

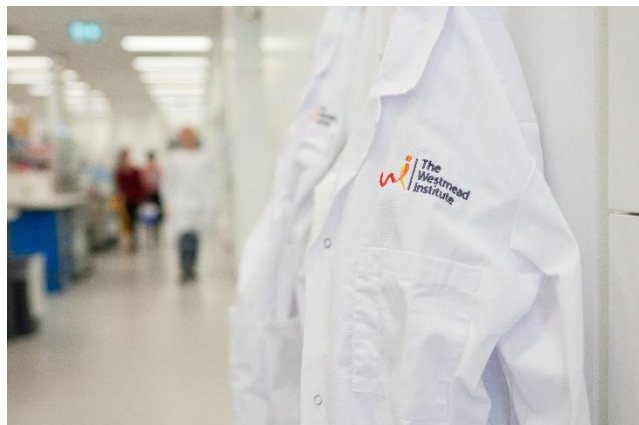
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New three-year Fellowship announced for early to mid-career researchers

The Westmead Institute for Medical Research (WIMR) is delighted to announce The Paul and Valeria Ainsworth Precision Medicine Research Fellowship.

This new Fellowship has been established to support the advancement of early to mid-career researchers at WIMR, and WIMR's pioneering approach to precision medicine. It will provide a sum of \$160,000 (excl. GST) annually for a three-year term.

Professor Philip O'Connell, WIMR's Executive Director said, "This is an outstanding opportunity for early to mid-career researchers. The Fellowship will be awarded to one high achieving early or mid-career researcher whose research represents an innovative approach to their discipline, using precision medicine as a guiding principle, and demonstrating significant potential for outcomes that can be translated into practice."



The Fellow does not have to be a WIMR researcher at the time of application. On appointment, they will need to undertake their research at WIMR within one of WIMR's 11 established research centres.

Speaking about the Fellowship, Paul and Valeria Ainsworth said, "We know scientific achievements can transform the lives of people around the world and are proud to have funded genetic research that has led to breakthroughs in scientific knowledge and understanding. The reward of seeing what can be achieved is hugely exciting.

"WIMR is a vitally important research centre and we are keen to help advance its efforts in the frontier of translational medicine.

“This Fellowship will back young and talented research scientists. With new and innovative thinking, they have the potential to forever change people's lives with transformative new personalised treatments for some of the most intractable diseases and health conditions.

“We are incredibly honoured to know that with this Fellowship, we will play a part in improving health outcomes for people who might have had no other hope.”

Professor O'Connell said, “We are incredibly grateful to Paul and Valeria Ainsworth, longstanding, and much valued supporters of WIMR, for their very generous gift to establish The Paul and Valeria Ainsworth Precision Medicine Research Fellowship.

“This gift, provided specifically to support outstanding early- and mid-career researchers at WIMR and the advancement of innovative precision medicine treatment protocols, represents a significant investment.

“It will ensure that exceptional talent is recognised and nurtured at WIMR so that the best and brightest minds are encouraged to flourish here. It will play a vital role in cementing WIMR's place as a leader in embedding precision medicine into medical research.

“Most significantly, it will enable the development of major research breakthroughs that will transform the way some of the most serious disease challenges of our time are treated, and potentially cured, bringing hope and saving lives.”

Expressions of Interest are now open and will close at 5pm on 10 February 2023.

Full Terms and Conditions and the official Expression of Interest Form for The Paul and Valeria Ainsworth Precision Medicine Research Fellowship are available from:

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