

RESEARCH FELLOW

DEPARTMENT/UNIT	Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute
FACULTY/DIVISION	Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences
CLASSIFICATION	Level A
DESIGNATED CAMPUS OR LOCATION	Clayton campus

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Everyone needs a platform to launch a satisfying career. At Monash, we give you the space and support to take your career in all kinds of exciting new directions. You'll have access to quality research, infrastructure and learning facilities, opportunities to collaborate internationally, as well as the grants you'll need to publish your work. We're a university full of energetic and enthusiastic minds, driven to challenge what's expected, expand what we know, and learn from other inspiring, empowering thinkers. Discover more at www.monash.edu.

The Faculty of **Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences** is the largest faculty at Monash University, a global university with campuses across Victoria and international locations in Indonesia, Malaysia, China, India and Italy. Our Faculty offers the most comprehensive suite of professional health training in Victoria.

We consistently rank in the top 40 universities worldwide for clinical, pre-clinical and health sciences. In 2022, our Nursing and Midwifery climbed to the rank of 14th in the world and 1st in Victoria in the QS World University Rankings.

We want to improve the human condition. That is our vision - it has no expiration date. By educating the current and future healthcare workforce, and undertaking medical research, both discovery and clinical, our students, staff and alumni all work to directly improve people's quality of life.

Contributing to the global health care agenda, the Faculty aspires to lead in all areas of its research and education activity, collaborating to influence local, national and international policy to improve health and social outcomes, and reduce health inequity.

We've made a major impact in the world of medical research and are globally recognised for our quality education of over 63,000 doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals and health researchers. The future health of our communities is underpinned by the sustained excellence of our education and research capabilities.

We are ambitious and committed to maintaining our position as a leading international medical research and teaching university. We're recognised for the quality of our graduates, the scale and depth of our research, our commitment to translational research, and as a thriving biotechnology hub.

To learn more about the Faculty, please visit www.monash.edu/medicine.

Established through a joint venture between Monash University and the Victorian Government, the **Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute (ARMI)** builds on the University's existing strengths in biomedical research, and supports the critical infrastructure required to deliver the next generation of discoveries in regenerative medicine.

ARMI is located at one of the world's largest regenerative medicine and stem cell research centres, at the Clayton Campus. Its location offers a highly stimulating biomedical research environment allowing Institute researchers to work closely with other university research organisations including the [Monash Institute for Medical Engineering \(MIME\)](#) and [Biomedical Discovery Institute \(BDI\)](#) and [CSIRO](#), one of Australia's leading multi-disciplinary research institutions.

ARMI's Mission is to address the unanswered questions with a multi-centre, cross disciplinary and highly focused approach, for the development of innovative clinical protocols as well as the pursuit of rapid commercial transfer of its technologies related to regenerative medicine around key research pipelines; Heart and muscle development and regeneration, Immunity and Regeneration, Stem cells, Cancer and Regeneration and Neural regeneration. ARMI scientists are focused on unravelling the basic mechanisms of the regenerative process, enabling doctors to prevent, halt and reverse damage to vital organs due to disease, injury or genetic conditions.

To learn more about us and the work we do, [please visit our website](#).

The Lieschke Group studies white blood cell development and function, using zebrafish models. Research areas include the transcriptional regulation of haemopoiesis, developmental haemopoiesis with attention to the genetic causes of congenital neutropenia, and the role neutrophils and macrophages in tissue homeostasis and inflammatory/infectious disease. The group collaborates widely nationally and internationally.

POSITION PURPOSE

A Level A research-only academic is expected to contribute towards the research effort of the University and to develop their research expertise through the pursuit of defined projects relevant to the particular field of research.

The Research Fellow is responsible for performing a range of research-related activities in support and delivery of outcomes. This position will involve using tumour xenograft animal models to understand the interaction between tumour cells and innate immune cells. Genetic manipulations will be used to explore the mechanism of tumour/leukocyte interactions for enhanced anti-tumour outcomes from cellular immunotherapies for solid tumours.

This position may also involve administrative, financial and other activities associated with the research program including management responsibility for technical, administrative and non-professional staff.

Reporting Line: The position reports to head of the Lieschke Group

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial Delegation: Not applicable

Budgetary Responsibilities: Not applicable

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties required of a Level A research-only academic may include:

1. The conduct of research under limited supervision either as a member of a team or, where appropriate, independently and the production or contribution to the production of conference and seminar papers and publications from that research
2. Involvement in professional activities including, subject to availability of funds, attendance at conferences and seminars in the field of expertise
3. Limited administrative functions primarily connected with the area of research of the academic
4. Development of a limited amount of research-related material for teaching or other purposes with appropriate guidance from other staff
5. Occasional contributions to teaching in relation to their research project(s)
6. Experimental design and operation of advanced laboratory and technical equipment or conduct of advanced research procedures
7. Attendance at meetings associated with research or the work of the organisational unit to which the research is connected and/or at departmental, school and/or faculty meetings and/or membership of a limited number of committees
8. Advice within the field of the staff member's research to postgraduate students
9. Other duties as directed from time to time

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
 - A doctoral qualification in the relevant discipline or a closely related field.

Knowledge and Skills

2. Demonstrated experience in any of the following areas:
 - Solid tumour cell biology
 - Innate antitumour immunity
 - Cellular immunotherapy
 - High spatiotemporal resolution microscopy, particularly in vivo imaging
 - CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing
 - Tumour xenograft models
 - Zebrafish disease models
3. Demonstrated analytical and manuscript preparation skills; including a track record of refereed research publications
4. Ability to solve complex problems by using discretion, innovation and the exercise diagnostic skills and/or expertise
5. Well-developed planning and organisational skills, with the ability to prioritise multiple tasks and set and meet deadlines
6. Excellent written communication and verbal communication skills with proven ability to produce clear, succinct reports and documents
7. A demonstrated awareness of the principles of confidentiality, privacy and information handling

8. A demonstrated capacity to work in a collegiate manner with other staff in the workplace
9. Demonstrated computer literacy and proficiency in the production of high level work using software such as Microsoft Office applications and specified university software programs, with the capability and willingness to learn new packages as appropriate

OTHER JOB RELATED INFORMATION

- Travel to other campuses of the University may be required
- There may be a requirement to work additional hours from time to time
- There may be peak periods of work during which taking of leave may be restricted

GOVERNANCE

Monash University expects staff to appropriately balance risk and reward in a manner that is sustainable to its long-term future, contribute to a culture of honesty and integrity, and provide an environment that is safe, secure and inclusive. Ensure you are aware of and adhere to University policies relevant to the duties undertaken and the values of the University. This is a standard which the University sees as the benchmark for all of its activities in Australia and internationally.