

The brightest minds. The boldest cancer research.

Pushing the boundaries of cancer research with innovation and imagination.

Cancer Council Victoria is relentless in its pursuit of breakthroughs. Our Venture Grants program funds the brightest cancer researchers who are willing to push the boundaries of conventional thinking to achieve major breakthroughs in cancer treatment and diagnosis.

With the help of generous Victorian donors, we've been able to offer two previous rounds of this program and are thrilled to have launched a third round. In 2020, the following five research projects have been funded through our Venture Grants research program worth \$2.3 million over two years.



Project Title	Lead Researcher	Lead Institution
Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to develop new ways of tracking the advertising of unhealthy food and drink products known to increase the risk of cancer	Dr Kathryn Backholer	Deakin University
Helping everyone by studying rare "super-survivors" individuals who have had multiple cancer types and are immune to the spread of cancer	Prof Clare Scott	The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Cas 13 mRNA silencing – a new approach to treating incurable childhood cancers	A/Prof Paul Ekert	Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
Exploiting network vulnerabilities to devise effective combination therapies against breast cancer	Dr Lan Tran	Monash University
Targeted reprogramming of prostate cancer	Prof Jose Maria Polo	Monash University

Impact

Researchers in previous rounds have worked on developing new treatments for cancers like breast, blood and low survival cancers like multiple myeloma. They've made ground-breaking discoveries, proven their work and gone on to receive more conventional funding to continue their work to bring new treatments to fruition.

How can you support venturesome cancer research

The Venture Grants researchers are in labs, working to change the way we think about the causes, prevention and treatment of cancer. \$450,000 in donations and pledges is still required to meet the \$2.3million needed to ensure these research teams can complete their ground-breaking research.

“Our Venture Grants Program supports projects unlikely to receive funding from more conventional funding schemes. But we believe in them. We believe that there needs to be an out of the box, innovative approach to cancer research.” -Todd Harper, CEO Cancer Council