Last chance to register: Learn about Emory’s online system for submitting and maintaining your biosafety protocol (BioRAFT) at Research Resources 101

Join us on Thursday, 9/15 from 12 - 1 p.m. in room 178P of the School of Medicine building, where guest speakers Esmeralda Meyer, MD and Kalpana Rengarajan, PhD, MPH, RBP from Emory’s Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) will discuss the BioRAFT biosafety protocol system. Participants will learn about the services provided by EHSO, with a focus on research safety; review the steps involved in a biosafety review process; and learn how to navigate through the new electronic platform for management of biosafety protocols in BioRAFT. Registration (closes tomorrow) | Questions?

Reminder: RSVP for the 9th annual Department of Medicine Research Day

Don’t miss this exciting event! Notifications regarding oral and poster presentations will be distributed before the end of September. Event registration required for all attendees | View preliminary schedule | Questions?

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (GSMST) seeks faculty for its speaker series

This series brings in professionals and academics from around the state to provide 9th grade students with exposure to and information about various areas of interest in research and professional fields. It occurs four times throughout the school year (this year, those dates are Wednesday, 10/19, and Fridays, 11/18, 2/17, and 3/24) for approximately an hour and a half. If interested, please contact Dr. Kerri Napoleon with the date(s) you would be available, the area of interest for your presentation, and a title or brief topic that would describe your presentation. Read more (PDF)...

Call for Proposals: CFDE Scholarly Writing and Publishing Fund

Emory’s Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE) offers this grant program designed to help faculty seeking professional editorial support for projects in development across a range of serious scholarly works, including book manuscripts, article manuscripts, grant writing, and digital scholarship. A limited number of grants from this fund for up to $2,500 are available. These grants are intended to support Emory faculty members facing the often-difficult challenges of scholarly writing at any stage of their careers and to provide funds for hiring editorial support or a writing coach. Eligible applicants include all full-time Emory faculty working on scholarly writing projects, including grant proposals, academic journal articles, or book manuscripts. Read more...

IACUC offering “jump start” sessions to help you transition to new Vertebrate IACUC Protocol (VIP) form

Beginning the week of 9/26, the IACUC Office will begin the new VIP Form training. It is called “Jump Start” training because by the end of the 2-hour session, you will have a healthy start on either your new protocol or conversion of your current protocol, and it will be saved in the new Elements System. Several sessions are available. Questions? | Read more (PDF)...
September edition of Emory Research Administration newsletter available: Read more...

**Reminder:** Having trouble dedicating time to write that manuscript or grant application?
Join the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE) for “Shut Up and Write Tuesdays and Fridays” this fall to carve out dedicated writing time and make progress. The idea is simple: write in silence for 25 minutes, take a 5-minute break to check in, write for 25 minutes, and then take a few final moments to catch up at the end. While an hour doesn’t sound like much, it’s amazing what you can get done if you really focus. The discipline and shared sense of purpose that comes from writing with others also keeps you accountable and reminds you that you aren’t alone. Read more (PDF)...

**Featured resource of the month:** Grant writing and proposal development support
Did you know that faculty in the Department of Medicine are eligible to receive grant writing and proposal development services from Janet Gross, PhD, at a subsidized rate? Read more...

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**Funding and Award Opportunities**

**Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices**

**Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty**

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): Advancing Patient Safety Implementation through Safe Medication Use Research (R18)**

**Deadline: Sunday, 9/25** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will fund investigative research demonstration projects that examine the effective implementation of processes, policies, and behaviors that support safe use of medication as well as its sustainment and dissemination. Read more...

**Reminder: NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Programs**

**Deadline: Tuesday, 11/15** These revised notices include language that was inadvertently omitted from the Ineligible Loans section. Minor edits were also made in the Eligibility Criteria section to provide additional clarity. Read more about the Clinical Researchers (LRP-CR), Health Disparities Research (LRP-HDR), and Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (LRP-IDB) opportunities.

**NIH/NLM: Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (G08)**

**Deadline: Wednesday, 11/16 (for LOI)** This FOA solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers. Read more...

**American Liver Foundation: Liver Scholar Award**

**Deadline: Friday, 12/2** The Liver Scholar Award is a three-year, $75,000 per year ($225,000 total) basic science award that encourages young investigators to pursue a career in liver-related research. The goal is to provide the young scientists with support at an early stage of their careers to bridge the gap between completion of research training and attainment of status as an independent research scientist. Read more...

