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10 years of Barbara Kidman Women's Fellowship





The University of Adelaide is committed to supporting female academics to enhance and promote their research careers, and improving the gender equity of its senior leadership.

Over its history, the University has been responsible for many important milestones in Australia's social reform, including being the first in Australia to grant degrees to women. Dr Barbara Kidman, a graduate of the University, was one of our early female science students.

Today we recognise her courage and commitment to science and gender equity with a celebration of 10 years since the launch of the *Barbara Kidman Women's Fellowship Scheme* that is named in her honour.

Studying science in the 1940s was no easy feat for Dr Kidman. She defied society's expectations of women in scientific roles, and was the only female student studying physics in her second, third and Honours years. However, her passion and determination certainly paid off when she was awarded a First Class Honours degree. This enabled her to study at Oxford University where she dedicated six years to full-time research.

Dr Kidman later returned to the University of Adelaide, completing her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in 1956 – she was one of the first two women to earn such an honour. Following a nine year break from the University, Dr Kidman returned to work in 1966 in what was then the new field of computing. She completed 20 years of work in this industry before retiring in 1987.

The *Barbara Kidman Women's Fellowship Scheme* provides opportunities to women academics to enhance, maintain, or re-invigorate research momentum after a career interruption. It also assists recipients to apply for, and assume, leadership roles in the near future.

We are extremely proud of our Barbara Kidman Fellows and their many achievements over the past decade.

Professor Anton Middelberg
(Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Research))

Professor Laura Parry
(PVC Research Excellence, Chair Staff Gender Equity Committee)

Professor Carolin Plewa
(PVC Researcher Education and Development, Dean of Graduate Studies)



Dr Alex Wawryk 2013

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Public Health.

Of what are you most proud?

University of Adelaide – Adelaide Law School – Co-Director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Research Unit.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

After my children were born, I took nearly three years of leave to care for them. When I returned to work, the Fellowship was vital in enabling me to re-engage with my research and begin publishing again.



Associate Professor Amy Salter 2013

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Public Health

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It not only allowed me time to develop exciting statistical theory and code, but also the chance to meet and collaborate with well-respected experts in the health arena. Most importantly, it has given me the confidence to believe in myself and the importance of my own research, for which I am forever grateful. This newfound self-belief has led me to pursue research that I am passionate about and take risks that I would not have considered otherwise. As a result, I have made significant contributions to perinatal clinical trials, won two NHMRC research grants, led a research group of clinical experts on a research trip with a non-profit to Cambodia to help support research into appalling infant and maternal mortality rates, and successfully applied for a promotion to Associate Professor.



Professor Carolin Plewa 2013

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Pro Vice-Chancellor (Researcher Education and Development) and Dean of Graduate Studies, as well as Professor of Marketing and Stakeholder Engagement.

Of what are you most proud?

I am proud of the wonderful people my daughters are growing up to be; and of the trust people across the University and beyond have in me and my ability to drive positive change jointly with them.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship helped me reinvigorate my research and advance my career, after taking periods of leave to spend treasured time with my children in the first years of their life.



Associate Professor Dimitra Lekkas 2013

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Adelaide Dental School, BDS Program Coordinator.

Of what are you most proud?

Working with wonderful colleagues and students who inspire me and have supported my constant development as an individual and academic. Also, being awarded a National Teaching Award, and as a “Community Legend” for work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It provided experiences to build my knowledge and skills in learning and teaching and research at a time where I had just completed my PhD and trying to juggle a young family and a career. It enabled me to reach promotion to Associate Professor, take on various leadership roles and be nominated as a fellow in the Pierre Fauchard Academy.



Professor Jodie Conduit 2013

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Deputy Dean Research, Faculty of ABLE, and Professor of Marketing, Adelaide Business School.

Of what are you most proud?

That my research is focused on driving community engagement with societal issues such as sustainability and homelessness to foster change in the system – and to this end I am also a Board Member of Green Industries SA and KESAB.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It allowed me time to write a breakthrough journal article and develop a program of research that would sustain me through the next 5+ years. I used some of the funds to travel to a conference, which helped to establish a continuing network of researchers.



Dr Susan Barwick 2013

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Senior Lecturer (half time) – School of Computer and Mathematical Sciences.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship was hugely important to revitalising my research after an extended break from work for childcare duties. Without the Fellowship it would have been a hard struggle to regain momentum in research (indeed it may well have proved too hard and led to me leaving the University as some of my friends have). I am very grateful for the opportunities it provided.



