

# The Sylvia & Charles Viertel

## Charitable Foundation

### Viertel Senior Medical Research Fellowships

#### Bellberry-Viertel Senior Medical Research Fellowships^

#### Cross Family & Frank Alexander – Viertel Senior Medical Research Fellowship +

#### Edward P. Oldham – Viertel Senior Medical Research Fellowship ~

Year Awarded **	Name	Institution	Project Title
2025	<b>Dr Joanna Achinger-Kawecka</b> <a href="https://researchers.adelaide.edu.au/profile/joanna.achinger-kawecka">https://researchers.adelaide.edu.au/profile/joanna.achinger-kawecka</a>	SAIGENCI – University of Adelaide	Targetting regulatory elements for cancer therapy in the context of the 3D genome
	<b>Dr Dustin Flanagan</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/dustin-flanagan/">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/dustin-flanagan/</a>	Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute – Monash University	How damage directs cell fate in gastric cancer
	<b>A/Prof. Zongyuan Ge^</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/zongyuan-ge/">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/zongyuan-ge/</a>	Monash AIM for Health Lab – Monash University	Personalising healthcare: A unified AI foundation model for diagnosis, prognosis and discovery
2024	<b>Dr Rhea Longley</b> <a href="https://findaresearcher.wehi.edu.au/longley.r">https://findaresearcher.wehi.edu.au/longley.r</a>	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute	Translational immunology to accelerate malaria elimination
	<b>Dr Luke Isbel</b> <a href="https://researchers.adelaide.edu.au/profile/luke.isbel">https://researchers.adelaide.edu.au/profile/luke.isbel</a>	SAIGENCI – University of Adelaide	Targeting epigenetic regulation of transcription factors in cancer
	<b>Dr Marcel Doerflinger^</b> <a href="https://www.wehi.edu.au/researcher/marcel-doerflinger/">https://www.wehi.edu.au/researcher/marcel-doerflinger/</a>	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute	Novel treatment paradigms for bacterial lung infections
2023	<b>Dr Jennifer Juno</b> <a href="https://www.doherty.edu.au/people/dr-jennifer-juno">https://www.doherty.edu.au/people/dr-jennifer-juno</a>	Doherty Institute / University of Melbourne	Improving vaccine efficacy by maximising T cell help
	<b>A/Prof. Daniel Pellicci</b> <a href="https://www.mcri.edu.au/researcher-details/dan-pellicci">https://www.mcri.edu.au/researcher-details/dan-pellicci</a>	Murdoch Children’s Research Institute	Harnessing the therapeutic potential of unconventional T cells to prevent infectious diseases
	<b>Dr Simon Foster ^</b> <a href="https://www.qimrberghofer.edu.au/people/simon-foster/">https://www.qimrberghofer.edu.au/people/simon-foster/</a>	QIMR Berghofer	New cardiovascular therapeutics targeting fibrosis

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2022	<b>Dr Jaclyn Pearson</b> <a href="https://www.hudson.org.au/researcher-profile/jaclyn-pearson/">https://www.hudson.org.au/researcher-profile/jaclyn-pearson/</a>	Hudson Institute of Medical Research, Monash University	Beating the superbugs
	<b>Dr Jennifer Zenker</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/jennifer-zenker">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/jennifer-zenker</a>	Monash University (Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute)	Harnessing the power of versatile cells
	<b>A/Prof. Robert Weatheritt ~</b> <a href="https://www.garvan.org.au/about-us/people/robwea">https://www.garvan.org.au/about-us/people/robwea</a>	Garvan Institute of Medical Research	Exploiting P-Bodies for cancer treatment
2021	<b>A/Prof. Francine Marques</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/francine-coelho-marques">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/francine-coelho-marques</a>	Monash University, School of Biological Sciences.	Targeting the gut microbiota to prevent and treat cardiovascular disease
	<b>A/Prof. Mikaël Martino</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/mikael-martino">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/mikael-martino</a>	Monash University, Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute.	Harnessing the potential of immune cells to design the next generations of regenerative strategies
	<b>Dr James “Mac” Shine ^</b> <a href="https://www.sydney.edu.au/medicine-health/about/our-people/academic-staff/mac-shine.html">https://www.sydney.edu.au/medicine-health/about/our-people/academic-staff/mac-shine.html</a>	The University of Sydney, Faculty of Medicine and Health	Thinking Across Boundaries: Linking Scientific Disciplines to Transform Our Understanding of the Human Brain
2020	<b>Dr Jana Vukovic</b> <a href="https://biomedical-sciences.uq.edu.au/profile/765/jana-vukovic">https://biomedical-sciences.uq.edu.au/profile/765/jana-vukovic</a>	The University of Queensland, School of Biomedical Sciences and Queensland Brain Institute	Unravelling the molecular mechanisms that underpin the beneficial effects of repopulating microglia on neuronal survival and cognition following brain injury
	<b>A/Prof. Chen Davidovich</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/chen-davidovich">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/chen-davidovich</a>	Monash University, Cancer Program, the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Context-specific regulation of the histone methyltransferase polycomb repressive complex 2 (PRC2): new hotspots in a sought-after target
	<b>Dr Michelle Halls +</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/michelle-halls">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/michelle-halls</a>	Monash University, Drug Discovery Biology Theme, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences	GPCR interaction-networks and signalling in health and disease
2019	<b>Professor Andrew Steer</b> <a href="https://www.mcri.edu.au/users/andre-w-steer">https://www.mcri.edu.au/users/andre-w-steer</a>	Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, Infection and Immunity Theme	Public health interventions for control of tropical infections
	<b>Dr Tracey Putoczki</b>	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Untangling the role of cytokines in cancer progression

