

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT



### **Dr. Jessica Fairley**

Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Disease at Emory University School of Medicine

Associate Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health at Rollins School of Public Health



### **Dr. Felipe Lobelo**

Associate Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health

Senior Physician Consultant for Population Health Research in the Department of Quality and Patient Safety at the Southeast Permanente Medical Group

### **New Kaiser Permanente and Emory Health Services Research Pilot Grant**

Recently, Kaiser Permanente Georgia, the Emory University School of Medicine, and the Woodruff Health Sciences Center collaborated to offer a first of its kind health services research pilot grant called the I3 Synergy KP GA research proposal. These grants are intended to address complex and intriguing healthcare and clinical questions vexing our health systems. Dr. Fairley and Dr. Lobelo were awarded a 1-year pilot grant for their research proposal in healthcare research that focused on the collaborative efforts by Emory Healthcare and Kaiser Permanente Georgia in addressing the impact of COVID-19.

Dr. Fairley is recognized for her work as a health science researcher who focuses on the epidemiology of neglected tropical diseases, in particular, leprosy, planetary health, and how climate change affects infectious diseases. Dr. Lobelo's research focuses on chronic disease prevention, implementation science, mHealth, and quality improvements leveraging clinical-community linkages. Additionally, he has a special interest in health disparities in both non-communicable and infectious diseases.

The team presented a proposal for the "Identification of Sub-Clinical Infection in Children in the setting of COVID-19 Household Transmission: Implications for Testing Capacity, Active Surveillance, and Prevention." The project began on December 1st, 2020 and the goal is to determine COVID-19 infection status in children and other close contacts of individuals to gain a better understanding of age-dependent household acquisition and to characterize transmission dynamics to improve infection control strategies.

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## HIGHLIGHTS IN RESEARCH



Dr. Randi Smith



Dr. Dabney Evans



Dr. Amy Zeidan

### 2020 Synergy Research Award Recipients

Dr. Smith is an Assistant Professor of surgery and trauma/surgical critical care at Emory School of Medicine/Grady Memorial Hospital and an Assistant Professor of public health at Rollins School of Public Health. Dr. Evans is an Associate Professor of global health at Rollins, and Dr. Zeidan is an Assistant Professor of surgery at the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Recently, the three researchers were awarded a 2020 Synergy Research Award to investigate the impact of the pandemic on the incidence, injury type, and severity of trauma encountered at Grady Memorial Hospital. The award will support research for a term of one year, with potential carryover to a second year under special circumstances. The team will focus their research on examining contextual factors that influence intimate partner violence during this time using quantitative and qualitative research methods. The primary hypothesis for the proposal was that restrictions on movement in the state of Georgia have resulted in a related increase in intimate partner violence. Data generated from this study will be used to inform service provisions and other prevention strategies.

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## TUNE IN FOR...

### Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Science Conference

**Virtual Conference presented by Georgia CTSA**

03/04/2021 - 03/05/2021 | 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM ET

This multi-day conference will feature talks from top researchers across the region, dynamic poster sessions, breakout sessions on hot topics such as health equity, infectious disease, and health services, and multiple opportunities for networking.

#### Keynote Speakers:



**Dr. Sandro Galea**

#### **"The Contagion Next Time: Health and Health Inequities After COVID-19"**

Dr. Galea is a physician, epidemiologist, and the dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health. His research focuses on the intersection of social and psychiatric epidemiology, with a focus on the behavioral health consequences of trauma, including those caused by firearms.



**Dr. Cato T. Laurencin**

#### **"The IDEAL Path: Addressing Black Racial Health Disparities and Black Racial Equity"**

Dr. Laurencin is an engineer, physician, scientist, and a University Professor of the University of Connecticut. His research focuses on biomaterials, regenerative engineering, nanotechnology, developmental biology, stem cell technology, biophysics. His work also focuses on issues regarding diversity, health disparities including HIV/AIDS, and workforce issues as they impact diversity.

**Conference Registration: \$35 per person, \$20 for trainees**

Register [here](#).

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## WEBINARS

### **Practical and Ethical Challenges in Research with Vulnerable Populations**

**Virtual Webinar presented by Emory at Grady Professional  
Development Lecture Series**

Speakers: Dr. Lisa Flowers and Dr. Igho Ofotokun  
Fri |02/19/2021| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

Register [here](#).

