Fellows of the Research Academy:
The Occupational Therapy Australia Research Academy has been established to both recognise scholars in the occupational therapy profession but also to enhance research capacity building in the profession. The Board of Occupational Therapy Australia have appointed the following Occupational Therapists as the inaugural Fellows of the Research Academy:

- Associate Professor Ted Brown
- Professor Anita C. Bundy
- Professor Leanne M. Carey
- Professor Lindy Clemson
- Professor Anne Cusick
- Professor Jennifer Fleming
- Professor Tammy Hoffman
- Associate Professor Natasha A. Lannin
- Associate Professor Lynette MacKenzie
Dr Annie McCluskey
Professor Sylvia Rodger AM (dec.)
Emertius Professor Jenny Strong
Professor Carolyn Unsworth
Professor Gail E. Whiteford
Professor Jenny Ziviani
Associate Professor Ted Brown PhD, MSc, MPA, BScOT (Hons), OT(C), OTR

- Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program Convenor, Dept of OT, Monash University, Victoria
- Honorary Associate Professor, Occupational Science & Therapy Prog, School of Health & Social Development, Faculty of Health,
- Medicine, Nursing & Behavioural Sciences, Deakin University, Victoria
- Research consultant (0.1 per week) Occupational Therapy Service, Monash Medical Centre, Southern Health, Victoria

Summary of Research Activity
Dr Ted Brown is an Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program Convener, Department of Occupational Therapy of Occupational Therapy, Monash University. He completed a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy with honours in 1986, Master of Public Administration in 1989, and Master of Science in rehabilitation in 1991 from Queen's University in Canada. Ted completed his PhD in occupational therapy at the University of Queensland in 2003.

His research interests include paediatrics, evidence-based education, and visual motor integration. Dr Brown has undertaken numerous comparative studies measuring visual motor integration in children with learning disabilities using the Rasch Measurement Model. Dr Brown has published 20 book chapters, two edited books, and over 250 articles in peer-reviewed journals as well as supervised 70 higher degree students. He has given over 125 presentations at national and international conferences and symposiums.

Dr Brown is currently an associate editor for the Australian Occupational Therapy Journal and the American Journal of Occupational Therapy. He also serves on the board of the OT Australia Research Foundation and on the OT Victoria Workforce and Professional Issues Committee.
Professor Anita C. Bundy ScD, OT/L, FAOTA

- Professor of OT, University of Sydney, NSW Australia
- Professor, Dept of OT, Colorado State University, Colorado USA
- Associate Editor/Australia, OTJR Occupational, Participation & Health

Summary of Research Activity
For more than 30 years, Professor Anita Bundy has conducted research into children’s play gaining recognition internationally as an expert in this area. Her multidisciplinary team conducts cluster trials in primary schools and programs for children with disabilities where they place recycled materials on playgrounds and engage parents and teachers to examine everyday risk-taking. Reflecting her penchant for authentic inclusion, Bundy is a member of a research team developing innovative approaches to “stretch” therapist’s time and promoting participation of children and families in their communities.

In her 40-year research career, Professor Bundy has mentored more than 80 research students. Most have published their work; many now mentor new researchers. Over her research career, she has received 31 research grants amounting to over $6 million in research funding. Professor Bundy has published over 200 papers and book chapters and edited three textbooks. She is the author of numerous tests used in research and practice. Two of the most well known are the Test of Playfulness and DriveSafe/DriveAware.
Professor Leanne M. Carey PhD, MAppSc (Research), BAppSc (OT) FAOTA

- Professor & Discipline Lead Occupational Therapy, La Trobe University
- Florey Senior Principal Research Fellow
- Elected inaugural Chair, currently Executive member of the Australian Occupational Therapy Research Foundation

Summary of Research Activity
Professor Leanne Carey is the Discipline Lead in Occupational Therapy at La Trobe University, a Florey Senior Principal Research Fellow and Head, Neuro-rehabilitation and Recovery, and an Executive member of the Australian Occupational Therapy Research Foundation. She has held numerous positions on committees, editorial boards and held visiting professorial positions in Australia as the USA. Professor Carey has supervised and mentored 58 higher degree students.

During her 28 year research career, she has published 103 books, book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles. Professor Carey has received 27 research grants valued at over $27 million investigating a range of clinical topics associated with stroke and neuro-rehabilitation such as motor and somatosensory assessment and recovery after stroke, neuro-rehabilitation and brain plasticity associated with training-induced recovery.

