

2024 National Research Program Recipients

2024 ARA Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Talia Igel
Intended department:	Monash Health, Department of Rheumatology
Project:	Identifying Ancestry-Specific Lupus Molecular Profiles that Could Uncover New Genetic Causes of SLE

2024 ARA Philip Robinson Memorial Award

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Mandana Nikpour
Intended department:	The University of Melbourne at St Vincent's Hospital and St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research Melbourne - Department of Rheumatology and Department of Dermatology
Project:	Gene signatures in scleroderma skin: towards molecular disease classification and personalised treatment targets

2024 ARA Victorian Fellowship

Funded by:	ARA Victoria
Recipient:	Dr Luigi Zolio
Intended department:	The University of Melbourne
Project:	Defining and Validating the Lupus Low Disease Activity State (LLDAS) using the British Isles Lupus Activity Group (BILAG) Index

2024 Scholarship

Funded by:	Arthritis Australia
Recipient:	Ms Lara Glass
Intended department:	Westmead Institute for Medical Research, Centre for Immunology and Allergy Research
Project:	Linking genotype and autoantibodies to pathology and treatment in systemic lupus erythematosus

2024 Fellowship

Funded by:	Arthritis WA, Arthritis Australia
Recipient:	Dr Belinda Lawford
Intended department:	University of Melbourne
Project:	Co-designing a physical activity mobile app for lower limb osteoarthritis: JointMotion

2024 Project Grants

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Prof Elina Hypponen
Intended department:	University of South Australia, Clinical and Health Sciences
Project:	Machine learning to predict and prevent rheumatoid arthritis

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Romi Haas
Intended department:	Monash University, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine
Project:	Living clinical practice guidelines for management of rotator cuff related shoulder pain: Priority questions

Funded by:	ARA Trust, Arthritis Australia
Recipient:	Prof Christopher Little
Intended department:	Kolling Institute - University of Sydney, Raymond Purves Bone and Joint Research Lab
Project:	Does mild joint injury and how its managed, increase risk of catastrophic injury and post-traumatic osteoarthritis?

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Claire Owen
Intended department:	The University of Melbourne - Austin Health, Department of Rheumatology
Project:	Utility of 18F-FDG Whole Body PET/CT To Quantify Disease Activity and Monitor Treatment Response in PMR

Funded by:	Arthritis NSW
Recipient:	Dr Changkui Fu
Intended department:	Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology
Project:	Synthetic joint bio-lubricants for mitigating osteoarthritis and associated chronic pain

2024 Grant-in-Aid

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Kim Watkins
Intended department:	Curtin University, Curtin School of Allied Health
Project:	Closing gaps in osteoarthritis care through community pharmacy

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Annabelle Small
Intended department:	Flinders University, Department of Rheumatology
Project:	Synovial neutrophils in early rheumatoid arthritis: relationship with clinical outcome and the development of improved handling procedures

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Caitlin Jones
Intended department:	The University of Sydney, Sydney Musculoskeletal Health
Project:	REduced oPiods After joint Replacement Surgery (REPAIRS): a pilot trial

Funded by:	ARA Trust
Recipient:	Dr Rocco Cavaleri
Intended department:	Western Sydney University, School of Health Sciences
Project:	Home-based neuromodulation: Boosting the analgesic effects of exercise