Announcements

LAST CALL 2020 DOM Research Day Call for Abstracts
Deadline: Monday, August 24
The Department of Medicine is now accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the 13th annual Department of Medicine Research Day, being held Thursday, October 15 from 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All Department of Medicine faculty, fellows, residents, and students (whose primary mentor is a member of the DOM) are invited to submit an abstract. There is a limit to two abstracts per presenting author. Learn more | Questions | Submit an Abstract

Request for pilot projects for inclusion in the Emory Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center 2020 proposal
A team of investigators from Emory SOM, NHWSON and RSPH are preparing a NIA P30 Older Americans Independence Center application due in late October. The Emory OAIC theme will focus on revealing new strategies to reduce health disparities and promote healthy aging of all older Americans by understanding the development of geriatric syndromes in diverse older persons with common chronic condition clusters. The team is seeking applications from interested investigators to be included in the application being prepared. We will include up to 5 proposed pilot/exploratory projects. Learn more
Extending the Special Exception to the NIH/AHRQ/NIOSH Post-Submission Material Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic
For applications submitted for the May 2021 council (beginning with applications submitted for the September 25, 2020 due date for Spring 2021 review meetings), the NIH, AHRQ, and NIOSH will accept a one-page update with preliminary data as post-submission materials for applications submitted under all activity codes, ONLY if the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) used for submission allowed preliminary data in the application.

Dr. Richard Allen Williams Scholarship for Medical Students
Deadline: Friday, August 28
The Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. (ABC) is pleased to announce the Dr. Richard Allen Williams Scholarship for African American and other minority 1st or 2nd year medical students who show promise in medical research, cardiology and academic medicine. This scholarship honors Richard Allen Williams, MD, FACC, FAHA, founder of the Association of Black Cardiologists and was created to promote diversity in medicine, encourage commitment to eliminating health care disparities, and support future cardiologists, while helping to alleviate medical student debt.

Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report
Here you will find information on COVID-19 in the State of Georgia including, confirmed cases, ICU admissions, hospitalizations, and deaths. Charts present the number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases over time and are meant to aid understanding whether the outbreak is growing, leveling off, or declining to help guide COVID-19 response.

Highlighted Resource
Woodruff Health Sciences Library Informationists
WHS Informationists provide a wealth of services for busy researchers including; literature reviews for your next manuscript/grant/systematic review, guidance regarding PubMed searches to easily identify manuscripts you've authored and ensure an accurate H-Index, and 1:1 training for Endnote reference manager software. Click the Ask a Librarian button on the website to get started.

Anti-Racism Action Series
On Monday, July 13, 2020 the DOM hosted a Town Hall for research faculty, staff, and trainees to discuss the impact of the many recent instances of racism and violence against people of color. As an outcome, this NEW series was created to share and encourage the Emory Research community to take part in weekly anti-racism action steps.

**University Actions**

On Thursday, August 13, Emory President Gregory L. Fenves shared an update with the Emory community regarding actions the university has taken and will continue to take to improve the Emory experience and live up to the university’s values so everyone feels a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

For more resources and information, please visit DOM DEI/RYSE.

**RAS News**

**NIH’s new guidelines: inclusion of both foreign and domestic support**

In July 2019, NIH issued Guide Notice NOT-OD-19-114 to clarify, in part, the requirement to report both foreign and domestic forms of support, including institutional research grants, on the Other Support document. View Guide Notice

Remember to notify the team of any upcoming applications at least 30 days in advance.

**Funding & Award Opportunities**

Need help navigating the DOM Research Administration Service (RAS) Unit? The team has issued a one-page document to assist you in working your way through the grant submission process. Read more

Contact the RAS Pre-Award Team
A searchable [External Funding Opportunities Database](#) has been compiled from FOAs in the weekly *What's Up in DOM Research* newsletter.