Professor Carey's work in the area of stroke and neuro-rehabilitation is recognised nationally and internationally. She has served on numerous conference organising committees, chaired conference sessions, participated on panels as well as provided numerous presentations and keynote addresses at international and national conferences.
**Professor Lindy Clemson PhD, MAppSc (Research), BAppSc (OT), Dip OT**

- Professor Ageing & Occupational Therapy, University of Sydney
- Honorary Professor, Occupational Therapy & Ageing, School of Health Sciences, University of Nottingham UK

**Summary of Research Activity**

Professor Clemson has 45 years’ experience as an occupational therapy clinician, educator and researcher. She is the Professor of Ageing and Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney and Honorary Professor of Occupational Therapy and Ageing at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. Professor Clemson also holds a NHMRC Career Development Fellowship.

During the past 26 years, her main areas of research are falls prevention and healthy ageing. Professor Clemson has received 49 grants valued at over $43.1 million and published 9 books, 7 book chapters, 131 peer-reviewed journal articles in addition to reports and resources. She has also supervised 40 higher degree research students.

Professor Clemson has received numerous awards, fellowships and appointments in recognition of her research achievements. She has been an invited speaker and plenary member at national and international conferences and symposiums; undertaken numerous consultations at a national and ministerial level on ageing and falls prevention.
Professor Anne Cusick PhD, MA (Psych), MA (Interdisc Stud), Grad Dip App Beh Sc, Grad Cert Bus Admin, BAppSc (OT), Dip AICD

- Professor and Chair, Head of Occupational Therapy, University of Sydney
- Honorary Professor, School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Wollongong
- Emeritus Professor, Office of the Vice Chancellor & President at the University of Western Sydney

Summary of Research Activity
In addition to Professor Anne Cusick’s professorial appointments at the University of Sydney, University of Wollongong and University of Western Sydney, she is the Editor-in-Chief of the Australian Occupational Therapy Journal and inaugural committee member of the Occupational Therapy Australia Research Foundation. Professor Cusick is a Fellow of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists and in 2001 received the Occupational Therapy Australia Sylvia Docker Memorial Award in recognition of her distinguished contribution to occupational therapy education and research.

Anne has extensive teaching, clinical research, curriculum, academic governance, policy, management and educational leadership experience in Australian Universities and Private Higher Education contexts. Anne’s work in leading organisational change and reform focused on better aligning the efforts of staff to institutional strategy and changed higher education contexts.

During the past 15 years, Professor Cusick’s has received four research grants valued at over $120,000, supervised 38 higher degree research students and published 104 books, book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles. Some topics of Anne’s research includes factors affecting the research productivity of occupational therapists working in acute hospitals, activity and participation for people with disability and chronic complex conditions, health workforce development needs.
Professor Jennifer Fleming PhD, BOccThy (Hons 1)

- Conjoint Associate Professor, School of Health and Rehabilitation, The University of Queensland and the Occupational Therapy Department, Princess Alexandra Hospital

Summary of Research Activity

During a 20-year career in research, Associate Professor Jennifer Fleming has received $6.3 million in nationally competitive funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Australian Research Council (ARC), National Stroke Foundation, CONROD and other sources such as Queensland Health. She has received continuous large grant funding from NHMRC or ARC since 2007, as a Chief Investigator on a NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence, chief investigator on four NHMRC Project Grants (one as lead investigator) and two ARC-Linkage Grants (one as lead investigator).

Major research themes include cognitive rehabilitation, rehabilitation transitions and outcomes and lifetime care and support. Some of the outcomes arising from her research includes development of standardised assessments of cognitive impairment, establishment of a new Transitional Rehabilitation Service for people with brain injury in Queensland and increased understanding of high care needs of people requiring lifetime care which is pertinent to the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Associate Professor Fleming has supervised 70 higher degree research students and published two books, 18 book chapters and 166 peer-reviewed journal articles. She has also numerous awards including the 2015 OT Australia Mary Rankine Wilson Memorial Award for Professional Excellence.
Professor Tammy Hoffman PhD, BOccThy (Hons 1)

- Professor, Centre for Research in Evidence-Based Practice, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine, Bond University, Queensland, Australia
- Invited member of Clinical Council, National Stroke Foundation of Australia
- Invited member of Committee for the Handbook of Non-Drug interventions, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

Summary of Research Activity
Professor Hoffmann’s ten-year research career has broadly centred around three main areas:

- making evidence-based practice and evidence implementation easier for clinicians - for example, by making the finding and using of evidence easier. This has occurred through initiatives such as OTseeker, training in evidence-based practice, and developing standards and tools to improve the reporting of interventions, such as the Template for Intervention Description and Replication (TIDieR) checklist and guide;

- facilitating shared decision making and communicating evidence to patients and the public so that they can be involved in making informed decisions about their healthcare; and

- improving patients’ health literacy, rehabilitation, and self-management of chronic conditions, particularly stroke.

