Announcements

New NIH clinical trial requirements
The NIH has been implementing a series of policy requirements designed to strengthen stewardship of public resources, scientific rigor, transparency, ethical oversight, and accountability. For more information, access NIH clinical trial requirements.

- For NIH clinical trial determinations, contact your NIH Program Officer
- For questions on FOAs or NIH forms, contact your RAS unit & copy osp@emory.edu
- For questions on ClinicalTrials.gov, contact Jennifer Prozonic
- For questions on single IRB or CoC, contact Rebecca Rousselle

FY 18 School of Medicine bridge funding program announcement
DOM internal deadline: Friday, 12/1 To assist investigators who have temporarily lost significant federal research funding, and to facilitate carefully planned changes in research direction, the School of Medicine has expanded its Bridge Funding Program. Bridge funding up to $100,000 (including Department support/matching funds) or up to 50% of the last year’s direct costs, whichever is lower, will be available to investigators based on merit, potential for renewal of external funding, and availability of SOM funds. Interested faculty should submit their applications to DOM Research by 12/1 to allow time to generate the chair’s letter. Read more (PDF)

NIH loan repayment program (LRP) application cycle is OPEN until Wednesday, 11/15 Read more

Highlighted Resource
Department of Medicine external funding opportunities webpage. The DOM offers a searchable list of all available funding opportunities. You can access them here.
**Funding & Award Opportunities**

**Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices**

**Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty**

**Searchable database of internal medicine funding opportunities**

**HERCULES: Pilot grants available in environmental health sciences**  
**Deadline: Friday, 12/8 (LOI)**

These awards will be funded in part by the NIEHS P30 (5 x $40,000). HERCULES formed two partnerships that will expand upon this funding. The first is with the NIEHS/EPA-funded Center for Children's Health, the Environment, the Microbiome, and Metabolomics, which will support additional awards that focus on children's environmental health issues. The second partnership is with the Winship Cancer Institute (Winship). A general information session will be held on Thursday, 11/16 at 11 a.m. in the Claudia Nance Rollins Room 2001. [Read more](#)

**Gilead sciences research scholars program in HIV**  
**Deadline: Monday, 1/15/18**

The mission of the Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in HIV (the "program") is to support innovative scientific research that will advance knowledge in the field of HIV and provide support for research career development. Gilead Sciences, Inc. hopes that the research supported by these awards will enhance understanding of HIV. [Read more](#)

**Georgia CTSA TL1 predoctoral training grant program**  
**Deadline: Thursday, 2/15/18**

The Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance, the NIH-supported Clinical and Translational Science Award, TL1 program is focused on providing innovative didactic and mentored research training to predoctoral students interested in careers that encompass clinical and/or translational research. [Read more](#)

**Georgia CTSA TL1 postdoc training grant program**  
**Deadline: Thursday, 3/15/18**

The Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance, the NIH-supported Clinical and Translational Science Award, TL1 program is focused on providing innovative didactic and mentored research training and provides an opportunity to complete the Master of Science in Clinical Research (MSCR) program. A TL1 application workshop is offered by Dr. Janet Gross on December 4, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This session will be streamed and recorded. [Read more](#)

**Georgia CTSA KL2 clinical & translational research career development program**  
**Deadline: Thursday, 3/1/18**

The goal of the Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance,
the NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Award, KL2 Scholars program is to support and enhance career development for junior faculty (MD, PhD, MD/PhD, or PharmD) committed to a career in clinical and/or translational research. Read more

**Improving outcomes in cancer treatment-related cardiotoxicity (R01 clinical trial optional)**

**Deadline:** Standard Dates Apply

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages collaborative applications that will contribute to the identification and characterization of patients at risk of developing cancer treatment-related cardiotoxicity. The primary intent is to mitigate cardiovascular dysfunction while optimizing cancer outcomes. Read more

**Innovation award for mechanistic studies to optimize mind and body interventions in NCCIH high priority research topics (R33 clinical trial required)**

**Deadline:** Tuesday, 1/2/18

Building on prior mechanistic research, the purpose of this FOA is to encourage additional research to optimize the biological, neurological, physiological mechanisms or behavioral processes underlying Mind and Body Interventions. Read more

**Congratulatory Corner**

Frank Anania (Digestive Diseases) recently received a research grant from the NIH entitled, “Multiple mechanisms of the matricellular protein periostin in the pathogenesis of hepatic fibrosis.”

Divya Gupta (Cardiology) was recently awarded a contract for a clinical trial from the Duke Clinical Research Institute.