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	<a href="https://www.wehi.edu.au/people/tracy-putoczki">https://www.wehi.edu.au/people/tracy-putoczki</a>		
	<b>Dr Richard Berry +</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/richard-berry">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/richard-berry</a>	Monash University, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	How viruses and tumours escape cellular immunity
2018	<b>Dr Laura Mackay</b> <a href="https://www.doherty.edu.au/people/dr-laura-mackay">https://www.doherty.edu.au/people/dr-laura-mackay</a>	The University of Melbourne, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	Enhancing Immunity by Tissue-Resident Immune Cells
	<b>A/Prof. James Ward</b> <a href="https://portal.sahmriresearch.org/en/persons/james-ward">https://portal.sahmriresearch.org/en/persons/james-ward</a>	Flinders University, Infection and Immunity - Aboriginal Health	Improving STI and BBV outcomes and associated drivers among Aboriginal peoples
	<b>Dr Kim Jacobson^</b> <a href="https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/kim-jacobson">https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/kim-jacobson</a>	Monash University, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Epigenetic regulation of humoral immunity in health and disease
2017	<b>A/Prof. Kathryn Holt</b> <a href="https://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/display/person340713">https://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/display/person340713</a>	The University of Melbourne, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Bio21 Inst.	Genomic Investigations of Antimicrobial Resistance
	<b>A/Prof. Alexander Fornito</b> <a href="http://www.med.monash.edu.au/psych/bmh/people/alex.html">http://www.med.monash.edu.au/psych/bmh/people/alex.html</a>	Monash University, Monash Int. of Cognitive and Clinical Neurosciences	Maps, models, and mechanisms of brain changes in psychosis
	<b>A/Prof. Di Yu^</b> <a href="http://jcsmr.anu.edu.au/people/di-yu">http://jcsmr.anu.edu.au/people/di-yu</a>	Australian National University, Department of Immunology and Infectious Disease	Differentiation and function of a novel cytotoxic T-cell subset: follicular cytotoxic T cells
2016	<b>A/Prof. Marnie Blewitt^</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/people/seth-masters">http://www.wehi.edu.au/people/seth-masters</a>	Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Screening and characterisation of mammalian epigenetic modifiers
	<b>Dr Seth Masters</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/people/seth-masters">http://www.wehi.edu.au/people/seth-masters</a>	Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	The inflammasome and autoinflammatory disease
	<b>Dr Lucy Palmer</b> <a href="https://www.florey.edu.au/user/5459">https://www.florey.edu.au/user/5459</a>	The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health	Decoding the brain: how do we make decisions?
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2015	<b>Dr Marie-Liesse Asselin-Labat</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/people/marie-liesse-asselin-labat">www.wehi.edu.au/people/marie-liesse-asselin-labat</a>	Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Regulation of lung stem cells in development and disease
	<b>Dr Thomas Gebhardt</b> <a href="http://microbiol.unimelb.edu.au/research/immunology/gebhardt_laboratory">http://microbiol.unimelb.edu.au/research/immunology/gebhardt_laboratory</a>	The University of Melbourne (Peter Doherty Institute for Infection & Immunity)	T-cell mediated immunity in barrier tissues
2014	<b>Prof Ryan Lister</b> <a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/people/ryan.lister">www.uwa.edu.au/people/ryan.lister</a>	University of Western Australia, Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research	Natural and artificial regulation of the human epigenome in neural differentiation and plasticity
	<b>Dr Marc Pellegrini</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/dr_marc_pellegrini">www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/dr_marc_pellegrini</a>	Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Developing “functional cures” for chronic human infections
	<b>Dr Nicolas Plachta</b> <a href="http://www.monash.edu.au/research/people/profiles/profile.html?sid=55327&amp;pid=4062">www.monash.edu.au/research/people/profiles/profile.html?sid=55327&amp;pid=4062</a>	Monash University, EMBL Australia & Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute	Seeing how Mammalian life starts: Quantitative single-cell imaging of living embryos
2013	<b>Dr Jose Polo</b> <a href="http://www.armi.org.au/About_Us/Staff/Jose_Polo.aspx">www.armi.org.au/About_Us/Staff/Jose_Polo.aspx</a>	Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute, Monash University	Identifying the molecular mechanism during reprogramming of different somatic cells into induced pluripotent stem cells
	<b>Dr Jian Yiang</b> <a href="http://qbi.uq.edu.au/associate-professor-jian-yang-statistical-genomics">http://qbi.uq.edu.au/associate-professor-jian-yang-statistical-genomics</a>	Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland	Methods and large-scale genomic analyses to study the genetic basis of neuropsychiatric disorders and obesity
2012	<b>Professor Alex Brown</b> <a href="http://www.sahmri.com/our-research/themes/aboriginal-health/theme/theme-leader-biography">www.sahmri.com/our-research/themes/aboriginal-health/theme/theme-leader-biography</a>	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI)	Exploring the Natural History of Adverse ENd-Points in Cardiovascular Disease and co-morbid Depression: The ENHANCED project
	<b>Dr Axel Kallies</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/dr_axel_kallies">www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/dr_axel_kallies</a>	The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Transcriptional and epigenetic control of conventional and regulatory T cell differentiation

