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Professor Nick Opie at the microphone on The Mentored podcast

Professor Nick Opie from the Department of Medicine at the Royal Melbourne Hospital was invited to discuss the challenges of transitioning revolutionary brain-computer interface technology from academic research to the market on The Mentored podcast, hosted by entrepreneur Mark Bouris.

Learn about Nick's journey with his and Associate Professor Tom Oxley's ground-breaking brain implant, the Stentrode, which enables paralysed individuals to control digital devices with their thoughts.

2023 Round of Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women Opening Soon

The Melbourne Medical School is excited to announce that applications for the 2023 round of the Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women will **open on Monday 10 July**. Offered biennially, the scheme is designed to assist high-performing early to mid-career women in academia to negotiate challenges and access additional support as they pursue career progression towards senior academic and leadership roles.

Guidelines and eligibility criteria will be made available shortly on the [Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women webpage](#) and a school-wide announcement will be sent out on the day that applications open.

The scheme is supported by the MMS Research Support Team, who will run an information session in the week following the scheme's opening to answer questions about the guidelines and the application form.

More updates and information about the scheme and the information session will be released in the coming weeks. Interested candidates are encouraged [to contact the MMS Research Support team](#) with any questions. To learn more about previous grant rounds and recipients, please visit the [Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women webpage](#).

Melbourne MicroCert - Clinical Trial Protocol Design Scholarships | VCCC Alliance

The UniMelb MicroCerts - Clinical trial protocol design scholarship is supported by the VCCC Alliance [Accelerating Novel Therapies program](#) and [Clinical Trial Innovations program](#). It will cover 75% of the fee and at this moment there are 20 to allocate.

Here are some key details about the UniMelb Microcerts program in Clinical Trial Protocol Design:

- **Program Overview:** The program is designed for professionals and individuals interested in clinical trial protocol design. It covers essential topics such as protocol development, study design, ethical considerations, regulatory compliance, and data management.
- **Duration:** 6 Weeks
- **Course Date:** 21 August 2023 - 1 October 2023
- **Delivery:** Online

MicroCert Link: [Clinical Trial Protocol Design - Melbourne MicroCert \(unimelb.edu.au\)](#)

To learn more about the program, eligibility criteria, and the scholarship application process, please visit [Melbourne MicroCert: Clinical Trial Protocol Design scholarships | 2023 | VCCC Alliance](#). Feel free to reach out to elizabeth.diao@unimelb.edu.au if you have any further queries or require additional information.

The application deadline for the scholarship is **Monday, 3rd July**.

Workshop: Clearing the Path for Early Career Researchers and Clinicians in Investigator-Initiated Trials

There is a unique opportunity for early career researchers and clinicians to attend a workshop titled "Clearing the Path: Breaking Down Roadblocks for Early Career Researchers and Clinicians in Investigator-Initiated Trials." The workshop will be hosted by **Dr. Kortnye Smith**.

Date: 22 June 2023

Time: 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Location: Zoom

To register for the workshop, please click on the following link:

[Clearing the path: breaking down roadblocks for early career researchers and clinicians in investigator-initiated trials | 2023 | VCCC Alliance](#)

Parkville Precinct GR Seminars

The Departments of Medicine (RMH) and Critical Care welcome you to join us for the following PhD seminars:



PhD Progress Seminar –

'Rehabilitation in Multiple Trauma' - *Dr Reem Al Hanna, PhD candidate, Medicine (RMH)*

Tuesday 27 June 2023, 10.00 am

[Zoom Link](#) & Password: 986317



PhD Confirmation Seminar –

'Role of CCL17 in mediating inflammation in rheumatoid arthritis' - *Thivya Balendran, PhD candidate, Medicine (RMH)*

Wednesday 28 June 2023, 12.00 pm

[Zoom Link](#) & Password: 146396

Ewing Lecture Theatre, L5, Clinical Sciences Building, RMH

2023 Professional Staff Conference - Early Bird Registrations Open!

Early bird registrations for the 2023 Professional Staff Conference are now open for a limited time only. Register today to immerse yourself in the vibrant Unimelb community at this year's conference where networking, fun, and personal development will collide. Make sure you chat to your manager before heading to the PSC website for registration. Don't miss out!

Enquiries: psc-info@unimelb.edu.au

More information and registration: <https://staffconference.unimelb.edu.au/>

REMINDER: Melbourne Medical School Parkville Precinct Student Awards Ceremony

Please join us in celebrating the annual Student Award Presentations celebrating the Parkville Precinct's best and brightest research students undertaking Honours, Master of Biomedical Sciences and PhD studies.

Friday, 30 June @ 10:30am - 12pm (including morning tea)

Ian Potter Auditorium, Kenneth Myer Building (Building 144 Parkville Campus)

Register [HERE](#)

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