

Members Awards Program








Breast Cancer Trials Awards Program

Breast Cancer Trials (BCT) is a group of world-leading breast cancer doctors and researchers based in Australia and New Zealand with a commitment to exploring and finding better treatments for people affected by breast cancer through clinical trials research.

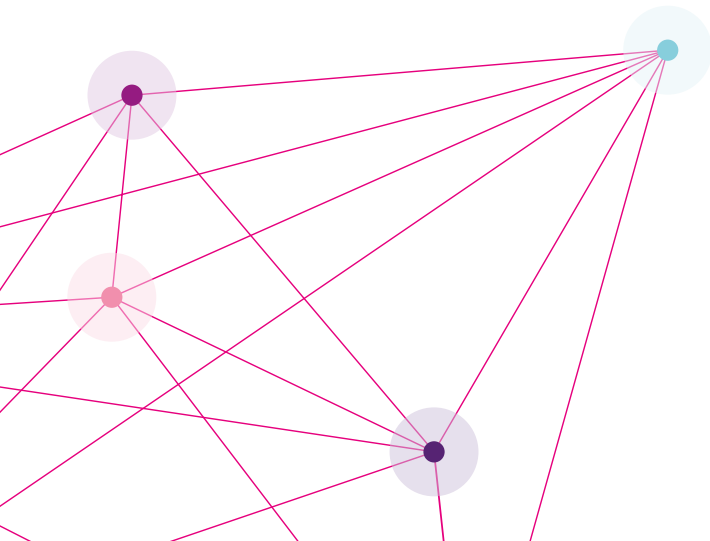
For more than 45 years, we have conducted a breast cancer clinical trials research program for the treatment, prevention and cure of breast cancer. The research program plays a pivotal role in influencing breast cancer practice globally and contributing to better outcomes for thousands of women in Australia and New Zealand, and potentially millions more throughout the world.

The BCT Board of Directors is pleased to provide the following awards and travel grants to recognise the valuable contribution of members to our clinical trials research program; provide professional development opportunities for members; recognise outstanding achievement by researchers, clinicians and scientists in their particular field; and help promote the research activities of BCT and encourage participation in them.



Breast Cancer Trials Awards Descriptions

- The John Forbes Gold Medal Award
- The Alan Coates Award for Excellence in Clinical Trials Research
- The Robert Sutherland Award for Excellence in Translational Research
- The John Collins Fellow Medal and Travel Grant
- The Study Coordinator Prize
- Education Travel Grants
- Trainee and Early-Career Day Grants





The John Forbes **Gold Medal**

The John Forbes Gold Medal recognises the outstanding efforts and achievements of a member of the Group, who has played an instrumental role in the development of breast cancer clinical trials research in this region. The Medal is awarded at the discretion of the BCT Board of Directors.

Professor Prue Francis AM
was the recipient of the 2022
John Forbes Gold Medal Award.



Professor Alan Coates AM presents the Award to Professor Bruce Mann.

The Alan Coates Award for Excellence in Clinical Trials

Professor Alan Coates AM is one of the founding members of BCT, Visiting Scientist at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and Clinical Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney. Professor Coates was Chief Executive Officer of Cancer Council Australia from 1998 to 2006 and President of the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia in 1994 and 1995. He is the Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee of the International Breast Cancer Study Group and a foundation member of BCT Board of Directors. He was the first Chair of BCT's Scientific Advisory Committee from its formal establishment in 1985 to 2005. In 2002 he was honoured by the Order of Australia when he was awarded an AM for 'service to medicine in the field of oncology, particularly through breast cancer research'.

The Alan Coates Award for Excellence in Clinical Trials Research recognises an individual member of BCT who has made an outstanding contribution to BCT's clinical trials research program and aims to assist the recipient in their professional development. The recipient will be recognised for the quality of their scientific contributions and will receive a travel grant to attend BCT's Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) and a financial contribution of up to \$10,000 towards their professional development activities.

The Robert Sutherland Award for Excellence in Translational Research

Professor Robert Sutherland AO was the Director of the Cancer Research Program at the Garvan Institute for 27 years, Senior Principal Research Fellow of the National Health and Medical Research Council and inaugural Director of the Kinghorn Cancer Centre in Darlinghurst. He was a former Board member of the Australian Cancer Research Foundation, Cancer Council NSW and Cancer Institute NSW and served on various committees including the National Health and Medical Research Council. In 2010 he received the NSW Premier's Award for Outstanding Cancer Researcher and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) "for distinguished service to medicine as an international contributor to the research of cancer, the development of Australia's research capacity and through leadership roles in advisory bodies."

