Announcements

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Data Management Plan Policy
This policy requires applicants for AHRQ new/competing grants and research contracts to include a DMP for managing, storing and disseminating the primary data, samples, physical collections and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of research funded by AHRQ, or state why data management is not possible, as a component of their grant application or research contract proposal. Learn more

Call for Nominations: 2020 DOM Faculty and Staff Awards
Deadline: Monday, June 8
We are pleased to announce that faculty and staff nominations are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 academic year. Do you know a faculty or staff member who goes above and beyond in the role? Nominate them today!
- Outstanding Scientific Citation Award
- R. Wayne Alexander Excellence in Research Award
- Outstanding Clinician Award
- View all Faculty Awards
- View all Staff Awards

Register now! eIRB Protocol Session
Wednesday, June 10 | 2 - 3 p.m.
As the Emory research community begins to re-enter the labs following the COVID-19 ramp down, the Department of Medicine Office of Faculty Development and Research is excited to present this virtual session on how to submit an eIRB protocol using the new system. This hands-on training session will be led by Jessica Blackburn, MPH, CIP, Senior Education and QA Research Protocol Analyst. Participants will need to have access to a computer in order to follow along and practice a new submission. We will be using eIRB Stage, a behind-the-scenes eIRB development system that mimics the real eIRB. Registration is required. Register

New IRB COVID-19 Ramp-Up Guidance
This document includes a COVID-19 screening checklist and the Emory IRB’s expectations for resuming in-person study visits. You must follow the Emory IRB guidelines or whichever policy is more stringent for your research site. The guidance explains when a Modification may be needed to resume in-person visits, and when it is not. There may be updates to the guidance as we learn more. If you previously logged an eIRB comment noting a temporary hold due to COVID-19, please log another comment to document that you will be resuming activities. Check it out!
Thank an Emory Health Hero
Have you witnessed a DOM faculty member or trainee doing amazing work on the front lines of COVID-19? We want to hear from you! Share a message of encouragement or thanks and help us spread appreciation for our dedicated healthcare community. You can also post a public shout out on social media using #EmoryHealthHeroes and we will share your kind words. Let’s show our faculty and trainees how proud we are of their service!

Submit Note

Highlighted Resource

Georgia CTSA Research Opportunities & Collaboration Support (ROCS)
The Collaboration & Multidisciplinary Team Science (CMDTS) program focuses on promoting collaboration and team science among investigators at all four institutions and ultimately across other CTSA's. They have compiled
opportunities currently available to researchers across Georgia that support clinically-related research. Explore this searchable database for courses, collaborative funding opportunities, and programs that may be of interest to you.

Check It Out

RAS News

Upcoming due dates:

**K series** due June 12th – new
**R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36, U34, UH2, UH3, UH2/UH3** due June 16th – new
**R15** due June 25th – new, renewal, resubmission, revision
**R01** due July 5th – renewal, resubmission, revision
**U01** due July 5th – renewal, resubmission, revision
**K series** due July 12th – renewal, resubmission, revision
**R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36, U34, UH2, UH3, UH2/UH3** due July 16th – renewal, resubmission, revision

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

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

Funding & Award Opportunities
NEW! This 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.

Promoting Fundamental and Applied Research in Inflammation Research
Deadlines: Rolling
The purpose of this to inform potential applicants that the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) have special interest in applications to investigate the mechanisms controlling the resolution of inflammation in chronic disease states. Learn more

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG): Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy (ATTR-COM) Research
Deadline: Wednesday, June 3
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to improve the care of patients with ATTR-CM by improving our understanding of disease epidemiology, pathophysiology, early diagnosis, prognosis, and emerging treatment paradigms. Learn more

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG):
Acromegaly/Growth Hormone Excess Research (US Based)
Deadline: Wednesday, July 15
The purpose of this FOA is to advance the medical knowledge of acromegaly disease, its complications and treatment with pegvisomant. Learn more

Long-acting Growth Hormone Research (Global)
Deadline: Friday, July 31
The purpose of this FOA is to support projects focused on long-acting growth hormone (LAGH) research. Learn more

Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: Tuesday, July 28
The purpose of this FOA is to encourage applications proposing high risk, high impact, early discovery research on vaccine approaches to prevent acquisition of or ongoing infection by HIV. Learn more

Advancing Vaccine Science to Improve Tuberculosis Treatment Outcomes for People Living With or Without HIV (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: Tuesday, July 28 (LOI due 30 days prior)
The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications for innovative clinical, and preclinical/translational research to develop therapeutic vaccine strategies to improve treatment outcomes of active tuberculosis (TB) in the presence or absence of HIV co-infection. Learn more

Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in Cystic Fibrosis
Deadline: Thursday, July 30
The purpose of this FOA is to support innovative research from emerging investigators around the world to advance scientific knowledge in areas of unmet medical needs and improve the lives of patients everywhere. Learn more
COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG): Vaccine Preventable Diseases – COVID-19
Deadline: Wednesday, June 17
The purpose of this FOA is to support research to increase knowledge of COVID-19 epidemiology, infection, pathophysiology, and potential prevention measures. We are particularly interested in supporting research in the following areas: Understand impact of COVID on communities, spectrum of disease in communities, and level of herd immunity, postmortem analysis of deceased persons with known or suspected COVID-19. Learn more

NIH Director’s Emergency Transformative Research Awards (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: Wednesday, Sept 30
The purpose of this FOA is to support collaborative investigative teams or individual scientists who propose unusually innovative research projects. For this FOA, the project should have the potential to have a broad impact on SARS-Cov-2 prevention, preparation, or response. Learn more

Congratulatory Corner

Maya Fayfman (PI) Mentor: Guillermo Umpierrez (Endocrinology) received a K23 from NIDDK for a project entitled “Use of non-insulin agents in hospitalized patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D).”

