

## Celebrating winners of the Sydney Research Awards 2015

Minister for Medical Research and Assistant Health Minister Pru Goward officially launched the symposium's inaugural Sydney Research Awards, which were presented by NSW Health Secretary Dr Mary Foley.

Sydney Research Awards recognise and celebrate our researchers and their efforts to improve our health system and the health and quality of life in our communities. The Sydney Research Awards and Scholarship Program, not only recognises talent in research, but also the work of those who support, guide and mentor researchers.

Congratulations to the winners of the Sydney Research Awards 2015.

### Research Excellence Award



For overall best publication in a high impact journal, the 2014 (ADVANCED 2) international publication in the New England Journal of Medicine 2014 titled "Follow-up of Blood-Pressure Lowering and Glucose Control in Type 2 Diabetes, **Professor John Chalmers**, The George Institute received the Research Excellence Award.

The award was accepted by Professor Anushka Patel on behalf of Professor Chalmers

RPA's **Associate Professor Sydney Ch'ng** received the Young Researcher Award for outstanding performance as an early career researcher

### Young Researcher Award



### Research Supervisor Award



**Dr Kirsty Waters** of the ANZAC Research Institute received the Research Supervisor Award for outstanding effort as a postgraduate research supervisor

## Annual Health Research Infrastructure Award

The Annual Health Research Infrastructure Award provides \$10,000 in support to a researcher with high basic science research potential. The award was presented to **Dr Megan Brewer**, from the ANZAC Research Institute. Megan work focuses on a gene discovery program aimed at helping patients with inherited peripheral neuropathy.



Scholarships awarded are aimed at supporting clinicians who wish to undertake a clinician/researcher career path. The 2015 Sydney Research scholarship recipients include:

### Clinician Researcher Scholarship



The Clinical Research Scholarship is designed to encourage and support clinicians who want to pursue a clinical research career, offering up to \$40,000 per year for up to three years. **Michelle Barakat-Johnson**, Clinical Nurse Consultant in Amputation and Rehabilitation at RPA was awarded this prestigious scholarship. .

### Health Informatics Researcher Scholarship

The Health Informatics Research Scholarship aims to encourage research into how clinicians, academics and researchers can improve care by working with health information and communication technology, providing support of up to \$40,000 per annum for three years. The scholarship was awarded to **Robyn Sierla**, a Senior Occupational Therapist in RPA's Outpatient Lymphedema Service.



The day before the symposium the District also offered open day guided tours of its associated medical research institutes including the Brain and Mind Research Institute, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, The

Charles Perkins Centre and the ANZAC Research Institute. On the evening before the Symposium a Sydney Ideas forum was held at the Charles Perkins Centre titled *"is Health research really sick?"* the event was hosted by Dr Norman Swan and Professor David LeCouteur.

**Brain and Mind Research Institute**



**Chris O'Brien Lifehouse**



**ANZAC Research Institute**



**Charles Perkins Centre**



**Sydney Ideas with Dr Norman Swan and Professor David Le Couteur**

