Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Announcements

Emory School of Medicine Researcher Appreciation Day | September 30, 2020
Deadline: Tuesday, September 8
The Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee is planning a special acknowledgement for Emory School of Medicine faculty members at any rank conducting research that is making a difference in their field. Help us celebrate Researcher Appreciation Day by sending in your nomination. [Submit your Nomination]

Atlanta Center for Microsystems Engineered Point-of-Care Technologies (ACME POCT), led by Dr. Greg Martin (DOM: Pulmonary/CC), Dr. Wilbur Lam (DOP: Pediatric Hematology) and Dr. Oliver Brand (Georgia Tech), has been designated as the national test center for the NIH Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) program. Our Center is looking for experienced clinical research nurses with an interest in working with people undergoing COVID-19 testing to collect information and specimens to validate new and innovative test devices coming to Emory from around the world. Please contact Tony Haney or Tracy Willoughby or Dr. Greg Martin with any questions.

Request for Information (RFI): Information and Data Resources Needed by the Health Services Research Community for Research Practice
This RFI is to solicit public input on future resource and program directions for the National Library of Medicine (NLM) support of information related to health services research, practice guidelines and health technology, including technology assessment. [Read more]

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. [Learn more]
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. Check it out!

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.

Read and Reflect on the Concept of Implicit Bias and Microaggression
Understanding the concept of implicit bias is central in addressing the racism pervasive in our society. Check out the following comprehensive training on equity and access for diverse youth, and watch the Emory SOM Racism and Social Justice Webinar Series session on Bias in Medicine: Microaggressions under the Microscope.

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

RAS News
Jorge Garcia
Research Administrator, Post Award II

Recently promoted to level two, Jorge joined the RAS unit with the Department of Medicine in July of 2019. Prior to coming on board with Emory, he worked as a compliance administrator for thirteen years at the Georgia Multiple Listing Service. Jorge specializes in public-sector compliance, with a focus on financial requisites and fund distributions. One of Jorge’s main responsibilities was ensuring that all listings for GAMLS’s 45,000 members made their way to all major real estate site with accurate information.

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

Funding & Award Opportunities

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.
Josiah Macy Jr Foundation Board and President's Grants
Deadline: Rolling
The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation is the only national foundation dedicated solely to improving the education of health professionals. It is focused on the learning environments where future health professionals train so that they learn not only prevention and the social determinants of health but are well prepared to care for people when they are ill. Learn more

Emory Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC) call for pilot proposals
Deadline: Friday, September 4
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. For inquiries, contact Camille Vaughan, MD, MS. Learn more

NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (G08 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: Wednesday, September 23 (LOI); Friday, October 23 (Full application)
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Learn more

Emory University Halle Institute for Global Research
Deadline: Wednesday, September 30
The purpose of this FOA is to foster global research collaborations between faculty partners in different universities. Grants are open to all regular, full-time faculty in any school or discipline. Learn more

Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI)
Deadlines: New, Monday, October 19 (various); Resubmission or revision, Tuesday, November 17 (various)
This FOA invites applications to study the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of human genome research.

Small Research Grant (R03 Clinical Trial Optional): Of particular interest are projects that propose normative or conceptual analyses, including focused legal, economic, philosophical, anthropological, or historical analyses of new or emerging issues.

Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21): These applications should propose studies that break new ground, extend previous discoveries in new directions or develop preliminary data in preparation for larger studies; in particularly explore the implications of new or emerging genomic technologies or novel uses of genomic information.

Research Project Grant (R01): Proposed approaches may include but are not limited to data-generating qualitative and quantitative approaches, legal, economic and normative analyses, and other types of analytical and conceptual research methodologies, such as those involving the direct engagement of stakeholders.
Transition to Aging Research for Predoctoral Students (F99/K00)
Deadline: Thursday, October 22
The purpose of the Transition to Aging Research Award for Predoctoral Students is to increase, retain, and diversify the pool of trainees in aging and geriatric research. Learn more

Analysis of Patient-Reported Outcomes for Fox Insight
Deadline: Thursday, October 22 (LOI); Thursday, March 18, 2021 (Full application)
The purpose of this FOA is to fund analyses of the patient-reported outcomes (PROs) and genetic data collected through the Fox Insight study. Learn more

Congratulatory Corner

Nadine Rouphael (Infectious Diseases) received funding from Locus Biosciences, Inc. for a project entitled, “A multi-center randomized, double-blind, tolerability, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of LBP-EC01 in patients with lower urinary tract colonization caused by E. coli.”

Stacy Westerman (Cardiology) received funding from Medtronic for a project entitled, “AccelAV Study: Accelerometer sensing for Micra AV.”

Eliver Ghosn (Immunology) received funding from the Georgia Tech Foundation for a project entitled, “A knowledge graph framework for automated gating analysis of cytometry data.”

W. Robert Taylor (MPI), Mark Goodman (MPI), Kiyoko Takemiya (co-I) (Cardiology) received an R01 from National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering for a project entitled, “Imaging bacterial infections with 2nd generation maltodextrins.”

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

Let Us Know

Recent Notable Publications

Christopher Masi (Primary Care)

Neal Bhatia (Cardiology)
Allison A Bay, Lindsay Prizer, Ahauve Orusa, Ariel R Hart, Molly M Perkins, Madeleine E Hackney (Geriatrics)

James O'Keefe (Primary Care)

Guillermo Umpierrez (Endocrinology)

Events

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

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

DOM Divisional Research Faculty Huddles
All DOM researchers are welcome to attend Divisional Research Huddles to discuss COVID-19 related updates.
Geriatrics and Gerontology | Tuesday, September 22 | 3 – 4 p.m.
Geriatrics and Gerontology will offer these huddles on the fourth Tuesday of each month through January 2021. Please contact Naquia Mitchell for Zoom link.
Researcher Spotlight

Maya Fayfman
Assistant Professor – Endocrinology

What is your professional background?
I completed medical school at Boston University and residency in internal medicine at Tufts before coming to Emory for an endocrinology fellowship. I stayed on and joined the Grady endocrine team as faculty. Most recently, I started the MSCR training program through the Georgia CTSA.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I work in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Lipids, and Guillermo Umpierrez, MD, has been my mentor since fellowship.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
My primary research project is a clinical trial assessing the continuation of oral antihyperglycemic medications versus insulin therapy for the hospital management of diabetes. Although oral agents are frequently used in the hospital setting for treatment of mild to moderate hyperglycemia, there is little data assessing the safety and efficacy of this approach. This is a real world study designed to address this question. I am also involved in several studies looking at the barriers to care in diabetic foot disease.

What do you like most about Emory?
I love the collaborative nature of my group and the Emory community in general. I frequently meet people across divisions and schools who are excited to develop new research projects together.

What is your favorite movie or TV show?
I admittedly binge watched the new 'Sherlock Holmes' series on Netflix during the course of two weeks. It’s amazing!

What do you like to do in your spare time?
There’s little spare time to go around these days. When I’m not binge watching 'Sherlock Holmes,’ I try to spend time with my kids and husband as much as possible (maybe reverse that).
What is a fun fact about you?
I love mushroom picking and continue to do it despite the warnings of concerned friends and colleagues. Though I am extremely cautious about the very few that I do eat.