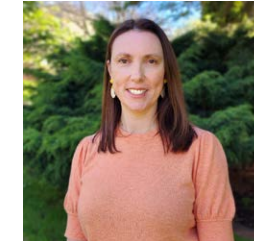
Dr Tanya Day 2013

Of what are you most proud?

That I have enjoyed a varied, intellectually-challenging and interesting work life where I have followed opportunities that have an ongoing positive impact on society. I am also proud of combining my career and family caring roles, and that I am setting an example for my children that women can have worthwhile and rewarding careers.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

I currently manage a disability advocacy organisation. I undertake data analysis to identify systemic issues affecting people living with disability, and I use my creativity, research and communication skills to help resolve individual problems. I use my grant-writing expertise to apply for critical funding.



Professor Karla Helbig 2014

Where are you now?

La Trobe University – Head of the antiviral innate immunity group and School Associate Dean of Research and Industry Engagement.

Of what are you most proud?

I am most proud of the role I have played in mentoring the careers of many ECRs, particularly those of female ECRs trying to make their way into both research and academia.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

My Barbara Kidman fellowship helped fund one of my first independent research projects which underpinned many of my future successes in both category 1 and 2-4 research funding, as well as in securing a permanent academic position at La Trobe University.



Dr Tanya Zivkovic 2014

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Social Sciences

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It enabled the development of my own independent research profile. As a recipient, I was afforded the time opportunity to prepare and develop a successful ARC Discovery Early Career Research Award application on how to improve advance care planning in migrant communities in Adelaide, and a research paper that was strategically aligned with my DECRA project. The research study paved the way for my current ARC Future Fellowship. This project aims to deliver new knowledge that will advance what we know about and how we respond to organ donation, particularly in cross-cultural contexts.



Associate Professor Lisa Moran 2015

Where are you now?

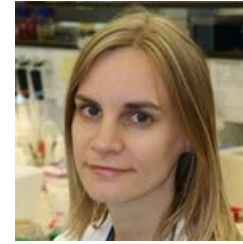
Monash University – Head of the Healthy Lifestyle Research Program at Monash Centre for Health Research and Implementation.

Of what are you most proud?

Improving evidence-based models of care for women with polycystic ovary syndrome across public, community and private care.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It provided me with seed funding to explore the role of lifestyle on inflammatory markers in women with polycystic ovary syndrome.



Dr Kate Wegener 2015

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Lecturer in the Master of Biotechnology (Biomedical) Program.

Of what are you most proud?

I'm most proud of surviving in academia for over 20 years, making contributions to both research and education. I'm looking forward to seeing what else I can achieve in the coming years.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

I'm grateful for the financial support from the Kidman Fellowship, as it allowed me to extend my research in new directions and increase productivity. It also provided opportunities to build new relationships at the University of Adelaide.



Associate Professor Jaklin Elliott 2016

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Public Health.

Of what are you most proud?

Of the cross-institutional team that I lead with a grant of \$2.25 million from The Hospital Research Foundation that aims to improve the access to and delivery of palliative care for under-served communities – working with communities, clinicians, and policy-makers over 5 years.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It gave me the time and mental space, with resourcing to support a research assistant to develop my thinking in my field of research. This quarantined time and tangible support was invaluable and would not have been possible without the scholarship.



Dr Manuela Klingler-Hoffmann

2016

Where are you now?

University of South Australia – Clinical and Health Sciences. Senior Research Fellow.

Of what are you most proud?

Being able to lead multidisciplinary teams to develop disruptive technologies, which will have a real-world impact. Together we work towards making personalised medicine a reality and getting each patient the right treatment. I love teaching and mentoring students and I'm proud to have contributed to many successful careers.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It had an immediate positive impact on my career, providing me with visibility within the University of Adelaide and beyond. In addition, it gave me the opportunity to explore courses within the Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics, and the skills learned have been invaluable for my research.



Dr Melanie McDowall

2016

Where are you now?

I am currently the Director of the Defence AI Research Network (DAIRNet), an initiative of the Department of Defence and the Next Generation Technology Fund.

Of what are you most proud?

I've found my niche in the intersection of academia and industry, in my current position, Defence. I call myself a translator and speed date facilitator, meeting with researchers through to end users and helping formulate solutions and building teams that can best achieve this.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship supported the first year of my MBA at the University of Adelaide, both of which helped me pivot my career from being an academic to research development and strategy.



