



## Arthritis Australia National Research Program 2019 Recipients

### Fellowships

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- **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

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- **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

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- **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.**

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## 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 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 \$15,000.00**  
*(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**