

# RANZCOG RESEARCH FOUNDATION

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(1989 – 2010)



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### Arthur Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Dr Kirsten Palmer (2011 – 2012)

Project: Therapeutic Antibody Development: A potential treatment for Preeclampsia.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mercy Hospital for Women  
University of Melbourne, Victoria

Dr Tu'uhevaha Kaitu'u-Lino (2009 – 2010)

Project: The Contribution of Endometrial Stem/Progenitor Cells to Endometrial Restoration After Menses.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Centre for Women's Health Research,  
Monash Institute of Medical Research  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Stephen Tong (2008 – 2009)

Project: Developing Immunostimulatory RNA Drugs that Silence Genes as Treatment for Cervical Cancer and Ectopic Pregnancy.  
Institution: Monash Institute of Medical Research  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Yasmin Jayasinghe (2007 – 2008)

Project: The Oncogenic Risk of HPV in Children and Adolescents: Risk factors for cervical carcinoma and high grade dysplasia under 25 years of age.  
Institution: Department of Microbiology & Infectious Diseases  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Louise Hull (2006 – 2007)

Project: Tissue Remodelling in Endometriosis.  
Institution: University of Adelaide, South Australia

Dr Sean Seeho (2005 – 2006)

Project: Why is Trophoblast Invasion Defective in Pregnancies that Develop Pre-eclampsia?  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Kollings Institute  
Royal North Shore Hospital, New South Wales

Dr Ursula Manuelpillai (2004 – 2005)

Project: Quinolinic Acid: A link between intra-uterine infection and cerebral palsy?  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Centre for Women's Health Research  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Vicki Clifton (2002 – 2003)

Project: The Impact of Asthma During Pregnancy on Placental Function.  
Institution: Mothers & Babies Research Centre  
John Hunter Hospital, New South Wales

Dr Gareth Weston (2002 – 2003)

Project: Gene Micro Array Profiling of Human Endometrium.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Centre for Women's Health Research  
Monash University, Victoria

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Dr Penelope Sheehan (2000 – 2001)

Project: What Triggers Labour? The role of 5 $\beta$ -dihydroprogesterone in the initiation of labour.  
Institution: Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Christopher Maher (1998 – 1999)

Project: Surgical Management of Vaginal Prolapse.  
Institution: Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Anna Rosamilia (1996 – 1997)

Project: A Study of the Hypersensitive Bladder with Particular Emphasis on the Role of Kinin System in Interstitial Cystitis.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Martha Hickey (1995 – 1996)

Project: Irregular Endometrial Bleeding with Progestogenic Contraceptives. Norplant Implants in Australia: the introduction of a new contraceptive method.  
Institution: Sydney Centre for Reproductive Health Research, New South Wales

Dr Jacoba Kooy (1994 – 1995)

Project: The Investigation of Endometrial Function and Morphology in Women with Menorrhagia and in Women Following Endometrial Ablation.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Centre for Women's Health Research  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Robert Cincotta (1992 – 1993)

Project: Platelet Function in the Prediction and Pathogenesis of Pre-eclampsia.  
Institution: Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Shaun Brennecke (1990 – 1991)

Project: The Biochemical Basis of Human Dysfunctional Labor.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria



## **Ella Macknight Memorial Scholarship**

Ms Sonya Hubbard (2011 – 2012)

Project: Identification of Endometrial Cancer Stem Cell Surface Markers  
Institution: The Ritchie Centre  
Monash Institute of Medical Research, Victoria

Dr Toni Welsh (2009 – 2010)

Project: The Contribution of Endometrial Stem/Progenitor Cells to Endometrial Restoration After Menses.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Centre for Women's Health Research  
Monash Institute of Medical Research, Victoria

Dr Thushari Alahakoon (2007 – 2008)

Project: Angiogenic Factors in Clinical Placental Vascular Disease.  
Institution: Westmead Hospital, New South Wales

Dr Jane Girling (2005 – 2006)

Project: Development of In Vitro and In Vivo Models for Functional Investigation of Endometriosis Associated Genes.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Rebecca Jones (2003 – 2004)