Caitlin Moran (Infectious Diseases) received a K23 from NHLBI for a project entitled “Understanding the role of estrogen receptor expression in CVD risk in women with and without HIV.”
Marshall Lyon (Infectious Diseases) received funding from Karyopharm Therapeutics, Inc for a project entitled, “A phase 2 randomized single-blind study to evaluate the activity and safety of low dose oral selinexor (KPT-330) in patients with severe COVID-19 infection.”

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

Let Us Know

Recent Notable Publications

Colleen Kraft (Infectious Diseases)
Ransom EM, Burnham CD, Jones L, Kraft CS, McDonald LC, Reinink AR, Young VB. "Fecal Microbiota Transplantations: Where Are We, Where Are We Going, and What Is the Role of the Clinical Laboratory?" Clin Chem. 2020 Apr 1;66(4):512-517. Read more

Sheetal Kandiah (Infectious Diseases)

Marcos Coutinho Schechter, Russell Kempker (Infectious Diseases), Maya Fayfman, David Carleton Ziemer, Guillermo Umpierrez (Endocrinology)

Events

Have questions about any of our faculty development programming, promotion timelines, etc.? The office of Faculty Development will host virtual office hours via ZOOM Tuesdays from noon – 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 4 – 5 p.m.

DOM Divisional Research Faculty Huddles
All DOM researchers are welcome to attend Divisional Research Huddles to discuss COVID-19 related updates.
Cardiology Mondays at noon
Please contact Zanna Booth for Zoom link and password.
Geriatrics and Gerontology Tuesdays 3 – 4 p.m.
Please contact Naquia Mitchell for Zoom link.

Sit Down and Write with the CFDE
Tuesdays & Fridays | 11 a.m. – noon virtually via Facebook
Looking for ways to keep your writing on track during the COVID-19 pandemic? Sit Down and Write is a great way for writers to structure their time, boost their productivity, and connect with others. Learn more
Fridays at Four
These research webinars are designed to help faculty understand the University’s and sponsor’s research guidance and maintain research continuity in the time of COVID-19.
Previous sessions can be viewed here under “Previously Recorded Webinars”.
To register, contact Ashley Myers.

IRB COVID-19 Ramp-Up Guidance
Thursday, June 11 | 12 – 12:40 p.m.
The IRB is hosting a webinar on the new guidance and will include a moderated question and answer session. You can find a link to the live webinar, as well as recordings of past webinars here.

Emory Cardiology Research Day
Friday, June 12 | 8:30 a.m.
Calling anyone interested in innovative cardiovascular disease and prevention research! This now virtual event will include oral presentations and poster sessions. Save the Date

Pediatric Research Alliance COVID-19 Webinar
Friday, June 12 | 9 a.m. – noon
Join for a special webinar highlighting current COVID-19 related research projects.
Register | Add to Calendar | Flyer

Researcher Spotlight

![David Holland](image)

David Holland
Associate Professor – Infectious Diseases

What is your professional background?
I began my career post-residency as the tuberculosis (TB) physician for the (then) Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. While there, I got involved in clinical trials of TB therapeutics and then decided to pursue a career in academic medicine. After finishing my Infectious Disease fellowship at Duke University, I stayed on as faculty for five years under a K-01 grant to study the application of decision analysis to clinical trial design. I was then recruited back to Emory, where I have a position as chief clinical officer for the Fulton County Board of Health, overseeing the TB, Sexual Health, and HIV programs (and more recently, the COVID-19 response).
In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I am an associate professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, with an adjunct appointment in the School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology. My mentor is Dr. Susan Ray.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
My past research has focused on the application decision analysis to clinical trial design. In public health, there is frequently a wide array of potential studies that could be done, so in an era of very limited funding it is necessary to reduce this pool to a manageable number; decision analysis can help determine which trials are the most likely to be successful and/or to produce the most cost-effective treatments. Now, my research focuses primarily on implementation science in the public health arena. With the promise of new funding for HIV prevention, is it essential to find the most effective and cost-effective interventions to achieve HIV elimination by the fastest route.

What do you like most about Emory?
Emory provides a collegial and cooperative atmosphere, where faculty from many disciplines work together to solve each other’s problems. I have worked with faculty not just in other divisions and departments, but other schools across the university.

What is your favorite movie or TV show?
Changes from time to time, but right now it’s 'Dead to Me.'

What do you like to do in your spare time?
My favorite thing is picking up heavy weights and putting them back down.

What is a fun fact about you?
I am a competitive powerlifter.

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