

ARTHRITIS NZ

RESEARCH ACTION PLAN (2021-2023)



Strategy 2021 – 2023: Research Action Plan

<p><i>We will have a proactive and translational research programme which includes clinical, social and economic research.</i></p>		<p><i>Arthritis NZ has the evidence to inform the development and delivery of programmes, services and awareness.</i></p>				
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE	WHY	RESEARCH ACTION PLAN – 2021	RESEARCH ACTION PLAN – 2022	FUTURE	DESIRED END STATE	MEASURES
<p>1. We will develop an External Research Grants programme that is targeted towards our research objectives.</p>	<p><i>Arthritis NZ (ANZ) has the evidence to inform the development and delivery of programmes, services and awareness.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summer Scholarships programme is available for 2021. 2. New standardized templates are developed for research funding applications and reporting outputs. 3. Relationships between ANZ and tertiary research offices are strengthened/better nurtured. 4. Summer Scholarships are better advertised through existing tertiary networks. 5. External Research Grants programme is better advertised through existing tertiary networks. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. External Research Grants programme is available for 2022. 2. Summer Scholarships programme is available for 2022. 3. Lupus Postdoctoral Fellowship (or other Lupus postgraduate fellowship) is launched in 2021 or 2022. 4. The Irwin Isdale Memorial Fund is available for 2022 (following re-purposing process). 5. Relationships between ANZ and tertiary research offices are well maintained. 6. ANZ develops an annual event to showcase/ share findings from research projects we have funded. 7. Research insights are published on our communication channels. 	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research is reputable and reliable about arthritis and its impact. • Research is actively being used to inform the development and delivery of programmes, services and awareness. • Good relationships are maintained with the New Zealand arthritis research community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research funding is accessed during every round each year. • Research insights are regularly published on our communication channels (i.e., website, social media, E-News/ Joint Support).

<p>2. We will work towards co-funding research opportunities with other organisations working in the non-communicable diseases and long-term conditions arena (i.e., “partner” organisations).</p>	<p><i>To grow/strengthen partnerships with other “partner” organisations.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research Manager (RM) to conduct desktop research/environmental scans to determine potential other “partner” organisations. 2. ANZ to build relationships with other “partner” organisations to explore potential co-funding opportunities. 3. At least one meeting is held with each “partner” organisation in 2021. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RM to continue conducting desktop research/environmental scans to ensure our other “partner” organisation pool is up to date. 2. ANZ to maintain relationships with other “partner” organisations. 3. A minimum of two meetings are held with each “partner” organisation in 2022. 	<p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen our evidence base. • New research insights are produced which can be co-shared by ANZ and our other “partner” organisations. • Good relationships are maintained with other organisations working in the non-communicable diseases and long-term conditions arena. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of two meetings are held with each “partner” organisation per year (after 2021). • One notable research project is co-funded per year.
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<p>3. We will promote the participation of Māori and Pacific peoples in arthritis research (especially gout arthritis).</p>	<p><i>Māori and Pacific peoples are priority populations for our equity focus.</i></p> <p><i>Māori and Pacific peoples are disproportionately affected by gout arthritis.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANZ will place an equity lens over all facets of our research funding programme. 2. ANZ will strengthen relationships with Māori and Pasifika researchers working in the area of arthritis to encourage submissions to our research funding programme (especially gout arthritis). 3. ANZ will promote that research funding is also available to Māori and Pasifika researchers working in the area of arthritis (especially gout arthritis). 4. ANZ to meet with tertiary research offices and wananga to socialize research funding is also available to Māori and Pasifika researchers working in the area of arthritis (especially gout arthritis). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANZ will continue to place an equity lens over all facets of our research funding programme. 2. ANZ to maintain relationships with Māori and Pasifika researchers working in the area of arthritis (especially gout arthritis). 3. ANZ to consider establishing a new opportunity in 2022 to fund a Māori and/or Pasifika postgraduate student to conduct arthritis-related research that is specific to Māori and/or Pasifika communities and experiences. 	<p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen our evidence base. • Good relationships are maintained with Māori and Pasifika researchers working in the area of arthritis (especially gout arthritis). • Awareness of arthritis (especially gout arthritis) in Māori and Pacific communities can be demonstrated. • Outcomes show evidence that the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are being implemented. • Cultural awareness is embedded in the organisation and our research partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility of Māori and Pacific peoples increases in arthritis research outputs.
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<p>4. We want to engage the consumer more in research projects and related activities.</p>	<p><i>To enable people we engage with to have their say and provide personal stories about their experience of arthritis.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANZ to investigate the feasibility of establishing a “Consumer Panel” for research projects and related activities. 2. RM to review how NGOs/charities in NZ/ other countries have approached establishing and maintaining a Consumer Panel, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential risks. - Incentivizing participants. 3. ANZ to investigate how the proposed Consumer Panel could be utilised in the ANZ research funding programme and in other related activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing feedback on surveys. - Taking part in research trials. - Representatives from the Consumer Panel participating at relevant research-based events. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If feasible, ANZ will create a plan in early 2022 for engaging with consumers to ascertain interest, consumer expectations, etc. in a Consumer Panel. 2. If feasible, ANZ will work on establishing the Consumer Panel so participants will be active by the third quarter of 2022. 	<p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANZ and researchers are able to utilise the consumer “voice” in a more meaningful and respectful way. • The consumer voice is able to appropriately influence the research agenda. • Consumers are happy/comfortable participating in research and enjoy their involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumers participate in more surveys, take part in research trials and appear at relevant research-based events.
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<p>5. We will further encourage social and community-based research relating to arthritis.</p>	<p><i>To continue the diversification of our research funding programme.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RM to conduct desktop research/environmental scans to ascertain which sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, etc. are actively conducting research about arthritis. 2. ANZ to meet with HODs and relevant academic staff from these disciplines to socialize research funding is available from ANZ to conduct social and community-based research relating to arthritis. 3. ANZ to meet with tertiary research offices to socialize research funding is also available to conduct social and community-based research relating to arthritis. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RM to continue conducting desktop research/environmental scans to ensure our “knowledge basket” of social/community researchers conducting research about arthritis is up to date. 2. ANZ to continue meeting HODs and relevant academic staff to socialize that research funding is available to conduct social and community-based research relating to arthritis. 3. ANZ to maintain relationships with tertiary research offices in relation to social and community-based research relating to arthritis. 4. ANZ to consider establishing a new opportunity to fund a postgraduate student to conduct a social or community-based project on a specific arthritis subject/area. 	<p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen our evidence base. • To include a wider range of researchers in the New Zealand arthritis research community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research funding is also available to/ accessed by researchers working outside clinical/biomedical disciplines. • At least one research project which is outside the biomedical arena is funded per year (from 2022).
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