Project: The Role of Activins During Decidualisation of Human Endometrium Stromal Cells.  
Institution: Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, New South Wales

Dr Caroline Gargett (2001 – 2002)

Project: Identification and Characterisation of Human Endometrial Stem Cells.  
Institution: Monash University, Victoria

Dr Euan Wallace (1999 – 2000)

Project: Activins and Follistatin in Late Pregnancy and Parturition.  
Institution: Monash University, Victoria



## **Fotheringham Research Fellowship**

Dr Lisa Hui (2010 – 2011)

Project: Functional Genomic Analysis of Amniotic Fluid mRNA in Monochorionic Twins with Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome.  
Institution: Tufts Medical Center  
Tufts University, Boston, USA

Dr Rosalie Grivell (2008 – 2009)

Project: Skin and Subcutaneous Fascia Closure at Caesarean Section: A randomised controlled trial.  
Institution: Women's and Children's Hospital  
University of Adelaide, South Australia

Dr Nicola Bryan (2006 – 2007)

Project: The Molecular Basis of Idiopathic Growth Restriction: The role of homeobox gene expression in the placentas of twins discordant for growth.  
Institution: Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Jacqueline Boyle (2004 – 2005)

Project: Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) in Indigenous Women.  
Institution: Menzies School of Health Research, Northern Territory

Dr Craig Pennell (2002 – 2003)

Project: New Interventions to Improve Fetal Lung Development in the Presence of Oligohydramnios.  
Institution: King Edward Memorial Hospital, Western Australia

Dr Luk Rombauts (2000 – 2001)

Project: Immunolocalisation of Inhibin and Activin Subunits in Human Endometrium and Endometriosis.  
Institution: Monash University, Victoria

Dr Salesh Kumar Surendran (1998 – 1999)

Project: Genetic Control of Trophoblast Differentiation.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Dr Thomas Manolitsas (1996 – 1997)

Project: A Progesterone Receptor Polymorphism and the Risk of Ovarian Cancer.  
Institution: Princess Anne Hospital  
University of Southampton, United Kingdom

Dr Michael Peek (1994 – 1995)

Project: Pharmacokinetics and Biophysical Consequences of Transplacentally Administered Thyrotropin Releasing Hormone to Enhance Fetal Lung Maturation.  
Institution: Canberra Clinical School  
Woden Valley Hospital, Australian Capital Territory

Dr Hilary Critchley (1992 – 1993)

Project: Endometrial Structure and Function in Menorrhagic Women and After Treatment by Endometrial Resection.  
Institution: Monash Medical Centre, Victoria

Dr Karen Shand (1991)

Project: O&G Ultrasound.

Institution: Queen Victoria Hospital, South Australia

Dr Janet Vaughan (1989)

Project: Comparison of the Ultrasonic Evidence of Compromise with the Acid-base Status of the Fetus from Blood Obtained by Cordocentesis in Late Pregnancy.

Institution: Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital  
University of London, United Kingdom



## **Glyn White Research Fellowship**

Dr Tamara Yawno (2011 – 2012)

Project: Novel Cell Based Therapy for the Treatment of Perinatal Brain Injury  
Institution: The Ritchie Centre  
Monash Institute of Medical Research, Victoria

Dr Ryan Hodges (2009 – 2010)

Project: Prevention of Preterm Lung Disease by Human Amnion Cells.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Joanne Said (2007 – 2008)

Project: Identification and Characterisation of Placental Coagulation Markers in Normal Pregnancies and in Pregnancies Complicated by Pre-eclampsia and Fetal Growth Restriction.  
Institution: Pregnancy Research Centre  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Suzanne Miller (2005 – 2006)

Project: Effects of Maternal Betamethasone Administration on the Intrauterine Growth Restricted Ovine Fetus.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Stephen Tong (2002 – 2003)

Project: A Study of Activin Secretion in Acute and Chronic Fetoplacental Hypoxia.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

Ms Katy Freed (1999 – 2000)

