistance training and balance training for people with knee osteoarthritis: A pilot randomised controlled trial
- **H J & G J McKenzie Grant \$25,000.00** (funded by The Estate of the late Heather Joy McKenzie)
Prof Jiake Xu
School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The University of Western Australia
Project: Molecular Mechanisms and therapeutic effects of Carnosol on collagen-induced arthritis and osteolysis
- **Marion A Simpson Grant \$25,000.00** (funded by The Estate of the Late Marion Alice Simpson)
Prof Matthew Brown
Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology
Project: Novel mediators of inflammation in ankylosing spondylitis
- **Zimmer Biomet Australia Grant \$30,000.00** (funded by Zimmer Biomet Australia)
Assoc Prof Rod Green
Department of Pharmacy & Applied Science, La Trobe University
Project: The efficacy and feasibility of a targeted gluteal exercise program for improving hip function and increasing activity levels in people with hip osteoarthritis

Grant-in-Aid

- **Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant \$15,000.00** (funded by Arthritis Tasmania)
Dr Joanne Kemp
La Trobe Sport & Exercise Medicine Research Centre, School of Allied Health, La Trobe University
Project: Reducing the impact of hip pain and disability (physioFIRST study): A randomised, controlled trial

- **Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant \$15,000.00** (*jointly funded by Arthritis Australia and Arthritis South Australia*)
Dr Penny Rudd
 Institute for Glycomics, Griffith University
Project: *Investigating the use of Apremilast (Otezela®) for the treatment of alphaviral induced arthritis*
- **Ride for Arthritis Grant in aid \$15,000.00** (*funded by Chris Barrie and team*)
Dr Helen Benham
 School of Medicine, The University of Queensland
Project: *Patient-centred Treat-to-Target in rheumatoid arthritis*
- **Ride for Arthritis Grant in aid \$15,000.00** (*funded by Chris Barrie and team*)
Dr Chloe Parton
 School of Medicine, The University of Queensland
Project: *Motherhood and living with rheumatoid arthritis*
- **Zimmer Biomet Australia Grant \$10,000.00** (*funded by Zimmer Biomet Australia*)
Mr Aron Downie
 Musculoskeletal Division, The George Institute for Global Health, University of Sydney
Project: *Recovery from low back pain*
- **Zimmer Biomet Australia Grant \$10,000.00** (*funded by Zimmer Biomet Australia*)
Ms Rita Kinsella
 Physiotherapy Department, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Project: *Isometric exercises for rehabilitation of rotator cuff tendinopathy/subacromial pain syndrome*