Walter Orenstein (Infectious Diseases) received a grant from the Task Force for Global Health, Inc entitled, “GVAP Coalition 2.0.”

**HAVE YOU OR A COLLEAGUE RECENTLY RECEIVED AN AWARD OR GRANT FUNDING?**

LET US KNOW!
Division Research Seminars

Thursday, 11/9 at 7:30 a.m.  
Geriatrics Research Seminar:  
“Subjective memory complaints among cognitively normal Caucasian and African American older adults predict future diagnostic conversion: an examination of racial differences in clinical presentation at initial visit” (Samantha John)  
Wesley Woods Health Center, 5th Floor Conference Room

Thursday, 11/9 at 8 a.m.  
Infectious Disease Seminar:  
“Ending an infectious disease permanently: the polio eradication effort - progress & lessons learned” (Walt Orsenstein)  
Grace Crum Rollins Building, Rita Anne Rollins Room, 8th Floor, SPH

Monday, 11/13 at 5 p.m.  
Clinical Cardiovascular Research Conference: “Preparation for the American Heart Association scientific sessions”  
Hurst Conference Room, E450

Tuesday, 11/14 at 5 p.m.  
Renal Grand Rounds: (Sagar Lonial)  
School of Medicine, SOM 170A

Recent Notable Publications

Jonathan Kim, Casey Hollowed, Morgan Irwin-Weyant, Keyur Patel, Kareem Hosny, Hiroshi Aida, Zaina Gowani, Salman Sher, Patrick Gleason, Yi-An Ko, Arshed Quyyumi (Cardiology)  

Emory Hsu, Mark S. Nanes (Endocrinology)  

Ibhar Al Mheid (Hospital Medicine), Maria A. Pernetz, Jonathan Kim (Cardiology)  
Hedley JS, Al Mheid I, Alikhani Z, Pernetz MA, et al. “Arrhythmogenic right ventricular
cardiomyopathy in an endurance athlete presenting with ventricular tachycardia and normal right ventricular function.” *Tex Heart Inst J.* 2017 Aug 1;44(4):290-293. Read more

Laura Plantinga, Rachel E. Patzer, Janice P. Lea (Renal Medicine)

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Events and Educational Opportunities

**Georgia CTSA state wide conference**
**Thursday, 2/22 and Friday 2/23 at Chateau Elan in Braselton, GA**
On the first day, faculty and staff of Georgia CTSA’s academic partner institutions are invited to learn more about the Georgia CTSA services and ways the alliance accelerates clinical and translational science in Georgia and beyond. Day 2 is open to the statewide public and will highlight clinical and translational science advances within the state through abstract and poster presentations, a KL2 panel discussion, and keynote speakers from Emory, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Georgia Tech. Please mark your calendars! Read more

**K-Club: Expanding research endeavors through industry collaborations**
**Monday, 11/13 at noon in Egleston classrooms 5-7.** The K-Club provides an educational forum to assist fellows and faculty. Presenters include Evan J. Anderson, MD, associate professor, Emory University, Pediatrics, Infectious Disease, investigator in the Vaccine & Treatment Evaluation Unit (VTEU) and Wilbur A. Lam, MD, PhD, associate professor, Emory University, Pediatrics, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Tech and Emory. A light lunch will be provided. Read more

**Nature Seminar** Friday, 12/1 at 9:30 a.m. in the James B. William Medical Education Building Auditorium 10. This special seminar is presented by presented by Editor-in-Chief, Sir Philip Campbell. It will be a 45-minute talk about the lab and research group management
challenges for aspiring and current Principal Investigators and researchers and the support that they might increasingly need in today’s publishing environment. Read more (PDF)

Highlighted Researcher

Jennifer Brandt
Division of Rheumatology

What is your professional background? After graduating from Emory School of Medicine and receiving a Master’s degree in Public Health at Rollins School of Public Health, I completed my residency in Internal Medicine and, most recently, a fellowship in Rheumatology, at Emory. I am now starting as faculty at Emory and Grady.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor? I work in the Division of Rheumatology, and my mentor is Dr. Sam Lim, MD, MPH.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important? I am working on quality initiatives at Grady to increase patient access and improve interdisciplinary care. Also, I am working on projects related to reducing hospital admission for patients with rheumatologic conditions and how to maximize the clinic visit experience for both patients and providers.

What do you like most about Emory? I appreciate the opportunities for collaboration across disciplines and schools as well as a consistent emphasis on public health.

What is your favorite movie or TV show? I don’t watch TV or movies, unfortunately, but I do enjoy listening to music very much, especially Van Morrison.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy being outside and spending time with my family.
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