Project: Mutable Genes and Pre-eclampsia.  
Institution: Perinatal Research Centre  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Ms Jennifer Lade (1998 – 1999)

Project: The Genetics of Pre-eclampsia/Eclampsia.  
Institution: Perinatal Research Centre  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Mr Simon Black (1996 – 1997)

Project: The Role of Apoptosis in Normal and Abnormal Human Placental Function.  
Institution: Department of Perinatal Medicine  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Linda Rotella (1994 – 1995)

Project: The Role of the Enzyme Phospholipase A2 in Human Parturition at Term and Preterm.  
Institution: Department of Perinatal Medicine  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Ms Nihay Laham (1992 – 1993)

Project: The Role of Cytokines in Human Parturition.  
Institution: Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Ms Maryanne Aitken (1990 – 1991)

Project: The Molecular Biology of Human Parturition.  
Institution: Monash University, Victoria



## **Luke Proposch Perinatal Research Scholarship**

Dr Rebecca Lim (2011)

- Project: Preclinical Trial for Preeclampsia - Pregnancy induced hypertension and endothelial dysfunction  
Institution: The Ritchie Centre  
Monash Institute of Medical Research, Victoria

Dr Veronica Stevens (2010)

- Project: Role for the b-isoform of the Thromboxane Receptor in Pre-eclampsia.  
Institution: Kolling Institute of Medical Research  
University of Sydney, New South Wales

Dr Wan Tinn Teh (2009)

- Project: Hypoxic Regulated mRNA Measured in Maternal Blood as a Novel Biomarker for Intrapartum Fetal Distress.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Michele Kwik (2008)

- Project: Prediction of Intrauterine Growth Restriction.  
Institution: Kolling Institute of Medical Research  
University of Sydney, New South Wales

Dr Jodie Benson (2007)

- Project: Antenatal Vitamin D (AVID) Study.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

## **Mary Elizabeth Courier Research Scholarship**

Dr Viola Heinzelmann-Schwarz (2010-2012)

- Project: Evaluation of an Anti-glycan Antibody Panel as New Diagnostic Signature in Serous Ovarian Cancer Patients.  
Institution: Royal Hospital for Women / Lowy Cancer Research Institute  
University of Sydney, New South Wales



## **Taylor-Hammond Research Scholarship**

Dr Gabrielle Dezarnaulds (2011)

Project: A Blinded Study Comparing Urine Testing and Endometrial Sampling with Laparoscopy for Diagnosis of Endometriosis.

Institution: Department of Women's & Babies  
University of Sydney, New South Wales

Dr Christos Georgiou (2010)

Project: Variations in the Molecular Structure of the Oxytocin Receptor and Oxytocinase.

Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
University of Wollongong, New South Wales

Dr Jane Hirst (2009)

Project: Understanding and Prevention of Stillbirth in Vietnam: Application of a classification system to identify antecedent risk factors.

Institution: School of Public Health International Maternal & Child Health  
University of Sydney, New South Wales

Dr Bradley de Vries (2008)

Project: An Investigation into the Mechanism of Intrapartum Vertical Transmission of HIV and Other Viruses.

Institution: University of New South Wales  
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, New South Wales

Dr Thomas Shashian (2007)

Project: Endometrial Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSC) and Biological Scaffold as a Construct for Gynaecological Prolapse Repair Surgery.

Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Kate Stone (2006)

Project: The Metabolic Syndrome and Endothelial Dysfunction in Pregnancy.

Institution: Mercy Hospital for Women, Victoria



## **Beresford Buttery Travel Grant**

Dr Lisa Hui (2009)

Purpose: Scientific Paper Presentation, 7th RCOG International Congress

Dr Rebecca Chalmers (2006)

Purpose: Attend courses in fetal echocardiography and advanced O&G ultrasound.

Institution: Jefferson Ultrasound Institute  
Philadelphia, United States of America

Dr Jodie Dodd (2004)

Purpose: Gain experience in high risk maternal fetal medicine units.