Dr Melissa Withrow

2016

Where are you now?

Manager, Library Services, at the Barossa Council.

Of what are you most proud?

I am proud to now be working in a community services field. Each day I am able to apply the public health, social inclusion and well-being learnings from my research, as well as my analytical and evaluation skills, to provide a range of service to the Barossa community.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship provided me with an opportunity to pursue my own research goals in child health and well-being, and to develop a professional network in the Barossa Valley. It also instilled in me a desire to mentor the women who work for me, by providing opportunities for career development, networking, and work life balance.



Dr Susan R. Hemer

2016

Where are you now?

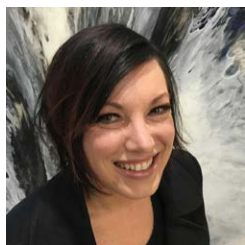
University of Adelaide – School of Social Sciences

Of what are you most proud?

I am most proud that the Fellowship allowed me to support young scholars and do work in projects on gender equity.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It allowed me to travel to my fieldsite of Papua New Guinea to do research into publications on gender-based violence, and access to contraceptives and fertility advice. It also allowed me to focus my energies on editing a collection of chapters by postgraduates and early career scholars on emotions and their relationship to sensorial and spatial matters. The benefit of the Fellowship was that it allowed time to focus and to plan career development.



Associate Professor Tania Crotti

2017

Where are you now?

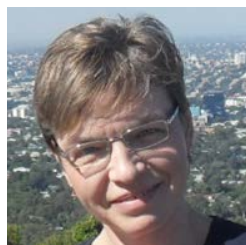
University of Adelaide – School of Biomedicine, PGC Manager and lead of the Bone and Joint Osteoimmunology Laboratory.

Of what are you most proud?

Supporting HDRs, supervisors and postgraduate supporters through establishment and co-leadership of a Community of Practice for HDR Supervision.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

Concurrent with holding the fellowship I was awarded an Arthritis Australia Grant in 2017, which supported my project but did not cover technical support. The Fellowship was paramount to me being able to complete the experimental aims of the Grant. I applied for promotion to Associate Professor the year I received the Grant and found the process of writing the Kidman application guided me in writing my successful promotion application.



Dr Olena Kravchuk

2017

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Agriculture, Food and Wine.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship came at a time when significant family health care responsibilities were demanding much of my time and attention, and it provided important recognition and support for my situation. That morale boost, together with the funding and time, enabled me to look at various options for research directions and align their impact and requirements. The direction I chose of a statistical methodology for data collection was expanded in several research articles and is now being incorporated in the field sampling practices of the agricultural industries, improving the efficiency and robustness of research work.



Dr Cruz Izu

2017

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Computer and Mathematical Sciences.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship supported my change of research direction into Computer Science Education. The teaching relief from the grant combined with the support to attend international conferences helped to jump-start my research record in the area. Since 2017, I have authored 37 publications, many of them in top (rank A) conferences. My h-index has gone from 6 to 15, and I have recently hit 1000 citations. My students have benefited from the research insights into problem solving and program comprehension. I have developed multiple international collaborations, leading in 2021 to become editor of a special issue for the European journal "Informatics in Education".



Dr Sanam Mustafa

2017

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Biomedicine

Of what are you most proud?

I am mother of two wonderful girls, have been named by Science and Technology Australia as an inaugural 'Superstar of STEM' and I awarded the FHMS Executive Dean's Medal. I have developed a technology platform which allows the rapid measurement of the immune system. I am proud, that on the basis of this technology, I was recently successful in securing funding from DSTG as Chief Investigator.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship not only supported my research by allowing me to hire a research assistant, but the prestige of the Fellowship was critical for my confidence at a time when I had just returned from maternity leave.



Dr Pam Papadelos 2017

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Social Sciences.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship was instrumental in reinvigorating my research after extended periods of interrupted research due to caring responsibilities. Since receiving the Fellowship, I have been promoted and I am currently the co-Director of the Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender. It provided me with much needed teaching relief that freed up time to pursue my research interests and produce quality research outputs.



Dr Liz Reed 2017

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Biological Sciences – and Research Scientist at the South Australian Museum.

Of what are you most proud?

