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Iona has a background in occupational therapy, with a particular interest in neuroplasticity and prevention of cerebral palsy. Her PhD was completed at the University of Western Sydney in the area of home program intervention for children with cerebral palsy.

In her current work, she has continued her research interest in evidence-based practice, goal-directed training, botulinum toxin, and population studies for cerebral palsy. In the last 10 years Iona has given a total of 104 presentations including 16 invited international and national conference presentations, and 39 invited international and national workshops; she has written 4 invited scientific reviews, 6 book chapters, and 38 journal articles in peer-reviewed journals; and she has been awarded over \$8.2 million in research funding.