### **Epidemiology and Race: Why and How We Study Racial Health Disparities**

Presented by BU School of Public Health

This series of panels will examine how race and racial health  
disparities are studied in epidemiology.

#### **Part I - Why and how we study race?**

Thurs |02/25/2021| 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM EST

#### **Part II - Has epidemiology made a difference in race- related health disparities?**

Fri |02/26/2021| 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM EST

#### **Part II - What are the big unanswered questions with respect to race?**

Fri |02/26/2021| 12:30 AM - 2:00 PM EST

More information and free registration here:

[Part I](#), [Part II](#), [Part III](#)

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## WEBINARS

### **Voting, Structural Racism, and Health Inequalities**

Virtual Conversation presented by Penn LDI & Bold Solutions. Panelists include Nicole Austin-Hillery, JD, Daniel E. Dawes, JD, and Javier Rodríguez, PhD, moderated by Atheendar Venkataramani, MD, PhD

Fri |02/12/2021| 12:00 PM ET

The panelists will discuss the connections between voting access, voter suppression, and policy, and how voting can affect efforts to address racism and eliminate health inequities.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

### **Emory Global Perioperative Health Alliance's Spring Symposium**

**Virtual Symposium sponsored by the Emory Global Perioperative  
Health Alliance**

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robert Riviello  
03/06/2021 - 03/07/2021| 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM ET

The event will highlight the importance of partnership among professionals of all backgrounds and cultures to ensure safe surgical care globally.

More detailed information and registration are available on the [website](#).

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## WEBINARS

### Emory School of Medicine Grand Rounds

**School of Medicine Grand Rounds occur every Tuesday from 12PM - 1PM.**

Subscribe to the Grand Round mailing list here:  
<https://med.emory.edu/departments/medicine/education/cme-grand-rounds.html>

### Department of Surgery Grand Rounds

**Surgical Grand Rounds occur every Thursday from 7AM - 8AM.**

To be added to the email list for the monthly grand rounds schedules, contact Sean Moore, Communications Manager for the Department of Surgery, at [srmoore@emory.edu](mailto:srmoore@emory.edu).

Surgical Grand Rounds can be viewed remotely at:

- Grady Memorial Hospital, Sherman Conference Room, 3rd floor, Glenn Building
- Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Administrative Conference Room
- Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, Education Center, Classroom 4
- Emory University Hospital Midtown, Davis Fischer Building, Classroom 3

Information on upcoming Surgical Grand Rounds can be found [here](#).

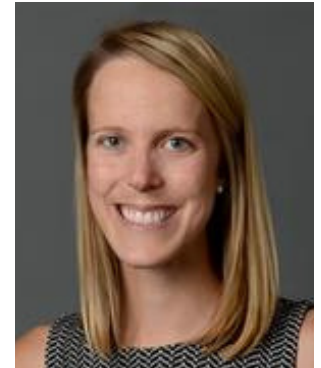
# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## SAVE THE DATE

**Health Services Research Center Seminar**

**Presented by Dr. Katherine Pickard**  
**Wed | 03/17/2021 | 4 PM - 5 PM EST**



Dr. Pickard is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Autism and Related Disorders in the Department of Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine. Her research focuses on autism spectrum disorder, community engagement, and dissemination and implementation.

**More information and registration details will be available soon.**

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### 7th Annual Health Services Research Day

Virtual symposium and networking opportunity for researchers across Georgia to learn about ongoing quality, effectiveness, and value-based research activities.

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Chernew**  
Wed | 05/05/2021 | 4 PM - 5 PM EST



**Registration is required.** Register [here](#).

Dr. Chernew is the Leonard D. Schaeffer Professor of Health Care Policy and the Director of the Healthcare Markets and Regulation Lab in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School. His research centers on examining several areas related to improving the health care system including studies of novel benefit designs, Medicare Advantage, alternative payment models, low-value care, and the causes and consequences of rising health care spending.

#### Call for Abstracts:

Oral and poster presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts. Abstracts are due **by March 8, 2021, to the online submission form**. Selected abstracts will be notified by April 2021.



# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**William C. Wood Research Symposium**  
Department of Surgery Research Day

The Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium showcases the basic and clinical science research of all trainees in the Emory Department of Surgery. Participation is open to medical students, residents, and fellows; trainees in a dedicated laboratory rotation are encouraged to submit their research and attend the Symposium.

