



Dear All

We are excited to announce the appointment of Dr Catherine Shang to the position of Project Manager with the Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA). Catherine's core responsibility will be to support strategic directions and activities of the ACvA Flagships, along with Meng-Ping Hsu, who you all know. Catherine will also drive other strategic projects for the benefit of our ACvA members.

ACvA President Gemma Figtree sends a big welcome to Catherine in taking up this critical role, saying "the timing is perfect with our flagships developing their roadmaps and gearing up for implementation".

Catherine has broad experience in research management, both nationally and internationally. Catherine comes to us from the Victorian Cancer Registry, where she holds the position of Deputy Director. In this role, she led the largest digital transformation of the registry in 15 years to implement NLP and AI technology to enable auto extraction of data from pathology reports at a population level.

Prior to this, Catherine was the Program Manager for a strategic research alliance between the University of Oxford and Bayer AG, whose purpose was to discover and develop innovative drug treatment options in Women's Healthcare.

Catherine also previously held the position of Project Manager for Bioplatforms Australia Ltd, where she was involved in establishing national collaborative projects and led the development of the first national bioinformatics training program.

Catherine received her PhD from the University of Queensland and undertook post-doctoral research into heart development in London, UK at the National Institute for Medical Research (now the Francis Crick Institute).

Catherine is based in Melbourne and will start with us on 17 January 2021.

Please welcome Catherine to the ACvA team!

Kerry Doyle
Executive Director
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