

# 2024 Seed Grant Recipients Announced

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Sydney Cancer Partners is thrilled to announce the successful recipients of our most recent Seed Grant scheme.



**Dr Rebekah Laidsaar-Powell**Research Fellow. Psycho-Oncology Cooperative Research Group, School of Psychology, The University of Sydney

"Improving cancer carers access to and uptake of psychosocial support: Co-Design of the ACCESS-online tool."

Dr Yuchen Feng

NHMRC Emerging Leadership Fellow, School of Medical Sciences, The University of Sydney

"Exploring novel long noncoding RNA therapeutic targets for lung cancer treatment."





Dr Jixuan (Jessie) Gao
Senior Research Officer, Children's Medical Research Institute
"Development of FANCM inhibitors for the treatment of sarcoma."

## Dr Ali Azimi

Research Fellow, Westmead Clinical School, The University of Sydney "Validating a Novel Metastatic Risk Prediction in Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma."



#### Dr Jolyn Hersch

Cancer Institute NSW Early Career Fellow, School of Public Health, The University of Sydney

"Equity in genomic oncology: A novel, dynamic approach to ensure ethical and equitable consent."





# Dr Rebecca Mercieca-Bebber

Senior Research Fellow, Quality of Life Lead, NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre "Supporting cancer researchers to give culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) patients a voice: towards the development of an adaptable resource for implementation of accessible patient reported outcomes (PRO) studies."

#### **Dr Gavin Sutton**

Postdoctoral Research Associate, School of Medical Sciences, The University of Sydney

"Characterising the novel IDH-wildtype low-grade glioma diagnosis using spatial transcriptomics."





#### **Dr Thomas Boele**

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Image X Institute, The University of Sydney "Translating quantum physics to clinical benefit for cancer patients: Accessible metabolic MRI for biology-guided radiotherapy."



Senior Research Fellow, The Daffodil Centre, a joint initiative of Cancer Council NSW and the University of Sydney

"Putting patient voices at the forefront of cancer research in Australia: a consumer-led mixed-methods priority setting study."





#### **Dr Alison Pearce**

Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health, The University of Sydney & Stream Lead, Health Economics, The Daffodil Centre, a joint initiative of Cancer Council NSW and the University of Sydney

"Embedding cancer survivor preferences into a clinical pathway for fear of cancer recurrence."

## Dr Dan Luo

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Daffodil Centre, a joint initiative of Cancer Council NSW and the University of Sydney

"It Is More Than Just Language: Exploring perception and acceptability, barriers and facilitators to uptake of the National Lung Cancer Screening Program among Chinese migrants in Australia."





#### **Dr Jasmine Yee**

Enrico Picciolo Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Psychology & Academic Fellow, Exercise and Sports Science, The University of Sydney

"Enhancing immunotherapy effectiveness: modulation of immune signatures with exercise."

# Dr Bora Kim

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Daffodil Centre, a joint initiative of Cancer Council NSW and the University of Sydney

"Developing an enhanced supportive care model for older people receiving treatment for haematological cancer: a systematic gap analysis and co-design of locally driven strategies."





**Dr Alexander Cole**Research Officer, Centenary Institute

"A p53 targeted pan cancer therapy."

# Dr Cristina Mapagu

Clinical Research Fellow & Medical Oncology Staff Specialist, The Westmead Institute for Medical Research, The University of Sydney

"Assessing new treatment targets for ovarian cancer patients."