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2011	<b>Dr Clare Parish</b> <a href="http://www.florey.edu.au/research/stem-cells-and-neural-developments">www.florey.edu.au/research/stem-cells-and-neural-developments</a>	Florey Neuroscience Institute	Improving cell replacement therapy for Parkinson's disease
	<b>Dr Nicole La Gruta</b> <a href="http://www.microio.unimelb.edu.au/people/doherty/lagruta.html">www.microio.unimelb.edu.au/people/doherty/lagruta.html</a>	The University of Melbourne	The Killers in You: Determinants of cytotoxic T lymphocyte responses following viral infection
2010	<b>A/Prof David J. Curtis</b>	Royal Melbourne Hospital	Using mouse models to identify improved therapies for hematologic malignancies
	<b>Dr Ross Dickins</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/ross_dickins">www.wehi.edu.au/ross_dickins</a>	The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Modelling lymphocytic leukaemia and its treatment using RNA interference
2009	<b>A/Professor Katie Allen</b> <a href="http://www.mcri.edu.au/sections/Research/GroupLeader.aspx?TID=2&amp;GID=93&amp;SID=4">www.mcri.edu.au/sections/Research/GroupLeader.aspx?TID=2&amp;GID=93&amp;SID=4</a>	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Predictors of development, persistence and remission of sensitisation and food allergy in a prospective infant cohort
	<b>Dr Kieran Harvey</b> <a href="http://www.petermac.org/Research/CellGrowthProliferation">www.petermac.org/Research/CellGrowthProliferation</a>	Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Regulation of tissue growth by the Salvador-Warts-Hippo pathways
2008	<b>Dr Brendan Jenkins</b> <a href="http://www.monashinstitute.org/staff/ciid-brendan-jenkins.html">www.monashinstitute.org/staff/ciid-brendan-jenkins.html</a>	Monash University	Genetic dissection of cytokine signalling in inflammation and cancer
	<b>Dr Benjamin Kile</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/benjamin_kile">www.wehi.edu.au/benjamin_kile</a>	Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	The molecular regulation of platelet production and function
2007	<b>Dr Gabrielle Belz</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/dr_gabrielle_belz">www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/dr_gabrielle_belz</a>	The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Genetic analysis of cell death, oncogenic co-operativity and growth-factor signalling in IL-3 dependent lines
	<b>Dr Paul Ekert</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/associate_professor_paul_ekert">www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/associate_professor_paul_ekert</a>	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Cellular and transcriptional shaping of naïve and memory T cell development in immunity

