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Answers needed in disability and rehabilitation

Disability and rehabilitation is a growing area of research for all the right reasons.

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Disability and rehabilitation research is a growing area for two reasons. The first is that our society is increasingly recognising the rights of disabled people. The other is the increasingly sophisticated treatments being developed for people who need rehabilitation after injuries.

Griffith University's Centre of Biomedical and Rehabilitation Engineering develops technologies to both manage and prevent various neuromusculoskeletal and cardiovascular conditions. Its projects include improved implants, Achilles tendon repair, and a biospine.

Deakin University researcher Mark Stokes is a leading autism researcher whose work includes finding out how to best assist those with autism to successfully transition to adulthood.

UNSW's Centre for Healthy Brain ageing works to prevent and treat dementia.

La Trobe University's Centre for Research Excellence in Aphasia Recovery and Rehabilitation develops ways to help those with aphasia – which is difficulty speaking, understanding speech, reading and writing, typically experienced after a stroke.

The University of Sydney's Centre for Disability Research and Policy aims for its work to actively influence policy and practice to improve the lives of people with disability.

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