Accelerate your research career at Monash Injury Research Institute
There are many reasons why, as an Early Career Researcher (ECR), you should consider working at MIRI (Monash Injury Research Institute). Being part of a prestigious Group of Eight University gives you many opportunities to accelerate your career and make an impact with your research.

You will work alongside and learn from internationally renowned injury prevention researchers and contribute to one of the leading injury research institutes dedicated to improving the human condition.

Monash prides itself on its research excellence and its commitment to the development of future research leaders. Directly supported by the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), the ECR network provides a forum where ECR matters are discussed and programs developed to help support your research career at the University.

Pivotal to this commitment to ECRs, the University hosts a variety of events, networking functions and career development seminars as well as providing support with grant writing and fellowship applications, and the distribution of awards. There is a dedicated team at the Monash Research Office to provide you with advice and assistance as needed.

The Monash Researcher Accelerator Program provides the University’s leading early-mid career researchers with additional support. Successful applicants receive funding (personal and grant) as well as mentoring to forge national and international reputations, increase competitiveness within national funding programs and boost your career trajectory.

MIRI has a truly international focus with strong collaborative links to overseas research centres. Our researchers regularly present papers at leading international conferences and operate in advisory roles within global organisations.

Our broad areas of research include:

- Injury epidemiology
- Injury outcomes
- Injury prevention in lower and middle income countries
- Road/transport safety
- Sports injury prevention
- Developing disaster resilience strategies
- Falls prevention
- Workplace safety
- Prevention of child abuse

Researcher resources at the University and MIRI

Joining us at MIRI gives you access to the research resources of the Institute and University. These include:

- advanced driving simulators;
- on-road test vehicles and crash investigation professionals;
- unique and comprehensive injury and road crash datasets from state and federal government agencies;
- patient simulator;
- biomedical imaging facilities;
- technology support for your research through the eResearch Centre; and
- linkages with industry, government, community and international collaborators.
What our researchers are saying.....

Dr Sharon Newnam

“A research career at MIRI gives me the freedom to pursue my interests.”
Sharon believes that research in injury prevention and outcome will help to prevent injury and reduce the impacts following injury. She is employed on an ARC linkage project currently investigating the impact of compensable injury on the injured person, their families, their health care providers and employers.

“I wanted to be within a G8 university like Monash since there is a broader focus on research and capacity to support research. I was particularly drawn to MIRI because of the calibre of its experts, the Institute’s research vision and their strong support of and commitment to Early Career Researchers.”

“I love research and working to understand the determinants and outcome of injury and the intellectual freedom and flexibility that research offers. One of the best things about MIRI is that if you have a good research idea, you can put it on paper and if it turns out to be a good idea you can be employed in your area of interest. That’s a lot of freedom to have in a job!”

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Sharon intends to continue her research career at MIRI because she can see the work she does has significant social impact.

“At MIRI you are given the flexibility and freedom to write about what interests you and what you think is important. When you get the bigger grants it becomes all worthwhile because you can actually see your research being put into action.”

Dr Eva Alisic

“If I could have a career in anything I would have wanted to work in the field of psychology or helping people deal with trauma.”

“MIRI provides exceptional opportunities for Early Career Researchers.”

Ever since she was a child, Eva had the drive to help people during and after emergencies. She learnt about first aid in primary school, was a volunteer at a Child Helpline whilst completing her MA in Human Resources and MSc in Psychology and even became a fire fighter. She was awarded her PhD ‘cum laude’ (with honours) which is the highest distinction possible in The Netherlands.

“I decided to continue my research at Monash because MIRI provided me with the opportunity and Monash provided the funding to establish the Trauma Recovery Lab. This is quite exceptional for an Early Career Researcher as I will now be able to build a team and establish an innovative research program. This will provide me with an incredible opportunity to really help children recover after traumatic events.”

“I believe a lot of MIRI’s success is due to our multidisciplinary teams working together to address the challenges of injury prevention and treatment.”

Dr Alex Donaldson

“The support and mentoring I receive at MIRI will enable me to become a leader in my field.”

Alex’s interest is the translation of evidence based policies and programs into solutions to reduce the burden of injury in community sport. As a health promotion practitioner, he became interested in learning more about the evidence that underpins recommended strategies and understanding why some programs are more likely to be adopted and implemented, and produce better outcomes than others.

“What most attracted me to MIRI and Australian Centre for Research into Injury in Sport and its Prevention (ACRISP) was the reputation and calibre of the researchers working here. At MIRI, I am able to concentrate on research-only academic work and receive mentoring and assistance in developing my research profile. Senior staff provide me with considerable support to write papers for publication in peer review journals and competitive grant applications. These skills will become invaluable as my research career progresses.”

“The next phase of my career is consolidating my own reputation to become a leader in translating evidence into practice within the sport injury prevention research area.”

“Most of the current research is focused on how injuries occur and how to prevent them, yet there is little understanding of how to best translate this research into action in community sports settings. It is one thing knowing what people should do, but it is quite different getting people to do it. This is the MIRI and ACRISP difference. Our research focus is broader and explores the context in which injury occurs to develop strategies to influence individuals, organisations, policies and environments with the aim of making a difference in the real-world.”

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Eva has received three prestigious international fellowships which have enabled her to establish the Trauma Recovery Lab. This lab will be the home of several high profile research projects focusing on the emergency professional–child and parent–child interactions after traumatic events. In addition to more traditional methodologies such as interviews and questionnaires, the lab makes use of innovative naturalistic observations.

“The aim of my research is to provide emergency professionals and parents with the information and skills they need to support children after trauma. I also want to establish and support a thriving community of young mental health researchers and clinicians through social media opportunities and international meetings, to build capacity in the global mental health domain.”
Further information

For further information about early career research opportunities, call, email or visit our website.

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