

2026 National Research Program

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

2026 ARA Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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