Some of Professor Hoffman’s research has had national and international impact on practice and policy, of both occupational therapists and other health professions. She has supervised 44 higher degree research students and published three books, twenty-five book chapters and 147 peer-reviewed journal articles.
Associate Professor Natasha A. Lannin PhD, BSc (OT), Grad Dip

- Associate Professor, La Trobe University,
- Senior Research Fellow, Rehabilitation Studies Unit, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney.
- Senior Research Fellow, The George Institute for Global Health.
- Senior Research Fellow, National Stroke Research Institute, Melbourne.

Summary of Research Activity
Associate Professor Natasha A. Lannin holds a joint research-only position with Alfred Health (Melbourne) and La Trobe University, and is an honorary Research Fellow at the John Walsh Institute for Rehabilitation Research at The University of Sydney, the George Institute for Global Health and the Florey Neurosciences at The University of Melbourne.

Working within the Alfred Health hospital network, she conducts clinical trials investigating the effectiveness of occupational therapy interventions as well as translation research into improving the long-term outcomes for those living with an acquired brain injury from stroke or traumatic causes.

During Associate Professor Lannin’s 10 year research career, she received over $4.8 million in research funding, published 215 peer-reviewed book chapters and journal articles. Natasha is a supervisor of higher research degree students (PhD and Masters). She has published widely in leading journals such as Stroke, Journal of Epidemiology, and Clinical Rehabilitation, and has received competitive research grants from federal government (including NHMRC), state government (including the Transport Accident Commission) and philanthropic organisations (including the National Stroke Foundation).
Associate Professor Lynette MacKenzie PhD, M Edu, B App Sc (OT), Dip COT

- Associate Professor Discipline of Occupational Therapy, University of Sydney
- Program Director, Master of Occupational Therapy, University of Sydney

Summary of Research Activity
Lynette MacKenzie is Associate Professor for the Discipline of Occupational Therapy and Program Director for the Master of Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney. Associate Professor MacKenzie’s twenty-two year research career has focused on the main areas of falls prevention, clinical fieldwork education and rural and remote practice education. The span of her research includes topics such as continence, falls prevention and fracture neck of femur; transition hospital to home; outcomes from home-based physical activity programs; Environmental and built factors for maintaining independence in older age; evaluating the work readiness of Graduate Entry Master (GEM) level graduates; development of materials for clinical supervisors of Occupational Therapy students with a disability; and rural research and placement opportunities for Occupational Therapy students.

Lynette has received 30 research grants valued at over $3.9 million. She has published nine books, manuscripts and reports, seven book chapters and 94 peer-reviewed journal articles. She has supervised 50 higher degree research students.
Dr Annie McCluskey PhD, MA, DipCOT

- Honorary Senior Lecturer, Discipline of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney, Australia
- Adjunct Associate Professor, College of Healthcare Sciences, James Cook University, Australia
- Consultant occupational therapist in private practice

Summary of Research Activity
Dr McCluskey is an occupational therapist, health services researcher, educator, and clinician.

Her research activity over the past 20 years has been substantial and sustained. She has received over $4 million in research funding, published eight book chapters and over 60 peer-reviewed journal articles.

Her research has helped to improve the participation of stroke survivors and older people, by investigating return to driving, motorised scooter use, community outings and travel habits, handwriting, self-care and sexuality. Her research has also helped health professionals to translate research into practice.

Dr McCluskey collaborates with health services, addressing barriers to evidence-based practice for inpatients and community stroke survivors. The OTseeker evidence database (www.otseeker.com) is part of Dr McCluskey’s enduring legacy. OTseeker contains over 10,000 records relevant to occupational therapy. This free resource was established by Dr McCluskey and co-directors for use by the profession; since 2003, OTseeker has been used by over 1 million visitors.
Professor Sylvia Rodger PhD, M Edu St, B OccThy

- Professor and Head of Occupational Therapy, Div of OT, School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Queensland
- Director of Research and Education at the Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (Autism CRC)

Summary of Research Activity
Professor Sylvia Rodger AM was the Director of Research and Education at the Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (Autism CRC). She had 35 years’ experience as an occupational therapist, academic, teacher and researcher. She had been the recipient of many Australian awards in recognition of her contribution to occupational therapy education and research (Mary Rankine Wilson Award, Sylvia Docker Award and Lectureship, the Freda Jacob Award, the Asia Pacific Autism Award) and was inducted into the American Occupational Therapy Academy of Research in 2011. In 2015 she was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for her contribution to occupational therapy education and autism research.

