

2025 National Research Program Recipients

2025 ARA Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Bonnia Liu
Intended department:	University Medical Centre Groningen, The Netherlands. Dept of Rheumatology & Clinical Immunology
Project:	Application of imaging biomarkers using PET/CT in large vessel vasculitis and polymyalgia rheumatica

2025 ARA Research Fund Private Practice Grant

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Paul Russo
Intended department:	The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Dept of Rheumatology
Project:	JAK inhibitors in Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA): a retrospective, multicentre, observational study

2025 Scholarship

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Jianna He
Intended department:	Westmead Institute for Medical Research
Project:	Pathogenic B cells in inflammatory myopathy

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Athena Chin
Intended department:	Flinders Medical Centre. Dept of Rheumatology
Project:	Clonal Haematopoiesis in Rheumatoid Arthritis

2025 Fellowship

Funded by:	Arthritis NSW & Arthritis Australia
Recipient:	Dr Etienne Masle-Farquhar
Intended department:	Garvan Institute of Medical Research. Dept of Immunology
Project:	Leukocytes, acquired mutations and biomarkers in osteoarthritis.

2025 Project Grants

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Jessica Day
Intended department:	Wicks Laboratory- WEHI. Inflammation Division
Project:	IBM Biomarker Discovery

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Annabelle Small
Intended department:	Flinders University, College of Medicine and Public Health. Dept of Rheumatology
Project:	Acquired mutations as the link between rheumatoid arthritis and cardiovascular disease

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Laura Ross
Intended department:	St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. Dept of Rheumatology
Project:	Prucalopride for Treatment of Systemic Sclerosis Gastrointestinal Dysmotility

Funded by:	Estate of Gladys Irene Benjamin
Recipient:	Dr Jenny Setchell
Intended department:	Institute for Urban Indigenous Health. Dept of Data and Research
Project:	Persistent Pain Service: A Caring Pathway for Mob

Funded by:	Estate of Gladys Irene Benjamin
Recipient:	A/Prof Laura Diamond
Intended department:	Griffith University. Australian Centre for Precision Health and Technology,
Project:	Feasibility of movement retraining in a natural environment for self-management of hip osteoarthritis

Funded by:	HJ & GJ McKenzie Grant
Recipient:	Prof Michelle Smith
Intended department:	The University of Queensland. School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Project:	Foot orthoses plus education compared to usual care for ankle OA: A pilot and feasibility trial

Funded by:	HJ & GJ McKenzie Grant
Recipient:	Dr Jonathan Quicke
Intended department:	The University of Queensland. School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Project:	The SOAR study (Shoulder OsteoArthritis Research priorities)

Funded by:	HJ & GJ McKenzie Grant & the Estate of Marion Simpson
Recipient:	Prof Michael Weise
Intended department:	University of South Australia. Dept Clinical and Health Sciences
Project:	Loading Doses of Methotrexate as Initial Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis

2025 Grant-in-Aid

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Sarah Wallwork
Intended department:	University of South Australia. Dept Allied Health and Human Performance
Project:	Co-designing the VITAL Project for juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Glen Whittaker
Intended department:	La Trobe University. Dept of Podiatry
Project:	Patient-centred outcomes of a rheumatology podiatry service for people with foot-specific symptoms: a randomised feasibility trial

Funded by:	ARA Research Trust
Recipient:	Dr Nicole D'Souza
Intended department:	University of Sydney. Discipline of Physiotherapy
Project:	Co-design of a knee osteoarthritis gait retraining intervention program

Funded by:	Arthritis Australia, Arthritis WA
Recipient:	Ms Erin MacIntyre
Intended department:	University of South Australia. Dept Allied Health and Human Performance
Project:	"My Best Day for Knee OA" Creation of a web-based app to individualise time-use for people with painful knee osteoarthritis