From a spark of inspiration come great discoveries...

The Bright Sparks Program has been designed to strategically progress gifted young scientists through the various stages of their academic careers.

Through the Bright Sparks Program, Baker IDI invests in gifted scientific talent by providing the following types of support annually:

- PhD graduate Fellowships
- Top-up Scholarships for PhD students
- Stipend for PhD students
- Travel scholarships and bursaries
- Individual career development grants
- Novel research project grants

Recipients of the Bright Sparks Program awards are selected under the aegis of the Baker IDI Research & Training Executive Committee (RTEC).

In addition to investing in Australian talent, we also recruit the best and brightest young scientists internationally.

Levels of support range from $1,500 to $150,000 per annum.

The Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute

The Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute was established to create the pre-eminent international research resource in the fight against cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Our mission is to have a powerful influence on improving treatments and outcomes of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, two insidious and complex diseases wreaking havoc on families everywhere. This is our promise and our commitment.

We are proud of our pledge to improve the quality of life for people now and safeguard the health of future generations. This mission drives everything we do.
Internationally renowned as a centre of research excellence in cardiovascular disease and diabetes, Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute is truly home to the nation’s finest scientific minds and is responsible for many revolutionary advances in medical research.

Empowering scientific discoveries
The key to successfully achieving our mission to reduce death and disability from cardiovascular disease and diabetes lies in the quality of our scientific community.

Our strategic plan recognises the importance of continuing to invest in scientific talent. We acknowledge the importance of nurturing the potential of gifted young scientists who are yet to make their mark.

We refer to this next generation of elite scientific leaders as our Bright Sparks, heirs to a great Australian scientific legacy. With their outstanding abilities, we know they will help to shape the future with the discoveries they will make.

Our mission is substantial. To achieve it we must have ambitious plans. Together, we will ensure our mission is realised.

Our Bright Spark Program encourages the personal growth and professional transformation of gifted young scientists into accomplished scientists.

Our Bright Spakrs
The purpose of Baker IDI’s Bright Sparks Program is to nurture early career scientists with post graduate scholarships through to Fellowship incentives.

The Bright Sparks Program is particularly relevant as we navigate our way through unparalleled global challenges. Never before has our need to encourage outstanding leadership been so great.

The cultivation of one generation of Bright Sparks frequently results in scientists who go on to train others. This is know as the ‘multiplier effect’ and can result in powerful changes and developments in scientific and medical fields.

Thanks to the Bright Sparks Program, scientists whose careers began at Baker IDI have become impassioned ambassadors of the Institute and are among the most significant voices in the global fight against cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Supporting gifted young scientists
To preserve our standard of excellence, it is imperative that we nurture the next generation of gifted scientist, our Bright Sparks.

Support for Baker IDI’s Bright Sparks Program facilitates our efforts to attract and retain the very highest calibre of post graduate students. Students who will conduct medical research of international standard and significance, with the ultimate goal of delivering therapeutic benefits to the people of Australia and beyond.

Levels of community support range from $1,500 to $150,000. Pledges may span over two or three years and include a variety of recognition opportunities.

We are honoured by your support of our scientists. Together, we will form a part of the solution to reducing death and disability from cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Contributions to this program are, of course, tax deductible.

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