*Emory credentials required to view.*

**Emory Specialized Center of Research Excellence in Sex Differences (SCORE) Acceleration Award**
**Deadlines: Rolling**
The Emory SCORE Acceleration Award mechanism is to remove obstacles to productivity among university investigators who are conducting sex differences research. This funding mechanism is intended to provide crucial resources that cannot easily or immediately be obtained through other funding mechanisms. Only the current / proposed PI of the relevant NIH project may apply for an Acceleration Award. [Learn more](#) | [Application](#)

**Part the Cloud-Gates Partnership Grant Program: Bioenergetics and Inflammation**
**Deadlines: Friday, August 21 (LOI); Monday, October 5 (Full application)**
The purpose of this FOA is to accelerate the testing of innovative therapy, including experimental or repurposed drug in the earliest stages of neurodegeneration. [Learn more](#)

**Cognitive Empowerment Program’s Innovation Accelerator**
**Deadline: Monday, August 24**
With the aim of speeding up development, testing and dissemination of evidence-based interventions for MCI, the Innovation Accelerator (IA) core is offering seed grants to support research in the following areas: therapeutic programming, technology and the built environment. [Learn more](#)

**Global Awards for Advancing Chronic Pain Research**
**Deadline: Tuesday, September 15**
The purpose of this FOA is to fund innovative, novel research proposals that seek to advance the understanding and management of chronic pain. [Learn more](#)

**Cellular and Molecular Biology of Complex Brain Disorder**
**R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed**
**Deadline: Monday, October 5**
R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed  
**Deadline: Friday, October 16**  
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research on the biology of high confidence risk factors associated with complex brain disorders, with a focus on the intracellular, transcellular and circuit substrates of neural function.

CNNT Quality Improvement Project/Research Grant  
**Deadline: Thursday, October 15**  
The purpose of this FOA is to further knowledge of nursing and technician issues in the management of kidney failure. The grant may cover basic or applied research on nursing and technical issues in the area of kidney failure, or early intervention and treatment of chronic kidney disease, or development and evaluation of education programs to enhance patient/family understanding of kidney failure treatment, or demonstration projects related to kidney failure and rehabilitation. [Learn more](#)

Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care of Cancer Patients and Their Families  
**Deadlines: Thursday, October 15 and Thursday, April 1**  
The purpose of this FOA is the development of the specialty of palliative medicine is a critical step in addressing the unmet needs of patients with serious illness and their families. [Learn more](#)

Alcohol-HIV/AIDS Program: Project Comorbidities, Coinfections, and Complications Research: Intervention and Cross-Cutting Foundational Research (P01 Clinical Trial Optional)  
**Deadlines: Friday, October 16 (LOI); Tuesday, November 17 (Full application)**  
The purpose of this FOA is to solicit grant applications that propose research that can be translated into interventions in order to reduce infection and transmission of HIV in patients with alcohol use disorders. [Learn more](#)

Senator Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Specialized Research Centers (MDSRC) (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)  
**Deadline: Monday, October 19**  
The purpose of this FOA is to support important and innovative research in the muscular dystrophies that is best pursued through this interdisciplinary and collaborative Center environment, and projects that may not be as effective if supported by "stand-alone" research project grants. [Learn more](#)
XPRIZE Rapid Covid Testing
Deadline: Monday, August 31
The purpose of this FOA is to develop innovative, scalable COVID-19 testing solutions that will radically change the world by providing much needed insights to help society safely reopen - and not in some distant future, but right now. Learn more

Congratulatory Corner

Anand D. Shah (Cardiology) received funding from Boston Scientific for a project entitled, “Ingevity+ active fixation pace/sense lead clinical study.”

Nadine Rouphael, Evan Anderson, Carlos del Rio (MPI's) (Infectious Diseases) received an NIAID supplement for a project entitled, “VTEU COVID supplement (Moderna).”

Bruce Ribner (Infectious Diseases) received funding from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a project entitled, “Using the ECHO platform to improve the health care and public health preparedness in federal Region IV in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Srilatha Edupuganti, Carlos del Rio, Jeffrey Lennox (MPI's) (Infectious Diseases) received a subcontract from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for a project entitled, “COVID-19 prevention network site preparedness funding - Atlanta Hope Clinic and Atlanta Ponce de Leon clinical research sites.”