Her main areas of research were children with developmental disorders, autism, families, goal setting, using cognitive interventions, and teaching and learning. Professor Rodger received over $33 million in research funding, published four books, 22 book chapters and over 356 peer-reviewed journal articles as well as other manuscripts, reports and audiovisual resources.
Emeritus Professor Jenny Strong PhD, MOccThy, BOccThy

- Emeritus Professor, University of Qld
- Clinical Director, MinimisePain, Qld

Summary of Research Activity
Emeritus Professor Jenny Strong has 31 years of experience as a university teacher, developer of innovative and accredited curricula, and chief examiner of her discipline from 1994-2001, and Chief Examiner for audiology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech pathology in 2011. In addition to her academic career, Jenny is the Clinical Director of MinimisePain and a member of the Advisory Board for Chronic Pain Australia. In 2014, she received the Australian Pain Society Distinguished Member Award.

As Head of the Department of Occupational Therapy, Professor Strong developed and introduced a full suite of postgraduate coursework programs in occupational therapy (Graduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Master’s Degree). She envisaged and developed an innovative program, the Graduate Entry Master’s degree in Occupational Therapy, which commenced in 2001, the first such program within the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Queensland. Professor Strong has supervised 71 higher degree research students.

As a researcher, Professor Strong’s key areas of research included investigation into pain, traumatic brain injury and clinical supervision. She has received 40 grants valued at over $2.7 million. She has published five books, twenty-nine book chapters, 141 peer-reviewed journal articles and nineteen other publications.
Professor Carolyn Unsworth PhD, BAppSci (OccTher), OTR

- Professor of Occupational Therapy, Central Queensland University
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Jönköping University, Sweden
- Road Safety Camera Commissioner Reference Group Member, appointed by Victorian Minister for Police

Summary of Research Activity
Over the past 27 years, Professor Carolyn Unsworth’s grant-funded research totalling over $2.5 million, writing, teaching and supervision of 38 higher degree students have made an important and enduring contribution to three linked areas: Community transport and driving; Outcome measurement; and Clinical reasoning and decision making.

She has published over 120 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, as well as a popular text and two standardised assessments; The Occupational Therapy Driver Off-Road Assessment (OT-DORA, published by AOTA Press) which has changed the way fitness-to-drive assessments are conducted, and the Australian Therapy Outcome Measures for Occupational Therapy (AusTOMs-OT) which has been translated into Swedish, Japanese and Arabic and is used by occupational therapists internationally to gather evidence to support practice.

Professor Unsworth regularly delivers Keynote addresses in the UK, Sweden, Singapore and Australia, and has held/holds adjunct professor positions at London South Bank University (UK), Jonkoping University (Sweden), La Trobe University (Australia) and Curtin University (Australia).
Professor Gail E. Whiteford PhD, MHSc, BApp Sc

- Principal, Whiteford Consulting
- Chair, Occupational Therapy Research Foundation
- Ministerial Appointee, Board, Mid-North Coast Health

Summary of Research Activity
During Professor Gail Whitehead’s 27 year research career, she has received 22 grants totalling almost $22.5 million. She has published three books, thirty-two book chapters and sixty-four peer-reviewed journals on her work which over a time has had three connected strands. First, she focussed on building understandings of the complexity of “doing” – or occupation. In particular, Gail undertook research with groups of people such as prisoners and refugees in order to understand the impacts of disruption and deprivation on their lives. Second, she have attempted to broaden the theoretical underpinnings of the profession of occupational therapy by developing conceptual understandings around the relationship between occupation, participation and social inclusion.

With her esteemed colleague, Professor Elizabeth Townsend, they developed a framework to provide therapists with a tool (the Participatory Occupational Justice Framework (POJF) to work practically on these issues in a range of contexts. Third, Gail broadly challenged the profession to think more critically about who we are, what we do, and why we do it. This has focussed on critiquing the philosophical foundations of occupational therapy and issues of language, representation, justice and power.
Professor Jenny Ziviani PhD, M Ed, B App Sc, BA

- Professor Children’s Allied Health Research, Conjoint appointment: The University of Queensland and Queensland Health
- American Occupational Therapy Foundation Research Academy
- NHMRC Research Translation Faculty

Summary of Research Activity

Professor Jenny Ziviani’s 34-year career as a clinician, academic and researcher has been grounded in working with children at development risk and their families. This is reflective of her ongoing involvement with the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth and the Australian Association for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine.

Professor Ziviani’s research agenda has expanded to include child-centred interventions and strength-based family interventions, health promotion childhood obesity and exploring successful self-management for parents and children with Type 1 Diabetes. She has received 55 research grants totalling over $8.7 million. Jenny has received numerous awards in recognition of her work including the Occupational Therapy Australia Sylvia Docker Award (2016), Occupational Therapy Australia National Research Award (2009), University of Queensland School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Excellence in Research Award (2009).

Jenny has published 14 books, 31 book chapters, 213 peer-reviewed journal articles, 2 theses, 2 media resources and 207 papers, reports and presentations. She has also supervised 107 higher degree research students.