That I've been able to build collaborations and assemble a great team of colleagues and students to work on various research projects, particularly at the World Heritage Naracoorte Caves, and Nullarbor.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

My Fellowship helped me establish research fieldwork on the Nullarbor Plain, which has resulted in new discoveries that are currently being prepared for publication. It allowed me to build community and research partnerships for future projects. The Fellowship award was a real confidence boost.



Dr Zoë Doubleday 2017

Where are you now?

University of SA – a marine ecologist and ARC Future Fellow.

Of what are you most proud?

Winning a Future Fellowship was transformative. It not only provided employment and independence, it enabled me to lead and design solutions to environmental problems and be a mentor and challenge the status quo on how we communicate science (and have a baby at the same time).

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship helped me to secure my Future Fellowship, which literally altered the course of my career. I simply wouldn't be in research without it. So, thank you.



Dr Tracy Fitzsimmons 2018

Where are you now?

I am a Research Officer within the Royal Adelaide Hospital Colorectal Research Group. I coordinate studies capturing functional outcomes and quality of life from a patient perspective and manage data collection.

Of what are you most proud?

My career path will always be challenged by funding availability but building the resilience, having the persistence and the strength to continually 'rock up and face the music' is something I am extremely proud of.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship strengthened my confidence as a researcher and provided opportunity to participate in career development programs and undertake research key to progression of effective prevention and treatment of oral health and disease.



Dr Clare Hume 2018

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Public Health.

Of what are you most proud?

Coming back into the workforce after time out caring for children is extremely intimidating, but I am really proud that I did that and that I am continuing to grow and improve both my research and teaching.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It gave me the confidence to re-start my research. I had moved back to Adelaide with my family and the Fellowship allowed me to generate some new research questions and ideas while finding my feet in the academic world again. It made me feel supported and safe, with room to explore new ideas.



Dr Hong Cai 2019

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Social Sciences.

Of what are you most proud?

I developed my research trajectory alongside my teaching portfolio. My research on teaching informs and improves my teaching practice, which helped me to win Faculty- and University-level teaching awards.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship gave me time to continue my research after PhD and explore new research areas that suit my teaching-focused role better. I feel supported, invigorated and much more positive about my career and life.



Associate Professor Michelle Lim 2019

Where are you now?

Singapore Management University – Associate Professor of Law, Yong Pung How School of Law

Of what are you most proud?

I am proudest of the parts of my scholarship that challenge the status quo; that bridge knowledge systems and disciplines; and the work that allows me to imagine possible 'worlds other' for a thriving multi-species planet.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

I commenced the Fellowship upon returning from parental leave following the birth of my child. The Barbara Fellowship only provided me with the resources to continue exploring ideas around human-nature relationships. The validation that my interdisciplinary work was valued also meant a lot.



Dr Shona Crabb 2019

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Public Health, and Faculty Deputy Dean (People & Culture).

Of what are you most proud?

I am most proud of my efforts to develop in my career and to create inclusive supportive environments for other staff and students, while also being the sole carer for my children.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

I received a Fellowship in 2019, after career disruptions due to illness and caring responsibilities. I think the most beneficial aspect of the Fellowship was the shift in mindset it created; it provided time and space for me to regain the energy and momentum needed to be proactive in my career.



Dr Tiffany Gill 2019

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Adelaide Medical School

Of what are you most proud?

I am proud of the fact that my work continues to highlight the impact of musculoskeletal conditions in the population and that I can continue to advocate for better recognition of these conditions.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

I was able to develop some new data analysis skills and develop several publications.



Associate Professor Lyndsey Collins-Praino 2020

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Biomedicine – deputy lead of the discipline of Anatomy and Pathology, and Head of the Cognition, Ageing and Neurodegenerative Disease Laboratory (CANDL).

Of what are you most proud?

I am most proud of balancing parenting my two beautiful young children (Alexander, 5 years and Isabella, 10 months) while also maintaining a successful research and teaching career with a strong upward trajectory.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It was absolutely instrumental in helping me to grow my lab. Since receiving the Fellowship, CANDL has grown to encompass 10 HDR students and 1 Honours student and I've been a CI on nearly \$8M in competitive research funding.



Dr Jessica Grieger 2020

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Adelaide Medical School and SAHMRI I now lead the nutrition, metabolic and reproductive health group within the Robinson Research Institute.

Of what are you most proud?

