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# Arthritis Society Canada Announces Funding for Stars Career Development Awards in 2024



Arthritis Society Canada announced the recipients of the 6th annual Stars Career Development Awards on January 16th. The Stars Career Development Awards offer robust support for the early career progression of promising researchers in the arthritis community. This program rewards emerging academics with a three-year funding commitment of up to \$375,000 from Arthritis Society Canada, matched with an additional three years of funding by the researcher's host institution.

"We are thrilled to recognize and support the outstanding work of researchers dedicated to improving the lives of those people living with arthritis," said Dr. Siân Bevan, Chief Science Officer at Arthritis Society Canada. "The Stars Career Development Awards reflect our ongoing commitment to championing the best and brightest minds

and leading ground-breaking research that will make a meaningful impact on the understanding and treatment of this devastating disease."

This year's recipients are:

- Dr. May Choi, University of Calgary — *Using artificial intelligence to design new blood tests for autoimmune muscle diseases associated with inflammatory arthritis*
- Dr. Nikolas Knowles, University of Waterloo — *Improving early detection and treatment of shoulder osteoarthritis*

To learn more about their research projects, visit [arthritis.ca/researchers/competition-results](https://arthritis.ca/researchers/competition-results).