

Biosketch – Mike Ryan



Mike conducted his PhD studies at La Trobe University and at The University of Adelaide under the supervision of Peter Høj and was awarded the degree in 1997. After this he received an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship and worked on the mitochondrial protein import machinery in the laboratory of Klaus Pfanner in Freiburg, Germany. In 2000, Mike returned to La Trobe as an ARC fellow and was appointed to Associate Professor and Reader in 2006. Mike's research focuses on mitochondrial biogenesis and disease, with a particular interest in the assembly of proteins into multi-subunit containing complexes. Mike receives funding from the NHMRC and ARC and he also heads the Biology Program in the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coherent X-Ray Science, which involves a joint venture with physicists to undertake novel imaging methods to determine biological structures. Mike has co-authored over 60 papers including 3 in *Nature* and a seminal review in the *Annual Review in Biochemistry*. In 2006, Mike received the Roche medal from the Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, which is awarded to an outstanding Australian biochemist or molecular biologist with less than 15 years postdoctoral experience.