



The George Institute

Nurturing Australia's
brightest minds



Investing in the **health** of Australia

Health is now recognised as one of the most important global challenges facing both developed and developing countries

Despite significant medical advances, it is estimated that approximately five billion people lack regular access to good quality essential healthcare.

75% of Australians have been diagnosed with long-term health conditions.

The cost of healthcare is also expected to grow exponentially. It is estimated that by 2033, the cost of health care in Australia will reach \$246 billion - more than double our current expenditure.

By 2030, 70% of all deaths will be from non-communicable diseases like cardiovascular disease, diabetes and stroke.

If we are to address this stark reality we must support the brightest minds in health research to discover new ways to identify, treat and prevent chronic disease.

The George Institute is a leading medical research institute with a mission to improve the health of millions of people worldwide. We do this by targeting global epidemics, particularly chronic disease and injury. Our research aims to stem the rising tide of chronic disease, and provide better means of detection and treatment for patients around the world. Our researchers are world leaders in their fields, driving medical breakthroughs and changing the way we treat a number of life threatening illnesses.

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Health innovators: **The next generation**

At The George Institute, we believe that investing in the next generation of researchers committed to tackling global health issues is of paramount importance

Our dedicated early and mid-career researchers have a significant contribution to make to global healthcare. They are at the coalface of innovation in the sector, constantly challenging traditional approaches to healthcare delivery.

But with research fellowship funding increasingly competitive and scarce, we risk losing a generation of talent to alternative careers both in Australia and internationally.

A recent study suggested that close to 40% of academics under 30 years of age plan to leave Australian higher education in the next five to ten years.

Mid-career researchers must now compete with those at the highest levels of academia for fellowship support, and as a consequence, Australia loses those talented individuals poised to lead much needed healthcare transformation.

In addition to losing our brightest minds in research to careers that offer more security, lack of fellowship funding also poses a significant threat to the very nature of research being conducted in Australian public health. The innovative and transformative research that Australia needs to tackle the rising burden of chronic disease cannot thrive in an uncertain and unfunded environment.

As a community we must invest in the next generation of healthcare leaders. Support for early and mid-career researchers must become a national priority.

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The George Institute **Fellowships**

The George Institute for Global Health:
committed to nurturing the next
generation of health care leaders

Through The George Institute Fellowships Fund we are committed to nurturing the next generation of healthcare leaders. This program has been established to support young researchers transitioning from early to mid-career.

The George Institute was ranked among the top 10 research institutions in the world for scientific impact by the SCImago institutions rankings (SIR) World Reports in 2011, 2012 & 2013.

With strong global networks among patient groups, practitioners, universities, hospitals, health care professionals and health organisations, the Institute is uniquely placed to provide training and development support for researchers in their early to mid-careers.

"It is vital that we invest in talented individuals who will shape the future of Australian healthcare. The George Institute Fellowships ensure we can support exceptional researchers to focus on Australia's most urgent health needs." – Prof. Vlado Perkovic, Exec. Director, The George Institute, Australia.

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Changing the face of **Australian** health care

At The George Institute: Lizzy Dunford, Food Policy Division

As a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in The George Institute for Global Health's Food Policy division, Lizzy manages a global food database which tracks changes in the nutritional content of processed foods in Australia and around the world. Her research has contributed to the development of a revolutionary smartphone application, FoodSwitch. The application assists consumers in making healthier food choices by presenting them with immediate, easy-to-understand information on the product's nutritional content and its healthier alternatives. The application has been well received in Australia and as a result, was recently launched in the UK and New Zealand.

The George Institute Fellowships Fund has enabled Lizzy to extend her research and build on her growing body of work advocating for a healthier food environment locally and globally, in an effort to lower disease burden caused by a poor diet.

"The George Institute Fellowship Fund has allowed me to not only further my research in Australia, but has supported me to broaden my research in low and middle-income countries and work to reduce the incidence of disease caused by diets high in salt, saturated fat and sugar. Providing these countries with the research and tools needed to improve the quality of nutrients in their food will lower disease burden and save lives."

"The George Institute Fellowship allows me to continue my passion for health research and help improve the lives of millions of people worldwide"



How you can help our **brightest minds**

Our mission is to improve the health of millions of people worldwide

Fellowships provide talented individuals with the opportunity to focus on vital and innovative health research

To continue to develop the brightest minds in health research, the Institute is seeking contributions of \$50,000 per annum for a total of three years and is committed to matching any donation of this amount.

Fellowships can be supported in a number of ways:

Individual donations

You can make an individual gift to support a three year Fellowship, committing a total of \$150,000 over three years. Fellowships can be matched to your area of interest, with a diverse range of chronic disease and injury researchers requiring Fellowship support.

Giving circles

In collaboration with family members and colleagues, you can create a giving circle, contributing a donation each year for three years to support a Fellowship. For example, you and four colleagues may wish to contribute \$10,000 a year each to fund a talented researcher. Giving circles can also look to match their Fellowship support to a particular area of public health research currently undertaken at The George Institute.

Corporate sponsorship

Corporations may wish to support a Fellowship that aligns closely with their business interests or with the giving interests of their staff. The Institute will work with your organisation to identify a Fellowship or research area that most closely meets these interests.

Fellowships supporters will be recognised by:

There are a number of ways in which the Institute will recognise supporters of the Fellowships Fund:

- Individual Fellowships can be named to acknowledge donors (individual or corporate) who generously provide their support.
- Research Fellows will acknowledge you/your organisation's support at all national and international conferences.
- You will be acknowledged as a major supporter in The George Institute for Global Health Annual Report.
- Supporters of the Fellowships will be provided with access to cutting edge research and exclusive invitation-only events at The George Institute, including the Boardroom Briefings series and the annual John Yu Oration, attended by some of the country's most prominent business people.
- Opportunities to build a partnership between supporting organisations and a George Institute Research Fellow. Fellows may attend company meetings and present to staff about their area of research expertise.

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