Announcements

LAST CALL! 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

PPE supply costs from EHSO if you are developing proposal budgets for in-person visits
· 3-ply blue surgical masks (disposable) approximately 0.62 cents each (50 per pack)
· Cotton, navy blue, washable masks (packaged individually) $1.37 each

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!
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 CTSAs. 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
School of Medicine Effort Certification
Deadline: Monday, June 15th for all personnel who received salary support on sponsored research.

If you have not yet certified, log in and certify at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact the pre-reviewer listed on the ERS form.

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

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.

Stephanie Watts Career Development Award
Deadline: Tuesday, June 16
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support early career investigators working in hypertension and cardiovascular research who show exceptional promise but may be currently unfunded or have limited access to extramural funding. Learn more

William T. Grant Foundation – Scholars Program
Deadline: Wednesday, July 1
The purpose of this FOA is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. One way that we pursue this mission is by investing in high-quality field-initiated studies on reducing inequality in youth outcomes. Learn more

**2020 Pilot Grants in Pediatrics:**
**Type 1: General Center Awards**
**Type 2: Center for Drug Discovery (CDD) Collaborative Drug Screening**
**Type 3: Junior Faculty Focused (JFF)**
**Deadline: Wednesday, July 1**
The purpose of this FOA is to stimulate new research projects, build new collaborations, and increase extramural funding for pediatric research. Proposals should be aimed towards generating preliminary data for subsequent extramural grant applications. Learn more

**2021 Beckman Young Investigators Program**
**Internal Deadline:** Completed application materials are due to Tiffany Worboy in the Office of Foundation Relations by **Monday, July 20, by 5:00 PM** for internal approvals and signatures (from the Deans’ and Provost’s Offices)
The purpose of this FOA is to provide research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers in the chemical and life sciences, particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. Learn more

**COVID-19 Funding Opportunities**

**Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostic for Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) Initiative**
**Deadline: July 2020**
The purpose of this FOA is to leverage partnerships with key stakeholders to conduct community-engaged research to understand COVID-19 disparities and to increase access and effectiveness of diagnostic testing interventions among underserved COVID-19 medically and/or socially vulnerable populations. Learn more
Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 (R01 – Clinical Trial Optional)  
Deadline: Monday, July 20  
The purpose of this FOA is to promote new initiatives that will solicit applications to support research to determine the role and impact of digital health interventions [e.g., mobile health (mhealth), telemedicine and telehealth, health information technology (IT), wearable devices] to address secondary health effects of the social, behavioral, and economic changes following the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly among populations who experience health disparities and vulnerable populations. Learn more

Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations (R01 – Clinical Trial Optional)  
Deadline: Wednesday, July 22  
The purpose of this FOA is to solicit research to evaluate community interventions testing 1) the impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in NIH-designated health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups; and 2) already implemented, new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, sociocultural, behavioral, and socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic on the health of these groups. Learn more

Emergency Awards: SARS-CoV-2 Serological Sciences Centers of Excellence  
Deadline: Wednesday, July 22  
The purpose of this FOA is to establish Serological Sciences Centers of Excellence with the goal of identifying and advancing research opportunities to characterize the immune responses elicited by SARS-CoV-2 viral infection; understanding the mechanisms driving the serological, humoral and cellular immune responses; determining host, genetic, and environmental modifiers of the immune response; determining the serological correlates of disease pathogenesis and protection against future infection; defining access, communication, and implementation barriers related to SARS-CoV-2 serological testing.  
U01 Clinical Trial Optional  
U54 Clinical Trial Optional

Competitive and Administrative Supplements for Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations  
Deadline: Wednesday, December 30  
The purpose of this FOA is to evaluate existing or ongoing community-based programs or policies (i.e., natural experiments), or prospectively test new or adapted interventions. Learn more

Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19  
Deadline: Wednesday, December 30  
The purpose of this FOA is to support research to address secondary health effects of the social, behavioral, and economic changes, particularly among populations who experience health
disparities and vulnerable populations through the use of digital health assessments and interventions to yield measurable near-term impact. Learn more

Congratulatory Corner

Amir Rezvan (Cardiology) received an R01 from NHLBI for a project entitled, “The role of shear induced endothelial ZBTB46 in atherosclerosis.”

Jennifer Christie (Digestive Diseases) received funding from Medpace Clinical Research, LLC for a project entitled, “A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the safety, efficacy, pharmacokinetics, and dose response of oral CIN-102 in adults with diabetic gastroparesis.”

Nadine Rouphael (Infectious Diseases) received funding from Lilly USA, LLC for a project entitled, “A randomized, double-blind, sponsor unblinded, single ascending dose, placebo-controlled, phase 1 in human study to evaluate the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of intravenous LY3819253 in participants hospitalized for COVID-19.”

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

Let Us Know

Recent Notable Publications

Laura Plantinga (General Medicine & Geriatrics)

Jau-Yi Li, Mingcan Yu, Subhashis Pal, Abdul Malik Tyagi, Jonathan Adams, M Neale Weitzmann, Roberto Paciﬁci (Endocrinology)
Amit Shah (Cardiology)

Rushikesh Shah and Qiang Cai (Digestive Diseases)

Shreya Raja, Peijian He, Simon Musyoka Mwangi, Shanthi Srinivasan (Digestive Diseases)

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.

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.
Keynote Speaker: Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD, FASTMH, FAAP, Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine; Anne Kimball, MD, MPH, Epidemic Intelligence
Managing Virtual Teams  
**Tuesday, June 16 | noon - 1 p.m.**

Hear from the experts and share your experiences! Join Marissa Shuffler, Ph.D., (Clemson University) and Christopher Wiese, Ph.D., (Georgia Tech) to learn how to manage your virtual teams. They will offer evidence-based guidelines and practical advice. Turn your team of experts into expert virtual teams! [Register] [Flyer]

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**Researcher Spotlight**

**Simon Mwangi**  
*Senior Research Associate - Digestive Diseases*

**What is your professional background?**

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Zoology from the University of Nairobi (Kenya), Master of Science (MSc.) degree in Biology from the Laurentian University (Ontario, Canada) and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biochemistry from Kenyatta University (Nairobi, Kenya). I did my postdoctoral training at the National Animal Disease Center (Ames, Iowa) and at Emory University.

**In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?**

I am a senior research fellow in the Division of Digestive Diseases, where I work under Shanthi Srinivasan, MD.

**Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?**

My research seeks to understand the protective effects of the neuronal growth factor Glial Cell Line-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (GDNF) against obesity and Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD). NAFLD has become the most prevalent chronic liver disease worldwide due to the
global increase in obesity. There are few treatment options for NAFLD and obesity besides lifestyle changes. Lifestyle modifications are difficult to sustain for most people, hence the need to explore new therapeutic strategies.

**What do you like most about Emory?**
Its diversity and friendly work environment.

**What is your favorite movie or TV show?**
'Last Man Standing'

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**
Yard work, reading and watching sports (professional and school sports, male and female).

**What is a fun fact about you?**
I am easy going and love humor (clean).