

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Research Foundation



Vision

The general practice community actively engages in research that improves the health of all Australians

The RACGP Research Foundation builds the capacity of general practitioners to produce high quality, ethically approved research and to translate their findings into improved health outcomes for Australians.

The RACGP Research Foundation is fortunate to have as its patron a notable Australian general practice researcher, Emeritus Professor Charles Bridges-Webb AO.

Each year the RACGP provides awards, grants and scholarships to support general practice research and general practitioner researchers. The RACGP especially encourages new and

emerging researchers who are members of the RACGP to develop research competencies.

The RACGP National Research Awards Committee – a subcommittee of the RACGP Research Foundation – manages the research grants and awards and ensures continuity, equity and quality across the awards program.

The RACGP National Research and Evaluation Ethics Committee can review research projects to ensure that the welfare and rights of participants in research are protected. For more information visit www.racgp.org.au/research/ethics.

Up to 12 research grants available for GP researchers

- two **Family Medical Care, Education and Research (FMCER) grants** (valued at \$10 000 each)
- the **Chris Silagy Research Scholarship** (valued at \$20 000)



'Research is satisfying but requires passion and persistence, having faith in your own ideas, supportive mentors, and access to finance to cover the costs of research.'

Cate Howell, FMCER Grant recipient

The 'Keeping the blues away' program aiming to prevent depression relapse

Depression is a common general practice condition which often results in relapse. This study demonstrated that evidence based treatment for depression severity and relapse is well accepted by practitioners and their patients.



'My research provides evidence of the conditions rural GPs need to manage in an environment where access to essential health services is limited.'

Tracy Cheffins, RACGP/CONROD Research Fellowship recipient

An exploration of rural GPs' management of patients affected by motor vehicle trauma

This research explored the impact of road crash injuries on patients and their GPs in rural North Queensland. The results showed that GPs provided more consultations for chronic injuries than for acute injuries, and that there are many gaps in services for rural patients including access to surgeons, physiotherapists and rehabilitation programs.

- three **RACGP/Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) Indigenous Health Awards** (valued at \$2500 each)

- three **RACGP/Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD) Research Fellowships** funded by the Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC) (valued at \$20 000 each)
- one **Pfizer/RACGP/Australian Association of Academic General Practice (AAAGP) Cardiovascular Research Grants in General Practice (CVRG)** (valued at \$24 000 each)
- the **Rex Walpole Travelling Fellowship** (valued at \$2500)
- the **PWH Grieve Memorial award** (valued at \$2500)

Interested? What's the next step?

For more information, assistance with a research proposal or to donate to the Research Foundation visit www.racgp.org.au/researchfoundation or email research@racgp.org.au

