

## 2024 Nominee for Council

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**Please briefly describe why you believe you are suitable to serve as a member of the Council. Consider the following within your response: What do you think should be the ICIS's top priorities over the next three to five years, and what challenges might come? How might the ICIS serve our membership better in your view? In what way has your background given you a diverse perspective?**

Challenge to build networks between the yearly meetings:

- Sponsorship of sessions at smaller meetings for local immunology societies to create a sense of ongoing community.
- Sessions highlighted in ICIS newsletter to further promote members' research.

Challenge to support ERCs for innovative, breakthrough research:

- Assess avenues for ICIS to support ERC development of independent research program

My career has spanned multiple global sites (Australia, USA), basic and translational cytokine discoveries

**Please list your current and/or past participation in ICIS committees. Include committee membership, positions of leadership, speaking invitations, etc.**

- NHMRC Leadership Investigator fellow and lab head at WEHI
- Active ICIS member 2021-
- Multiple mentees ICIS members
- PhD student awarded 2021 Sidney & Joan Pestka Graduate Award
- Attended 2022 Hawaii with student
- Attending 2024 Korea with student
- Research program centered on cytokines: PhD, BAFF-dependent autoantibody production (Garvan). Postdoc, Chemokine role in T cell activation (HMS/MGH). Lab, Cytokine-instructed cell interactions that determine outcome for vaccination, infection, cancer

**List any other relevant qualifications for office, including any non-ICIS volunteer or other leadership activities. (Not a CV.)**

- Other Memberships: Australian & New Zealand Society for Immunology (ASI), Victorian Infection and Immunity Network, AAI, AACR
- Chemokine GRC mentor/D&I forum host (2014,16,18,22,24)
- Invited Nature Immunology Feature on: Mentoring
- Invited ASI Feature: Reflections on gender equity policy & practice
- WEHI Gender Equality Co-chair (2019-)
- ASI Council member (2019-21)
- Councilor for Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceanic (FIMSA, 2019-21)
- Key policy roles (WEHI, FIMSA, ASI) for D&I