Institution: Bristol University, Queen Charlotte's & Queen's Medical Centre  
United Kingdom



## **Brown Craig Travelling Fellowship**

### **Dr Renee Wong (2010)**

- Purpose:** To complete level 6 training as an MFM fellow. Gain experience in high-risk obstetrics. Participate in a research project involving obstetric ultrasound: "Placental Ultrasound in Low Risk Pregnancies".
- Institution:** Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Mt Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Canada

### **Dr Paul Cohen (2009)**

- Purpose:** To conduct basic science research with Professor Berkowitz's ovarian cancer metabolic biomarkers group.
- Institution:** Department of Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Reproductive Biology  
Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, United States of America

### **Dr Rhonda Farrell (2008)**

- Purpose:** Study and critical assessment of surgical techniques used to perform radical trachelectomy and laparoscopic paraaortic and pelvic lymph node dissection in the management of gynaecological malignancy.
- Institution:** Quebec City, Canada  
Toulouse, France

### **Dr Lisa Hui (2008)**

- Purpose:** Scientific Paper Presentation, RANZCOG Annual Scientific Meeting

### **Dr Sean Seeho (2007)**

- Purpose:** Presentation of Project: Villous Explant Culture Using Early Gestation Tissue from Ongoing Pregnancies: A model to study trophoblast invasion.
- Institution:** International Placenta meeting  
Kobe, Japan

### **Dr Joanne Said (2006)**

- Purpose:** Present original research data (thrombophilia and Obstetric Outcomes).
- Institution:** International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy Conference  
Lisbon, Portugal

### **Dr Woun-Eng Catarina Ang (2005)**

- Purpose:** Undertake Fellowship in laparoscopic gynaecological surgery and be involved in clinical research at CHU.
- Institution:** Centre Hospitalier University, France

### **Dr Yik Nyok Lim (2005)**

- Purpose:** Develop clinical skills and understanding of urogenital fistulae and complex pelvic organ prolapses.
- Institution:** Visit to Govt Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Woman and Children  
Chennai, India

### **Dr Jane McNeilage (2004)**

- Purpose:** Gain clinical and research experience, especially in vulval and cervical cancer.
- Institution:** Gynae Oncology Department  
Amsterdam Medical Centre, with visits to centres in Netherlands, Belgium and Scandanavia

### **Dr Michael Wynn-Williams (2004)**

- Purpose:** Gain knowledge and experience in laparoscopic gynaecology.
- Institution:** Scotland, France and San Francisco

Dr Peta Higgs (2003)

Purpose: Gain experience in urogynaecology.  
Institution: St Mary's Hospital for Women and Children  
Manchester, United Kingdom

Dr Fong Lok (2002)

Purpose: Gain experience in and exposure to various aspects of assisted reproductive techniques.  
Institution: Southampton and Sheffield, United Kingdom

Dr Hannah Krause (2002)

Purpose: Gain experience in and exposure to obstetrics and gynaecology practice in a developing country, and in particular, the vesicovaginal fistula program at the Evangel hospital.  
Institution: ECWA Evangel Hospital, Jos-Plateau State, Nigeria

Dr Vincent Lamaro (2001)

Purpose: Study the physical layout, multidisciplinary make-up and treatment protocols of an internationally recognised pelvic pain center, and to observe and participate in advanced laparoscopic techniques for treatment of endometriosis and surgical and medical approaches to endometriosis and pelvic pain.  
Institution: Pelvic Pain Center, Birmingham, Alabama, United States of America

Dr Thomas Manolitsas (2000)

Purpose: Study the role of laparoscopic surgery in gynaecological oncology.  
Institution: James Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, Ohio, United States of America

Dr Stephen Robson (1999)

Purpose: Participate in a review of minimal versus radical neovaginal construction and management of congenital reproductive abnormalities.  
Institution: Department of Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecology  
University of Toronto, Canada

Dr Chris Griffin (1998)

Purpose: Review the impact of computerisation of medical records.  
Institution: United Kingdom

Dr Andrew Foote (1997)

Purpose: Review cost effectiveness of treatments in urogynaecology in the United Kingdom.  
Institution: United Kingdom

Dr Gregory Kesby (1996)

