Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Final reminder: Course in Advanced Data Management in R
ACTSI’s Research Education, Training, and Career Development Program is again offering the Advanced Data Management in R course to Emory faculty and postdocs. This fall semester course (Thursdays, from 10-11:50 a.m.) is through the Laney Graduate School. Emory faculty and postdocs may be eligible for the Emory Courtesy Scholarship, which would cover tuition for the course. Prerequisites include completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, a basic statistics course covering at least linear regression (BIOS/MSCR 500 or equivalent). Contact Cheryl Sroka for more information.

NIH notice of intent to publish a funding opportunity announcement for the maximizing investigators' research award for early stage investigators (R35) Read more...

Call for faculty, postdocs, and graduate students to judge posters at 4th annual STEM Symposium
The STEM Symposium Poster Judging Committee is recruiting volunteers to judge poster sessions on Monday, 9/19 from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 4:15 p.m. Volunteers can judge in one or both sessions, and lunch will be provided. Contact Jamie King if interested in judging. Read more...

Reminder: Call for abstracts: 9th annual Department of Medicine Research Day
Deadline: Monday, 8/22 at 11:59 p.m. EST All Department of Medicine faculty, fellows, residents, and students whose primary mentor is a member of the Department of Medicine are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentation for this year’s Research Day, which will take place on Friday, 10/28. There is a limit of two abstracts per presenting author. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submit your abstract | Registration required for all attendees | View preliminary schedule | Questions?

Call for Discovery Phase research projects and mentors
Faculty: are you interested in mentoring a medical student or receiving assistance on a research project? In addition to applying through the Discovery Phase site, please email only the title of your project to Ashley Freeman by Friday, 8/19 so that we can include it in a list that will be given to students at their annual Research Fair. Read more...

Changes to radiology research order form
Download the updated form (.docx format). If you have any questions about the changes, please contact Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD.
Featured resource of the month: searchable database of internal medicine-relevant funding opportunities

The Department of Medicine’s Office of Research is pleased to announce the rollout of a searchable database featuring the funding opportunities that we select for their direct application to internal medicine researchers. Check it out!

### Funding and Award Opportunities

#### Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices

#### Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty

**Obesity Society: Early Career Grant Challenge**

**Deadline: Friday, 8/26** Returning this year, the grant competition is offered by The Obesity Society (TOS), as a member service, to foster and stimulate new research ideas related to obesity. TOS will select five finalists from the Early Career member applicants to pitch their research ideas on stage at the TOS Opening Session of Obesity Week 2016. A panel of judges, as well as the audience, will select the winner. Read more...

**CHOA: Pediatric Antimicrobial Resistance Pilots**

**Deadline: Thursday, 9/1** Research proposals investigating topics related to antimicrobial resistance are being accepted with prioritization of topics related to: Hospital acquired infections due to IV lines/central lines (e.g. biofilm formation and surface coating to prevent spread of bacteria) and antibiotic prescribing in outpatient populations (priority will be given to projects that capitalize on the Children’s Care Network) Read more...

**American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases**

- **Career Development Award - Deadline: Thursday, 12/1**
  This is a two-year award of $90,000 ($45,000/year) designed to foster career development for an individual performing clinical and/or translational research in the field of liver transplantation and who has shown commitment to excellence in the field at an early stage of his or her career. The award is intended to support a junior faculty member in the development of liver transplant research so that further funding can be obtained. Read more...

- **Autoimmune Liver Diseases Pilot Research Award - Deadline: Thursday, 12/1**
  The purpose of this one-year award of $20,000 is to provide supplementary funding during the pilot phase of basic, translational or clinical research projects in autoimmune liver disease in preparation for future grant applications by the recipient. Projects should address focused research questions pertaining to the pathogenesis, diagnosis, management or outcome of autoimmune liver diseases in children and adults. Read more...

- **Clinical and Translational Research Awards - Deadline: Thursday, 12/1**
  These are two-year awards of $150,000 ($75,000/year) intended to foster career development for individuals performing clinical and/or translational research in a liver-related area and who have shown commitment to excellence at an early stage of their research study. The awards ensure that a significant portion of young investigator's time is protected for research, with an overall objective of enabling young investigators to develop independent and productive research careers in liver disease. Read more...