The Robert Sutherland Award for Excellence in Translational Research recognises Translational Researchers and their achievements and contributions to improved patient outcomes as well as scientific excellence. The recipient will be invited to present a lecture at a BCT Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), will receive travel support to attend the ASM and a financial contribution of up to \$10,000 towards their research or professional development. The award is open to Translational Researchers worldwide. The Award is offered annually, and if awarded presented at the ASM. The award will be made at the discretion of the Board.



Professor Geoff Lindeman and Ms Cheryl Sutherland present the Award to Professor Sarah-Jane Dawson.



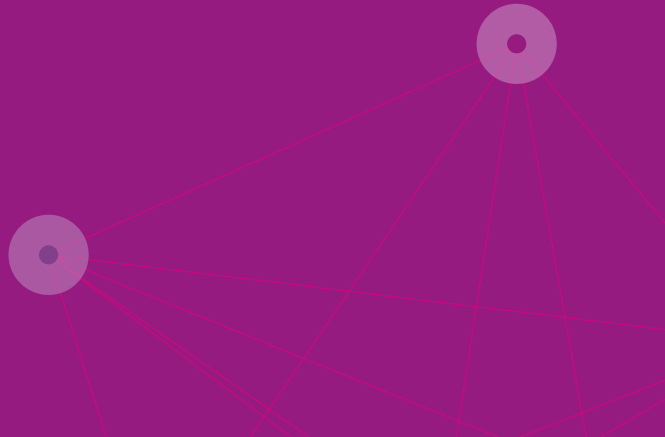
Professor John Collins presents the award to Dr Sia Kim.

The John Collins Fellow Award and Travel Grant

BCT established the John Collins Fellow Medal & Travel Grant to encourage potential academic breast surgeons to become involved in clinical trials research. The objective of the award is to provide an early career surgeon or Fellow/registrar, with an interest in clinical research, the opportunity to:

- Travel to the BCT Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).
- Learn about current breast cancer clinical trials.
- Participate in discussions and plans for future Australian and International studies.
- Network with experienced breast cancer clinicians and trialists.

The Fellowship is offered annually and if awarded, presented at the ASM. The award will be made at the discretion of the Board.



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Ms Amy Wallace receives the Study Coordinator Prize from BCT's Chief Operating Officer – Research, Mr Heath Badger.

Study Coordinator Prize

The Study Coordinator Prize acknowledges outstanding commitment to BCT and the clinical trials research program by a Study Coordinator. The recipient will receive a travel grant to attend the ASM and \$500 towards professional development activities. BCT's Trials Coordination Department nominates an award recipient to the BCT Board of Directors for approval.



Education Travel Grants

Education Travel Grants are available to Full Members of BCT who have limited access to financial support to attend BCT's Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). The Award is up to the value of \$2000, which includes return economy class airfares, accommodation for the duration of the ASM, the conference dinner and free registration.

Trainee and Early-Career Day Grants



The Trainee & Early Career Day grants are available to those who are in an oncological training program (i.e., medical, radiation or surgical) or within five years of receiving consultant qualification – FRACP, FRACS, RANZCR or equivalent. All travel and registration for the successful applicant will be organised through Breast Cancer Trials (BCT).

Selection Process

All awards are at the discretion of the BCT Board of Directors.

For all awards, an application or nomination form must be completed and submitted by the specified due date. Successful award recipients will be selected by the BCT Awards Committee, which includes of members of the BCT Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer.

Important Dates

Applications for awards open each year in coordination with the launch of the Annual Scientific Meeting website.

Recipients will be informed in writing of their successful application or nomination, providing time to organise travel arrangements and leave, for those attending the ASM.

Award Requirements

Further information about BCT awards and travel grants are available on the BCT website at breastcancertrials.org.au/research/travel-grants-and-awards/.

BCT Membership

Membership of BCT is open to people who are actively involved in the conduct of BCT clinical trials. For more information about becoming a member or to complete an online membership application, please visit our website breastcancertrials.org.au/become-a-member/.

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