



Media Statement

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Professor David Mackey joins Australia's medical research elite at new Academy.

Lions Eye Institute Managing Director Professor David Mackey has been elected a fellow of the new Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences.

He joins a group of 116 fellows from around the nation recognised for their leadership in health and medical research.

The Academy, which aims to provide advice on issues on evidence-based health practice and research, mentor the next generation of health and medical science researchers and provide a forum for discussion on medical research, was launched in Canberra this week by Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley.

"The new Academy will provide a strong platform to foster the national conversation about the importance of medical research to the social and economic future of Australia," Professor Mackey said.

"It will also support improved decision and policy-making by connecting advances in medical research with real outcomes for patients."

Fellows elected to the Academy demonstrated distinguished professional achievement in a field relating to health and/or medicine. They were also selected for significant and continuing involvement with issues of health care, prevention of disease, education, research, health services policy and delivery.

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