**NIH/NCCIH: Exploratory Clinical Trials and Studies of Natural Products in NCCIH High Priority Research Topics (R61/R33)**

**Deadline: Friday, 12/2** The goal of this FOA is to support pilot testing of natural products (e.g., botanicals, dietary supplements, and probiotics), which have a strong scientific premise to justify further clinical testing. Under this FOA, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support decisions about further development or testing of the natural product. Read more...

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**American Lung Association / AAAAI Foundation: Allergic Respiratory Diseases**
Award

**Deadline: Thursday, 12/15** ALA and AAAAI presents a joint effort to encourage and support research on advancing the understanding of allergic respiratory disease. [Read more…](#)

**American Gastroenterological Association funding opportunities**

- **Microbiome Junior Investigator Award**: Deadline: Friday, 1/13. The overall goal of the AGA research awards program is to enable investigators, especially those in the early stages of their careers, to develop and maintain independent and productive research programs in digestive diseases. The specific objective of this award is to encourage and facilitate innovative research into relationships between the gut microbiome and functioning of the digestive system in health and disease. [Read more…](#)
- **Student Research Fellowship**: Deadline: Friday, 2/3. This fellowship provides 10 awards at $5,000 for underrepresented minority undergraduate and medical school students to perform eight to 10 weeks of research related to digestive diseases or nutrition. [Read more…](#)
- **Fellow Abstract Prize**: Deadline: Friday, 2/24. These awards were created to encourage trainees to become more involved in digestive disease research. Travel awards are available to fellows who submitted first authored abstracts selected by AGA for presentation at DDW®. The top-ranked abstract will be selected as Abstract of the Year and the recipient will receive a $1,000 prize. [Read more…](#)

[Searchable database of internal medicine funding opportunities](#)

**Congratulatory Corner**

- **Cristina Drenkard (Rheumatology)**
  Dr. Drenkard received R01 funding from NIH's National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities for her project, entitled "A widespread self-management education program to reduce health disparities in African American women with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus." [Read more…](#)

- **Dmitry Shayakhmetov (Rheumatology)**
  Dr. Shayakhmetov received a new R21 grant from NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for his project, entitled "Biogenesis of IL-1α in inflammatory process." [Read more…](#)

- **Robert Cole (Cardiology)**
  Dr. Cole is the site principal investigator of subcontract funding from Duke University for a study entitled “Inorganic Nitrite Delivery to Improve Exercise Capacity in HFpEF (INDIE-HFpEF)” that is sponsored by Aires Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [Read more…](#)

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding? [Let us know!](#)

**Upcoming Division Research Seminars**
Recent Notable Publications*

So-Hee Hong (Rheumatology)

Carlos del Rio (Infectious Diseases)

Thomas Ziegler (Endocrinology), Henry Blumberg (Infectious Diseases)

Lisa Cassani (Digestive Diseases)

Jennifer Brandt, Cristina Drenkard, Gaobin Bao, Charmayne Dunlop-Thomas, Sam Lim (Rheumatology)

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

Events & Educational Opportunities

Pediatric Research Grand Rounds: “Transforming congenital heart disease using regenerative medicine”
Wednesday, 9/21 at 7:30 a.m. Egleston Classroom 5. As part of the Pediatric Research Grand Rounds, featured presenter Timothy J. Nelson, MD, PhD of the Mayo Clinic will discuss his research in cardiovascular
regeneration using bioengineered stem cells. Read more (PDF)...

**Emory Multiplexed Immunoassay Core (EMIC) special seminar: “It’s all about u!”**
Wednesday, 10/4 from 10-11 a.m. Whitehead Biomedical Research Building Room 600. Come learn about u-plex personalized multiplexing and other applications of meso scale discovery plate-based electrochemiluminescent assays. RSVP

**Bench to Business: A Commercialization Workshop Series (session 7): “How to pitch your idea – telling the right story”**
Friday, 11/18 from 8-10 a.m. Meunier Carlin & Curfman, 999 Peachtree St NE #1300, Atlanta, GA, 30309. Open at no cost to Georgia Bio core industry members, and students, staff and faculty of academic and research member institutions. Read more...

Submit an event to be featured here

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**Highlighted Researcher**

![Robert Hoover Jr., MD](image)

**Robert Hoover Jr., MD (Renal Medicine)**

Dr. Hoover is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Renal Medicine who studies the regulation of thiazide-sensitive sodium chloride (rNCC) cotransporters in various models of hypertension. His lab currently examines the intracellular mechanisms by which aldosterone and angiotensin regulate rNCC with the goal of increasing our understanding of the mechanisms that cause hypertension. This knowledge will hopefully lead to improved treatment and quality of life for patients affected by kidney disorders. Read more...

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