Colleen Kelley (PI), Carlos del Rio, Valeria Cantos Lucio (co-I's) (Infectious Diseases) received a Subcontract from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center for a project entitled, “A phase 3,
randomized, observer-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the safety, efficacy, and immunogenicity of mRNA-1273 SARS CoV-2 vaccine to adults aged 18 and older.

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding?

Recent Notable Publications

Lauren Collins and G Marshall Lyon (Infectious Diseases)

Jesse T Jacob (Infectious Diseases)

Max W Adelman, Michael Woodworth, Colleen Kraft (Infectious Diseases) and Jordan Kempker and Greg Martin (Pulmonary)

Tracey Henry (General Medicine), Clyde Partin (Primary Care), Christopher O'Donnell (Hospital Medicine)

Anjali Khakharia and Ted Johnson (Geriatrics)

Events
Emory Department of Hospital Medicine Inaugural Research Day
Friday, August 21 | 6 – 8 p.m.
Please join us for the Emory Division of Hospital Medicine’s Inaugural Research Day showcasing clinical research, quality improvement, and medical education research conducted by our Division faculty. Register

Lunch with a Leader Series
Want an opportunity to have an informal lunch via Zoom with one of our DOM Vice Chairs? These small group will provide a unique forum to connect with colleagues from across divisions and with departmental leadership. Spots are limited, so registration is required and closes a week prior. Learn more

Nathan Spell III, MD – Vice Chair, Quality and Clinical Effectiveness
Monday, August 24 | noon – 1 p.m.
Register

Jada Bussey-Jones, MD – Vice Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Monday, September 21 | noon – 1 p.m.
Register

DOM Divisional Research Faculty Huddles
All DOM researchers are welcome to attend Divisional Research Huddles to discuss COVID-19 related updates.

Geriatrics & Gerontology Tuesday, August 25 | 3:30 – 4 p.m.
Geriatrics & Gerontology will offer these huddles on the 4th Tuesdays through January 2021. Please contact Naquia Mitchell for Zoom link.

BlueSky Group: Adolescent Sexual Health
Thursday, August 27 | noon – 1:30 p.m. via Zoom
Blue Sky Groups are unstructured meetings that provide a unique opportunity for attendees to drive the agenda as well as utilize the session as a catalyst for future collaborations and research opportunities.
Discussion topics may include, but not limited to:
• What are the burning issues regarding Adolescent Sexual Health?
• What are some ideas for cross-institutional collaborative research projects in this space?
Flyer | Register

Speed Networking on COVID-19
Wednesday, September 23 | 4 – 5:30 p.m.
Join faculty from across the Georgia CTSA for an energetic and dynamic virtual networking
session! Emory School of Medicine Dean Vikas Sukhatme will emcee this event as attendees present their research in 3 minutes or less with the goal of seeking new collaborators.

**Researcher Spotlight**

![Jason Schneider](image)

Jason Schneider  
*Associate Professor – General Medicine*

**What is your professional background?**  
I attended medical school at New York University and graduated in 2000 — yes, before tuition was free. Emory and the primary care track was a great fit for internal medicine training afterwards. When I finished training in 2003, I remained on faculty because of the mentors and role models I saw in the department. As one of my colleagues says, 'Grady is where the fun is!'

**In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?**  
General Medicine and Geriatrics – I have many mentors, but Dr. Vin Tangpricha is an important mentor for my research.

**Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?**  
My current focus is exploring HIV incidence among transgender women in the region. African-American trans women have the highest rates of infection compared to any other group in the U.S., so it is important to better understand factors that contribute to and mitigate risk in the population. Our current NIH-funded cohort study uses survey-based methodology to better understand social determinants of health and various aspects of health beyond HIV risk factors.

**What do you like most about Emory?**  
I think Emory’s mission statement sums it up well: 'To create, preserve, teach, and apply knowledge in the service of humanity.'

**What is your favorite movie or TV show?**  
It changes depending on what I’m binging. I’m currently enjoying 'The Politician’ on Netflix.
What do you like to do in your spare time?
Exercise so I can eat more of the delicious food that Atlanta has to offer.

What is a fun fact about you?
I’ve played clarinet since I was in the fourth grade.