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Advancing Lactation Science Through an Unwavering Commitment to Research

For decades, Medela has remained at the forefront of lactation science, guided by a simple yet profound belief: research is not an accessory to our mission – it is the foundation of everything we do. This commitment is woven deeply into our identity, shaping our innovations, inspiring future generations of scientists and enabling meaningful contributions that enhance global understanding of human milk and breastfeeding.

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Medela's dedication to rigorous, independent research has been realised through long standing academic collaborations with leading institutions across three continents. Since 1996, our partnership with The University of Western Australia (UWA) has served as a flagship example. Through unrestricted grants – providing full academic independence with no expectations or conditions – Medela has supported groundbreaking research that continues to transform the world's understanding of lactation. This collaboration alone has produced 25 full or partial PhD scholarships, more than 220 peer reviewed journal articles, over 300 conference abstracts, 24 book chapters and 33 review articles. Each contributes to the scientific foundation that guides improved clinical care for families worldwide.

Scientific exchange is equally vital to our mission. Since 2006, Medela has hosted the Global Breastfeeding & Lactation Symposium, a non promotional forum that brings together leading researchers, clinicians and health advocates. The symposium has become a cornerstone scientific meeting – facilitating dialogue, disseminating emerging evidence and promoting standardised global practices to improve outcomes for breastfeeding families.

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In 2025, more than 5,300 healthcare professionals participated, reflecting the growing demand for accessible, evidence based lactation knowledge and our shared commitment with clinicians everywhere. As the need for high quality scientific insight continues to expand, Medela remains steadfast in its pledge to support research, elevate clinical practice and champion the extraordinary value of human milk.

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