

Discovery Advancing Medical Research and Transforming Lives Through Colle Transforming Lives Through Collective Impact



SAHMRI is an independent, not-for-profit institute dedicated to Creating Healthier Futures. Within our iconic headquarters, hundreds of researchers collaborate to innovate and discover, connecting with leading organisations across Australia and the globe to amplify their impact.

Despite extraordinary progress, research grants alone are insufficient to turn discoveries into life-changing preventions, treatments, and cures. That's where the SAHMRI Discovery Circle plays a pivotal role - uniting philanthropists who share a vision of transforming lives through the power of collective giving.

By pooling resources and working together, Discovery Circle members advance medical research that addresses some of the most pressing health challenges of our time, helping to create healthier futures for communities locally and globally.

Your involvement is more than a donation - it's a partnership that drives discovery, inspires progress, and delivers life-saving solutions for communities worldwide.



WHY JOIN THE DISCOVERY CIRCLE?

Shape the Future:

Direct your support toward groundbreaking projects, ensuring your contribution has a tangible and lasting impact.

Experience Collective Philanthropy:

Be part of a collaborative community where pooled resources amplify the scope and scale of research breakthroughs.

Exclusive Access:

Gain unparalleled insights into SAHMRI's world-class research, meet visionary researchers, and witness how your contribution drives life-saving change.

Make a Real Impact:

Be part of a transformative effort that brings innovative ideas to life, improving health and well-being for communities near and far.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Collective Decision-Making

Each year, members attend an exclusive event where researchers present and pitch their projects. Together, members decide which initiatives to fund, ensuring every contribution drives meaningful progress.

Engagement Opportunities:

Beyond the annual event, members receive regular updates on project milestones, participate in discussions with researchers, and network with fellow philanthropists who share a passion for medical innovation.

Recognition:

To honour their generosity, members are celebrated on SAHMRI's Honour Board and in the Annual Report and Philanthropy Impact Report.









Pictured above: Dr. Page (left) recruited First Class Honours graduate Luke Quinlan (right) with Discovery Circle funding to advance targeted therapies for children with leukemia.

SAHMRI was established to bridge the gap between government, universities, and hospitals, amplifying world-class research across South Australia. Over the past decade, our work has extended far beyond state borders, delivering life-changing benefits to communities across Australia and around the globe. From advancing preterm birth prevention with Omega-3 supplements to transforming leukaemia into a manageable condition, and leading culturally appropriate Indigenous health research, SAHMRI's discoveries are paving the way toward creating healthier futures.

As we embark on our second decade, the Discovery Circle plays a key role in turning today's research into tomorrow's life-saving solutions. Together, we can continue to drive innovation, improve health outcomes, and realise our vision of a healthier, more equitable world.



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Join Us

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By joining the Discovery Circle, you'll unite with like-minded philanthropists to accelerate lifesaving discoveries and create a healthier, brighter future for all.

SPOTLIGHT ON CURRENT RECIPIENT:

Elyse Page

In July 2024, Dr. Elyse Page was selected as the inaugural recipient of \$100,000 in funding from the Discovery Circle for her groundbreaking research on acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) in children. Her project focuses on identifying biomarkers to predict which patients are at risk of developing ALL in the central nervous system (CNS), paving the way for earlier interventions and the development of more targeted, less toxic treatments.

Two additional candidates were also recognised for their innovative proposals, each receiving \$5,000 to further their important research initiatives.

Dr. Page and her team have already achieved significant milestones, including:

- Recruiting First Class Honours graduate Luke Quinlan to create a novel cell system replicating the CNS environment.
- Initiating patient recruitment and sample collection to advance biomarker discovery.

This phase of Dr. Page's research will continue through 2025 and carries the potential to transform outcomes for children affected by this devastating disease.

Looking Ahead: 2025 Discovery Circle Meeting

In October 2025, the Discovery Circle will reconvene for its annual meeting, where members will hear from a shortlist of exceptional candidates. This event offers members the chance to experience firsthand how their collective contributions propel groundbreaking research forward. Together, they will select the next projects poised to transform lives through medical innovation.

The Power of Collective Philanthropy

The SAHMRI Discovery Circle is built on the belief that when individuals come together, their collective generosity can achieve far more than any single contribution. By uniting resources, members enable SAHMRI to undertake ambitious projects that might otherwise remain out of reach.

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SAHMRI is located on Kaurna Country. We pay respects to the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We are committed to embracing knowledge and culture as we continue our working journey to incorporate Aboriginal health research across all of our themes and further reconciliation.