

SRHMRA Submission 31 — Sarah Best

As a PhD student in the field of Breast Cancer research, I can see the great strides Australian research has and is taking to better understand normal function and dysregulation of many organs and processes of the body. But in order to become a viable, internationally competitive health and medical research sector, Australia needs to increase funding in this sector. Increased funding means more young, bright scientists can generate their own groups; all groups can improve the generation and quantity of data by affording cutting edge technologies, which currently are an outstanding and ever-expanding resource. I believe that using these new technologies will allow us to bring our research knowledge into the medical field, and that better diagnosing cancers will immediately translate into better treated cancers with better patient outcomes and less toxicities. I have a biased view I am sure, but logically I can see no better sector to expand funding, as improved knowledge and translation of medical research will reduce required funds in the healthcare and other sectors.