Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Announcements

**National Institutes of Health - Next generation researchers initiative**
At the Advisory Committee to the Director meeting in June, NIH Principal Deputy Director Dr. Larry Tabak presented a new NIH initiative to strengthen the biomedical workforce. [Read more...](#)

**Notice of Pre-Application Webinars for the NIH High-Risk, High-Reward Research Program's Pioneer (RFA-RM-17-005), New Innovator (RFA-RM-17-006), Transformative Research (RFA-RM-17-007), and Early Independence (RFA-RM-17-008) Awards**
The NIH Common Fund will hold pre-application interactive Q&A webinars for funding opportunities for the High-Risk, High-Reward Research program. NIH staff will discuss the funding opportunities and answer questions from prospective applicants. Preregistration for the webinar is required, and participants are asked to submit their questions ahead of time to award mailboxes. Participation in the webinars is optional. [Read more...](#)

**Reminder: Want to observe a mock study section?**
Friday, 8/18, 8-10 a.m. in SOM RM 190. The Department of Medicine Research Community is sponsoring a Mock Study Section event that will be open to DOM faculty and postdocs to provide an opportunity to observe how the grant review process works. This event will also include a panel discussion about the different types of NIH review mechanisms including in person, online/web based, and phone. Seats are limited, [so sign up soon!](#)

**NIH: Revised guidance on salary limitation for grants and cooperative agreements**
This revised Notice replaces NOT-OD-17-049 and clarifies that this is the final guidance for FY2017. [Read more...](#)

**Reminder: Laney Graduate School/ACTSI Fundamentals of epidemiology course**
Faculty and postdocs are welcome to enroll in a fall semester course which is part of the curriculum in the Certificate Program in Translational Research in Emory's Laney Graduate School. [Read more...](#)

**Highlighted Resource: Guidance on how to properly cite the Department of Medicine in journal articles.** [Read more...](#)

Funding and Award Opportunities

**Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices**

**Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty**

**Searchable database of internal medicine funding opportunities**
Transatlantic networks of excellence in cardiovascular and neurovascular research program

**Deadline: Tuesday, 9/5 (LOI)** Fondation Leducq is a private charitable foundation, based in Paris, France, dedicated to improving human health through international efforts to combat cardiovascular and neurovascular disease. [Read more...]

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**Congratulatory Corner**

**Shuzhao Li (Pulmonary)** is the principal investigator on a NIH UH2 grant entitled, "Multiscale, multifactorial immune networks as a web service."

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**Publications**

**Susan Ray (Infectious Diseases)**
Ray SM "Preventing Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) disease in urban US hospitals - now for the hard part: more evidence pointing to the community as the source of MRSA acquisition." *J Infect Dis.* 2017 Feb 22. [Read more...]

**Janet Klein, Harold Franch, Xiaonan Wang (Renal Medicine)**

**Habib Samady, Parham Eshtehardi (Cardiology)**

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**Events & Educational Opportunities**

**Save the Date! Raymond Schinazi Distinguished Lectureship**
Wednesday, 8/30 at 4 p.m. in the Health Sciences Research Building, Auditorium and Cafe. Professor Peter Vogt, PhD (Department of Molecular Medicine at the Scripps Research Institute) presents, "MYC and the non-coding transcriptome."

**Reminder: “Getting to know PCORI: from application to closeout.”**
Sunday, 9/10 - Tuesday, 9/12 in Arlington, VA. PCORI is hosting a free interactive workshop to provide applicants with the tools and strategies to develop a winning application. [Read more (PDF)...]

**SMART IRB exchange demonstration**
Wednesday, 7/19 at 2 p.m. Sign up to get an overview of the SMART IRB Exchange Portal, which can be used by any institution with an Federalwide Assurance to initiate IRB reliance for a given study, document ongoing IRB approvals for the study, promote transparency, and facilitate communication between investigators and IRBs. [Read more...]

**Webinar: Patient & stakeholder engagement in research - strategies for initiating research partnerships**
Wednesday, 7/19 at 2:30 p.m. This webinar will highlight ways to find and initiate partnerships for patient-centered research. PCORI staff will share strategies reported by PCORI awardees, applicants, and research partners. [Read more...]

Submit an event to be featured
Lauren Huff (Cardiology)

What is your professional background?
I am a Tar Heel, born and bred. I went to the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill for undergraduate and graduate school, before coming to Emory for my postdoc.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I work in the cardiology division under Dr. Kathy Griendling.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
What have you accomplished with your research during your time here at Emory? Our research focuses on understanding the molecular mechanisms of atherosclerosis. Specifically, we focus on the mechanisms by which vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs) contribute to progression of plaque formation. In a healthy artery, VSMCs make up the second of three layers of cells surrounding the lumen of the artery and are responsible for its constriction and dilation. However, during atherosclerosis, VSMCs aberrantly dedifferentiate, migrate into the lumen, proliferate and secrete matrix, and thus cause plaques to grow. We aim to understand the molecular mechanisms by which the cell controls these processes. We have identified multiple proteins as key regulators of these processes, yet often the same protein will have both pro-atherosclerotic and anti-atherosclerotic functions. I have helped to dissect the interplay of these key regulators and understand how they promote VSMC proliferation.

What are the next steps in your career, and how has Emory prepared you?
I am returning to UNC - Chapel Hill as a research assistant professor. Emory, and specifically Dr. Kathy Griendling's lab, has been an amazing place to work. I have gotten to learn from many brilliant colleagues, become a more independent scientist (while still in a protected environment), and have been given the opportunity to teach a few lab classes.

What valuable lessons are you taking away from your time here?
By her example, Dr. Griendling has shown me how to be an amazing leader and mentor. One of the most important things I have learned from her is the importance of listening and considering everyone's opinions. This creates an environment where everyone thrives and the most thoughtful and creative work can be accomplished.

What has been your most memorable experience at Emory?
Going through the first stages of labor while in the lab will always be one of my most memorable experiences.

What is your favorite movie or TV show?
Maybe this should go under "embarrassing fact" or "confessions" instead of "favorite TV show," but I love watching The Bachelor! They travel to such beautiful places, and I love watching and envisioning future travels!

What do you do in your spare time?
I currently spend all of my spare time playing with my 11-month-old son, Elliott, and love every minute of it!

Nominate a highlighted researcher

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