I am most proud of the Fellowship's contribution to my successful NHMRC Ideas grant application, and subsequent promotion to senior research fellow. I have a Masters and PhD student, and employ two research assistants.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It was really valuable in supporting some funding for myself but also employing a research assistant. It allowed me to advance my expertise in dietary modelling, and build my supervisory skills. The Fellowship extended my collaborations and contributed to related projects and publications in gestational diabetes.



Dr Juan (Jane) Luo 2020

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Adelaide Business School.

Of what are you most proud?

I was able to balance my work and family without extended family support during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

Thanks to the teaching relief benefited from Fellowship, I was able to spend significant time writing ARC Discovery Projects grant applications and publish one of my working papers at a top-ranked A* finance journal according to ABDC Journal Quality List. The biggest benefit from the Fellowship is that it helped me resume my momentum in research, teaching, supervision and engagement service. Barbara Kidman Fellowship encouraged and supported me to pursue high-quality but risky research projects, international research collaborations, competitive external grants, and top-standard research mentoring.



Associate Professor Shoko Yoneyama

2020

Where are you now?

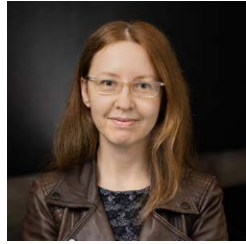
University of Adelaide – School of Social Sciences.

Of what are you most proud?

Creating the entire 11-page index for my new book on a flight back to Adelaide, to meet the publisher's deadline.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It brought about a step-change in my career at a time when I had significant caring responsibilities in Japan. I was awarded the Fellowship in 2019 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2022. That period was the hardest of my life and career, but the Fellowship enabled me to both care for my family and advance my career.



Dr Irina Baetu

2021

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Psychology.

Of what are you most proud?

I am especially proud of the vibrant lab I run and of the excellent PhD students I have the privilege to work with. Training them in the methods I have learnt and seeing them progress further is the most fulfilling part of my career.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

I enjoy learning new techniques and computational methods. The Fellowship allowed me to expand my skills in performing MRI analyses, including task-based functional MRI and diffusion MRI. These skills are especially useful for my career in neuroscience and greatly contribute to my track record.



Dr Rebecca Dolan

2021

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Adelaide Business School -Program Director of Wine Business.

Of what are you most proud?

During my Fellowship, I had valuable time to network and integrate with the Australian Wine Industry after returning from maternity leave. I am most proud of how I've now leveraged these connections to formulate valuable research projects, and successfully manage the wine business programs of the University.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship gave me the time to reflect on my research and industry engagement goals, allowing the chance to reconnect with industry. This has helped me to shape a productive research pipeline that is heavily reliant on inputs and engagement from the Australian Wine Industry.



Dr Kylie Dunning

2021

Where are you now?

The University of Adelaide – Robinson Research Institute. My research group has received funding from the NHMRC and Hospital Research Foundation Group. I'm very excited about the future and thrilled to have such a wonderful team!

Of what are you most proud?

To have received international recognition for our research in the last two years including awards from highly regarded societies in the US and Europe and the communique of our embryo work in TIME magazine.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It allowed me to hire a postdoctoral fellow for a period which greatly assisted in maintaining a strong interdisciplinary collaboration with a group in the US. Crucially this also assisted in the completion and publication of several manuscripts that placed us in a very strong position to be competitive for current and future external funding.



Dr Claire Walker 2021

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in ABLE.

Of what are you most proud?

Being an academic at the University who has juggled teaching courses with high student numbers while remaining research active and undertaking various administrative roles – alongside multiple family caring commitments.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It gave me the time and mental space to think about my research, read, write and present papers. I have publications forthcoming from the work conducted during the Fellowship and am in the process of writing a research monograph based on that work. It enabled me to reconnect with my research and remember that I am one of the main scholars in my field.



Dr Gabrielle Golding 2022

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – Adelaide Law School – Associate Dean of Law (Learning and Teaching).

Of what are you most proud?

Maintaining a sound work/life balance. To me, it is key to succeed not just in all aspects of my role as a University researcher, teacher, and administrator, but also in my private life as a friend, partner, and daughter.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship enabled me to find the time and space to flourish as an employment and contract law researcher. Among many outputs, I am especially grateful for the opportunity it gave me to finalise my monograph, *Shaping Contracts for Work*, which is to be published in 2023 with Oxford University Press.



Associate Professor Claire Jones 2022

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering – leading the Biomechanics Laboratory and Spinal Research Group.

Of what are you most proud?

