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Federal funding boost for Deakin University

Researchers at Deakin University's Burwood campus will share in over \$4.5 million in Federal funding grants, Federal Chisholm MP Anna Burke said today.

"This funding is essential to attracting and retaining some of the brightest research minds to Deakin University," Ms Burke said.

"This \$4.5 investment reflects the importance of the work going on at Deakin and demonstrates the Gillard Government's commitment to supporting world-class research here in Australia."

Ms Burke said the funding will be allocated across a number of projects taking place at the University, including health and medical research, which is pivotal to the improved quality of life and life expectancy experienced by most Australians.

"These projects will develop methods to deliver better health outcomes for the community," Ms Burke said.

"The Government is committed to investing in medical research and the health and wellbeing of all Australians," she said.

The funding is being delivered to Deakin University through two programs – the National Health and Medical Research Council fellowships and the Australian Research Council's Future Fellowships Scheme.

Ms Burke said both programs have been designed to assist researchers enhance their knowledge in key areas across a range of disciplines.

"Enhancing the capacity of our universities to engage in world-class research increases the likelihood of key discoveries, and can also lead to practical benefits ensuring people stay well and maintain a good quality of life.

"This announcement is great news for Deakin University and I congratulate the researchers who have been involved in these important projects for many years," she said.

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