

2026 National Research Program

ARA sponsored Fellowships, Memorial Award, Project Grants and Grant-in-Aid

2026 ARA Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Jacinta Cheng |
| Intended institution: | University of Toronto |
| Project: | A prospective cohort study of adults with rheumatic immune related adverse effects associated with cancer immunotherapies. |
| Amount: | \$100,000 |

2026 ARA/NZRA Philip Robinson Memorial Award

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Claire Owen |
| Intended institution: | The University of Melbourne |
| Project: | Characterizing the plasma proteome of polymyalgia rheumatica |
| Amount: | \$50,000 |

2026 Project Grants

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Jessica Stanhope |
| Intended institution: | The University of Adelaide |
| Project: | Harnessing green space exposure to improve outcomes for people with arthritis |
| Amount: | \$62,266 |

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Asolina Braun |
| Intended institution: | Monash University |
| Project: | Streptococcal peptides as pro-inflammatory agents in Rheumatoid Arthritis |
| Amount: | \$75,000 |

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Jessica Day |
| Intended institution: | Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research |
| Project: | MODIFI-IBM: Multimodal biomarker discovery and therapeutic profiling of baricitinib in inclusion body myositis |
| Amount: | \$75,000 |

2026 Grant-in-Aid

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Wittaya Sawakulsiri |
| Intended institution: | The University of Queensland |
| Project: | Dissecting Oral-Joint Immune Crosstalk in RA using Spatial and Single-Cell Transcriptomics to Improve Early Diagnosis, Intervention and Management |
| Amount: | \$25,000 |

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Eugenie Macfarlane |
| Intended institution: | The University of Sydney |
| Project: | The efficacy of glucocorticoid antagonists in the treatment of post-traumatic osteoarthritis |
| Amount: | \$24,980 |

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| Funded by: | ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Alana Dinsdale |
| Intended institution: | The University of Queensland |
| Project: | The ECHO-A Project: Empowering Consumers and Health professionals for effective management of tempOromandibular disorders in Australia. |
| Amount: | \$24,984 |

2026 Scholarship

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| Funded by: | Arthritis Australia & ARA Research Fund |
| Recipient: | Dr Lucinda Robinson |
| Intended institution: | Flinders Medical Centre |
| Project: | Pathways to Relapse: Dissecting Temporal Artery Clues in Giant Cell Arteritis |
| Amount: | \$27,500 |