- **Pinnacle Research Award in Liver Disease - Deadline: Thursday, 12/1**
  This is a three-year basic science award that provides young scientists with support for their research to bridge the gap between completion of research training and attainment of status as an independent research scientist. The additional research experience provided by this award is intended to enable young scientists to successfully compete for research awards from national sources, particularly NIH. Read more...
NIH/NIAID: Small Grants (R03) and Exploratory/Developmental Investigations (R21) on Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases

**Deadline: Standard dates apply** These funding opportunity announcements (FOA) will support research on primary immunodeficiency diseases focusing on *ex vivo* studies with human specimens and on studies with current or new animal models including novel clinical strategies for detecting, identifying the molecular basis of, or developing innovative therapies for primary immunodeficiency diseases. **R03** and **R21** available.

Search all active DOM-specific opportunities

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**Congratulatory Corner**

**Carlos del Rio and Srilatha Edupuganti (Infectious Diseases)**

Drs. del Rio and Edupuganti received separate funding from Family Health International at the Ponce Clinic and Hope Clinic, respectively, for the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) 083, "A phase 2b/3 double blind safety and efficacy study of injectable cabotegravir compared to daily oral tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine (TDF/FTC) for pre-exposure prophylaxis in HIV-uninfected cisgender men and transgender women who have sex with men."

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding? **Let us know!**

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**Recent Notable Publications***

**Robert Haines, Chungwen Wei, Ignacio Sanz (Rheumatology)**


**Khalidur Rahman, Pradeep Kumar, Tekla Smith, Natalie Thorn, Frank Anania (Digestive Diseases)**


**Vandana Niyyar (Renal Medicine)**


**Janet Klein, Lauren LaRocque, Huiwen Ren, Jeff Sands (Renal Medicine)**


**Carlos del Rio (Infectious Diseases)**

Erratum
The editors of this newsletter learned after the last edition was distributed that Dr. Frances Eun-Hyung Lee’s name was erroneously misspelled on the *Nature Communications* website, and consequently, also misspelled in the citation in last week’s newsletter.

*We select publications for this newsletter from those that cite the Department of Medicine. You may also [submit a publication](#) to be featured.*

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**Events & Educational Opportunities**

**Annual Mitch Lecture in Nephrology**
Tuesday, 9/13 at 5 p.m., Emory University School of Medicine, room 120. Please join us for the Emory University Department of Medicine’s annual Mitch Lecture in Nephrology (Division of Renal Medicine), presented by [Susan Quaggin, MD](#) (Director, Feinberg Cardiovascular Research Institute; Chief, Division of Medicine – Nephrology; Charles H. Mayo, MD Professor; Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University). [Read more...](#)

17th Healthcare Innovation Symposium
Thursday, 10/20, Emory University School of Medicine auditorium, room 110. This year’s symposium will feature students presenters from various health-related disciplines. The focus will be “Redesigning Inter-Professional Education for Health Professions.” [RSVP](#) | [Read more...](#)

Submit an event to be featured here

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**Highlighted Research: Pulmonary Hypertension**

A team of investigators at the [Atlanta VA Medical Center](#) led by [Mike Hart, MD](#) and [Roy Sutliff, PhD](#) is researching multi-dimensional strategies to address pulmonary hypertension (PH). The goal of this highly collaborative team is to better define the underlying causes of this devastating lung disease in the hope that these discoveries will lead to better and more effective therapies. Based on their original investigations, the team of researchers studies multiple aspects of PH, with a particular focus on PPARγ.

Recent studies by Dr. Hart’s lab have determined that therapeutically targeting the nuclear hormone receptor PPARγ in vascular wall cells can lead to a variety of beneficial effects in PH. Dr. Sutliff has developed the sophisticated techniques to characterize the vascular effects of novel therapies. Together, they have developed the animal models needed to test the molecular mechanisms of their findings.

Read about additional investigators on this team on the Department of Medicine’s blog, [Emory Daily Pulse](#).

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