Having built a happy, vibrant and productive research team with amazing lab facilities, from scratch, while starting a family in a dual academic household.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

Combined with other grant funding, it allowed me to employ a research assistant full-time, to assist with a variety of studies, move several papers close to submission, and build a new collaboration. I was also promoted to Associate Professor, and I am certain that the Fellowship helped to highlight my achievements and career interruptions to the reviewers of my application.



Dr Claudia Trappetti 2022

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Biological Sciences

Of what are you most proud?

After the maternity breaks, my short-term goal was to create an enthusiastic and high-quality interdisciplinary team to develop next generation anti-pneumococcal drugs to combat the growing emergency of pneumococcal drug resistance and vaccine failure.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It enabled me to hire a research assistant that has helped me with the experimental procedures, and this has accelerated my research output. I now have new and exciting data showing the molecular mechanism of how Quorum Sensing molecules affect pneumococcal pathogenesis. In addition, with these data, I will now apply for competitive grant/fellowships in 2023 in collaboration with international pneumococcal research leaders.



Dr Alexandra Whittaker 2022

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.

Of what are you most proud?

I continue to be proud of my fantastic AWCAN lab team, who support me and each other as much as I do them as well as kicking their own goals.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

The Fellowship came at the perfect time for me when I was transitioning from a research only fellowship back to my current teaching role. It supported a part-time research fellow to assist with lab group organisation and paper publishing. This allowed me to maintain my publishing output, continue to build my lab through increasing student numbers and submit a number of grant applications, with some success.



Dr Wei Zhang 2022

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Computer and Mathematic Science.

Of what are you most proud?

Being awarded the Barbara Kidman Women's Fellowship was an honour and encouragement for me. I am proud that I could manage both career and family well. I have won many successful funding grants and am supervising/co-supervising 6 PhD students. I was just appointed the position of Associate Head, People and Culture, in my School. My boy is in year 3 now and he brings a lot of fun to my husband and me.

How did your Barbara Kidman Fellowship help you?

It helped me to recruit a research assistant on projects and replacement staff for teaching commitments.



Dr Mandi Carr 2023

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide – School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.

Of what are you most proud?

I joined the University over 10 years ago to supervise the management of the Production Animal Health Centre, a facility delivering veterinary services to the local community and supporting the education of final year veterinary science students. I am enthusiastic about teaching clinically relevant material to produce high quality work-force ready graduates. Life is a journey with problems to solve, lessons to learn and experiences to enjoy. The size of your accomplishments is often measured by the size of the obstacles that you have had to overcome. The only impossible journey is the one you never start. I am proud of my journey!



Dr Rachel Stephens 2023

Where are you now?

University of Adelaide and a newly promoted Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology and Director of the Reasoning and Decisions Lab.

Of what are you most proud?

I'm proud of my research and teaching contributions, which both focus on understanding and enhancing human reasoning. I'm also a very proud mother of a beautiful young boy.

Barbara Kidman Fellows not featured

Year	Name	School
2013	Dr Tiziana Torresi	School of History and Politics
2014	Dr Lynn Ward	School of Psychology
2014	Dr Heather Bray	School of History and Politics
2015	Dr Alison Dundon	School of Social Sciences
2015	Dr Jane Harford	School of Dentistry
2015	Dr Sara Howard	School of Humanities and Social Sciences
2015	Dr Suzanna Mihailidis	School of Dentistry
2015	Dr Adriana Parrella	School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health
2016	Dr Aspa Sarris	School of Psychology
2016	Dr Nicole Starbuck	School of Humanities
2016	Dr Sabrina Heng	School of Physical Sciences
2018	Dr Natalie Betts	School of Agriculture, Food and Wine
2018	Dr Wendy Lindsay	Entrepreneurship, Commercialisation and Innovation Centre
2019	Associate Professor Branka Grubor-Bauk	Adelaide Medical School
2020	Associate Professor Clemence Due	School of Psychology
2022	Associate Professor Francis Corrigan	School of Biomedicine
2023	Dr Anna Leonard	School of Biomedicine
2023	Dr Anna Sheppard	School of Biological Sciences

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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kaurna people, the original custodians of the Adelaide Plains and the land on which the University of Adelaide's campuses at North Terrace, Waite, and Roseworthy are built. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kaurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs. The University continues to develop respectful and reciprocal relationships with all Indigenous peoples in Australia, and with other Indigenous peoples throughout the world.