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$152 million for 201 new Future Fellowships

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Converting solar energy to hydrogen, reducing cost burdens associated with overdiagnosis and creating novel therapeutic strategies to treat incurable forms of tumours are just some of the 201 research projects that will be undertaken by Future Fellows, 12 of whom are returning to Australia to conduct their research.

Minister for Education, Hon Christopher Pyne MP, announced the $152 million for the fellowships today under the Australian Research Council’s (ARC) Future Fellowships scheme.

The Future Fellowships Scheme promotes research in areas of critical national importance by giving outstanding researchers incentives to conduct their research in Australia.

Mr Pyne said it was crucial to support the nation’s highly qualified mid-career researchers to boost Australia’s research and innovation capacity.

“These Future Fellowships provide the successful researchers with an opportunity to dedicate their time to research—the funding awarded allows them to invest in equipment, to travel and most importantly, dedicate their time to their research endeavours for four years,” Mr Pyne said.

Dr Chenghua Sun, from The University of Queensland, will use his fellowship to develop high performance material to efficiently convert solar energy—a clean fuel.

Professor Wendy Rogers, from Macquarie University, will investigate concern about asymptomatic people being diagnosed and treated for conditions that will not cause any health problems, in turn reducing the cost-burdens associated with overdiagnosis.

At The University of Western Australia, Associate Professor Pilar Blancafort will generate novel and selective therapeutics to treat incurable forms of tumours.

“These are just some of the 201 research projects which cover a broad range of research disciplines and focus on critical areas that will produce important benefits for the Australian community,” Mr Pyne said.

For more information about these funding outcomes please visit the ARC website or view the media announcement kit.

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