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2006	<b>Dr Jennifer (Jane) Pillow</b> <a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/people/jane.pillow">www.uwa.edu.au/people/jane.pillow</a>	University of western Australia	Understanding the relevance of biological complexity and fractal structures for ventilation of the preterm lung
	<b>Dr Maria (Carola) Garcia de Vinuesa</b> <a href="http://jcsmr.anu.edu.au/people/professor-carola-g-vinuesa">http://jcsmr.anu.edu.au/people/professor-carola-g-vinuesa</a>	John Curtin School of Medical Research	Elucidating how T follicular helper cells induce memory B cell formation and prevent autoimmunity in germinal centres
2005	<b>Dr Ruth Arkell</b> <a href="http://biology.anu.edu.au/ruth_arkell/">http://biology.anu.edu.au/ruth_arkell/</a>	Australian National University	Zic gene function during the development of the embryonic midline
	<b>Dr Robyn Starr</b>	St Vincent's Institute	Regulation of immune system function by suppressor of cytokine signalling (SOCS) proteins
2004	<b>Dr Miles Davenport</b> <a href="http://www.med.unsw.edu.au/CVRWeb.nsf/page/CSB">www.med.unsw.edu.au/CVRWeb.nsf/page/CSB</a>	University of New South Wales	Understanding HIV vaccination
2003	<b>Dr Jacqueline Matthews</b> <a href="http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/people/academics/profiles/matthews.php">http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/people/academics/profiles/matthews.php</a>	University of Sydney	Regulatory proteins in development and disease
2002	<b>Dr Philippe Bouillet</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/philippe_bouillet">www.wehi.edu.au/philippe_bouillet</a>	Walter & Eliza Institute of Medical Research	Role of BH3-only proteins in autoimmune and degenerative diseases
	<b>Dr Thomas Preiss</b> <a href="http://jcsmr.anu.edu.au/research/genome-biology/rna-biology">http://jcsmr.anu.edu.au/research/genome-biology/rna-biology</a>	Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute	Translational control of gene expression and the choice between cell death and proliferation

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2001	<b>Dr Tracy Bryan</b> <a href="http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/people/academics/profiles/tbryan.php">http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/people/academics/profiles/tbryan.php</a>	Children's Medical Research Institute	Telomerase components in tetrahymena and human
	<b>Dr Mark Hulett</b> <a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/biochemistry/lab/hulett/index.htm">www.latrobe.edu.au/biochemistry/lab/hulett/index.htm</a>	John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University	Regulators of cell invasion and angiogenesis
2000	<b>Dr Kum Kum Khanna</b> <a href="http://www.qimr.edu.au/page/Lab/Signal_Transduction/">www.qimr.edu.au/page/Lab/Signal_Transduction/</a>	Queensland Institute of Medical Research	To define the role of BRCA1 in DNA-damage response
	<b>Dr Dianne Fatkin</b> <a href="http://www.victorchang.edu.au/research/ProfDianeFatkin.cfm?cid=77">http://www.victorchang.edu.au/research/ProfDianeFatkin.cfm?cid=77</a>	Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute	Molecular genetic studies of inherited cardiomyopathies
1999	<b>Dr David Huang</b> <a href="http://www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/professor_david_huang">www.wehi.edu.au/faculty_members/professor_david_huang</a>	The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Biological and biochemical mechanisms regulating programmed cell death
	<b>Dr Alister Ward</b> <a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/research/alister-ward.php">http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/medicine/research/alister-ward.php</a>	Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research & Deakin University	Studies of myeloid leukaemogenesis in the zebrafish
1998	<b>Dr Eugene Maraskovsky</b> <a href="http://au.linkedin.com/pub/eugene-maraskovsky/15/556/ba0">http://au.linkedin.com/pub/eugene-maraskovsky/15/556/ba0</a>	Ludwig Institute, Austin Hospital	Identification of functionally distinct dendritic cell subsets generated invitro and in vivo
	<b>Dr Lorraine Robb</b>	The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Specification of haemopoietic development in the early murine embryo

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1997	Dr Melissa Little <a href="http://www.imb.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=11684">http://www.imb.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=11684</a>	Centre for Molecular & Cellular Biology	Modulation of WT1 activity by protein-protein and protein-RNA interactions
	Dr Joanne Shaw	Princess Alexandra Hospital	The characterisation of the genetic basis of maturity onset diabetes of the young and of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
1996	Dr Graeme Kay <a href="http://www.qimr.edu.au/page/Lab/CCQ_Transgenics/">http://www.qimr.edu.au/page/Lab/CCQ_Transgenics/</a>	Queensland Institute of Medical Research	The Xist gene as a functional component of the X inactivation centre
	Dr Ashley I Bush	Royal Brisbane Hospital	Neuronal Energy, Zinc, PH & AB Metabolic Pathways in Alzheimer's Disease
1995	Dr Trevor Kilpatrick <a href="http://www.florey.edu.au/about-florey/our-people/staff-directory/214/trevor-kilpatrick">http://www.florey.edu.au/about-florey/our-people/staff-directory/214/trevor-kilpatrick</a>	The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute	The role of the receptor tyrosine kinase gene, Tyro-4, in motor neuron development
	Dr Pankaj Sah <a href="http://www.qbi.uq.edu.au/professor-pankaj-sah">http://www.qbi.uq.edu.au/professor-pankaj-sah</a>	John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University	Synaptic plasticity in the amygdala

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