Purpose: Gain experience in embryscopy.  
Institution: Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, USA;  
Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium;  
Maternite Port Royal-Baudelocque et Universite, Paris

Dr Judith Goh (1995)

Purpose: Gain experience in obstetrics and gynaecology in a third world country.  
Institution: Addis Abab Fistula Hospital  
Soddo Hospital, Ethiopia

Dr Charles Siles (1994)

Purpose: Embark on a training program of fetal echocardiography, cordocentesis and embryscopy.  
Institution: Paris, France

Dr Iris Wang (1993)

Purpose: Undertake fellowship training in reproductive endocrinology.  
Institution: University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, Canada

Dr Robert Woolcott (1990)

Purpose: Widen clinical experience in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.  
Institution: School of Medicine, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology  
Yale University, United States of America



## **Mayne Women's Health Fellowship\***

Dr Alexis Shub (2004)

Project: Periodontal Disease and Intrauterine Inflammation: Pathways to preterm birth.  
Institution: School of Women's and Infants' Health  
University of Western Australia, Western Australia

Dr Andrew Murray (2003)

Project: Comparison of Chemokine Gene-Array Profiles in Epithelial and Stromal Compartments of Eutopic and Ectopic Endometrium Using Laser Micro-Dissection.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Monash University, Victoria

Dr Jason Abbott (2002)

Project: Randomised Trial Evaluating Pre-operative Medical Treatment of Endometriosis Prior to Radical Laparoscopic Excision of Disease.  
Institution: Royal Hospital for Women, New South Wales

Dr Jodie Dodd (2001)

Project: Misoprostol for the Induction of Labour at Term.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
University of Adelaide, South Australia

Dr Elizabeth McKenna (2000)

Project: Menopausal Symptoms, HRT Use and Relevance to Aboriginal Women in Far North Queensland.  
Institution: Cairns Base Hospital, Queensland

Dr Hans Peter Dietz (1999)

Project: The Lower Urinary Tract and Pelvic Floor in Pregnancy and Puerperium.  
Institution: Royal Hospital for Women, New South Wales

Dr Susan Walker (1998)

Project: Clinical Applications of Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring in Pregnancy.  
Institution: Department of Perinatal Medicine  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Helen Cooley (1997)

Project: Cell Mediated Immunity and Early Pregnancy Loss.  
Institution: Department of Perinatal Medicine  
Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr Andrew Foote (1996)

Project: Quality of Life and Cost Effectiveness in the Treatment of Urinary Incontinence.  
Institution: St George Hospital, New South Wales

Dr Marcus Carey (1995)

Project: Study of Clinical, Urodynamic and Morphological Features of the Poorly Compliant Bladder.  
Institution: Royal Women's Hospital, Victoria

Dr John Latimer (1994)

Project: The Exploration of How Ovulation and Fertility Treatment Increase the Risk of Ovarian Cancer.  
Institution: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, South Australia

\* Fellowship ceased at the end of 2004  
Previously titled Mayne Nickless Women's Health Fellowship (1994 - 2001)



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## **ANZJOG Research Scholarship**

Dr Megan Di Quinzio (2003 - 2004)

Project: New Markers for the Diagnosis of Pre-term Labour.  
Institution: Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
University of Melbourne, Victoria

## **RANZCOG Members Research Scholarship**

Dr Beverley Vollenhoven (2004 - 2005)

Project: The use of Small Interfering RNA (siRNA) to Manipulate Differentially Expressed Genes in Fibroid and Myometrial Smooth Muscle Cells.  
Institution: Centre for Women's Health Research  
Monash University, Victoria

## **Schering 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Research Grant**

Miss Rachel Chan (2006)

Project: Epithelial and Stromal Stem Niche in Human Endometrium and Endometrial Cancer.  
Institution: Monash University, Victoria

## **Schering Pty Ltd Research Grant**

Miss Chelsea Stoikos (2007)

Project: Identification and Comparison of Endometrial Protein Profiles in Uterine Washings from Women With and Without Endometriosis.  
Institution: Prince Henry's Institute  
Monash Medical Centre, Victoria

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