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Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women

The Melbourne Medical School's Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women (SGOW) were initiated in 2019 to support the achievement and promotion of high-performing women in academia. The School thanks our health service partners for their valued contributions to this scheme as well as the support they have provided to those undertaking it. The SGOW were utilised for a wide range projects and initiatives which enabled career development and promotion, increased research productivity and enhanced learning and teaching performance.

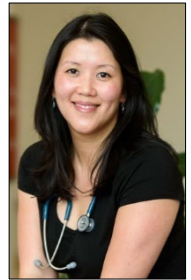
“ The SGOW which was offered in partnership with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute supported a part time research assistant who worked on my stem cell project during my maternity leave and return to part time work. This allowed continuation of critical laboratory work, as stem cell work is difficult to carry out unsupported when working part time. Importantly, it allowed us to gather significant data required for a publication recently accepted in *Stem Cell Reports* in April 2020, of which I am senior author. ”

Dr Katie Ayers
Murdoch Children's Research Institute*
Department of Paediatrics



“ The SGOW funding has enabled me to build my own research team which has improved my research productivity and availability for student supervision. I have had research funding success, including an NHMRC Investigator Grant. Through research assistant support I have had 14 manuscripts accepted or published including two in the top ranked paediatric journals. ”

Dr Amanda Gwee
Murdoch Children's Research Institute*
Department of Paediatrics
Royal Children's Hospital



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The SGOW grant funded my completion of a 12-month Women and Leadership Australia program and research assistance support in the laboratory. Together this strengthened my leadership skills, and research output, resulting in 12 publications in 2020. Further, the confidence I developed through this program led to me successfully apply for the role of Associate Dean, Diversity and Inclusion in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

Associate Professor Natalie Hannan
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology



“ The support provided by the SGOW has given me an invaluable opportunity to enhance my career. Without it, COVID clinical responsibilities in addition to surgery and patient care would have meant that the level of progress achieved in 2020 would not have been possible. The contribution of a research assistant has allowed me to already submit two MRFF grants and publish twenty papers this year. ”

Professor Kate Drummond
Department of Surgery



Key Information - 2021 Round

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| Applications Open: | 08 March 2021 |
| Applications Close: | 20 April 2021 |
| Funding Commences: | 01 July 2021 |
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