### Submission Criteria:

- One abstract per trainee may be submitted.
- One table or figure allowed per abstract.
- All work must have been published after 2019.
- Talks previously presented at a national or regional meeting are admissible.
- A complete submission must include the presenter's name, email address, cell number, position, and PI/Faculty Mentor's name.

Abstract submissions are due by **11:59 pm on February 5, 2021, to the submission form**. Cash awards will be given for the top presentations and posters in both clinical science and basic science categories.

**The Virtual Event will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2021.**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sandra L. Wong.**

Dr. Wong is the Chair of Surgery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and Senior Vice President of the Surgical Service Line at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Her research focuses on prognostic modeling for melanoma, socioeconomic disparities, and factors related to the quality of cancer care. Dr. Wong is also an expert in the development and implementation of clinical practice guidelines and advises on health policy and technology evaluation nationally.



For additional information or questions, please contact Roxanne Eddy at [Roxanne.joanne.eddy@emory.edu](mailto:Roxanne.joanne.eddy@emory.edu)

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thomas Jefferson Fund

The Thomas Jefferson Fund provides a unique framework to enable promising and innovative projects to reach their full potential and enrich French-American research collaborations. The Thomas Jefferson Fund will fund projects led by two outstanding young American and French researchers at the beginning of their careers, with mid-to long-term positions at a research or higher education institution in the United States or in France. The aim is to encourage cutting-edge, multidisciplinary research projects of the highest quality and especially seeks to support emerging collaborations involving a team of younger researchers.

Grants will be awarded per funding cycle in each of the following fields:

- Humanities and Social Sciences (SSH)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Sciences for Society (interdisciplinary STEM-SSH projects)

Each grant will amount to \$20,000 over two years to be split equally between the French and the American teams. Co-financing from the researchers' universities is encouraged to ensure the sustainability of these research partnerships.

Applicants are due by **Wednesday, February 24th, 2021.**

For questions about the grant, please the Thomas Jefferson Fund team, at [thomasjeffersonfund@frenchculture.org](mailto:thomasjeffersonfund@frenchculture.org). For more information please visit the [website](#).

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Georgia CTSA KL2 Program

The goal of the Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance 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. The Georgia CTSA program is committed to assisting junior faculty at partner institutions to become independent, established, and ethical clinical and/or translational research investigators.

#### Eligibility:

- Junior faculty with a doctorate (MD, PhD, MD/PhD, PharmD, or equivalent) at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor at Emory, Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), or University of Georgia (UGA)
- Individuals who have accepted a faculty appointment at any of the four collaborating institutions may also apply if they will be on the Emory, MSM, Georgia Tech, or UGA faculty at the date of receipt of the award
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident at the time they submit the application. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible

Applications are due by **5:00 pm on March 1, 2020, via email to the online submission system**. For access to the submission portal and more information please visit the [website](#).

For additional information or questions, contact Cheryl Sroka at [csroka@emory.edu](mailto:csroka@emory.edu).

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The SOM Imagine, Innovate and Impact (I3) Nexus Awards

The intent of this RFA is to seed collaborative research, scholarship, and mentorship at Emory that will stimulate the growth of new synergistic research collaborations across academic units. This year's funding RFA is focused specifically on collaborative, multiple investigator-initiated projects (1) that involve 2 principal (lead) independent scholars with at least one from a WHSC unit and one from ECAS, GBS, Law, Candler, or Oxford, and (2) at least one of the two principal leads is at an early career stage (Assistant Professor, regardless of track). Special interest will be given to projects that enhance the scholarship of both co-leaders. Funding is available for up to 4 awards at a maximum of \$100,000 each with an award term of one year.

#### Eligibility:

- Only to Emory full-time faculty. Note that at least one of the co-leads must be early career (Assistant Professor).
- Faculty may participate in a single Synergy II\_Nexus Award application during any annual award cycle.
- Successful applications will have at least one faculty member with a primary appointment from a WHSC unit and at least one with a primary appointment from ECAS, GBS, Candler, Law, Oxford, with each contributor playing an equal role in the scholarship.
- One individual should be chosen as the corresponding PI.
- The proposal cannot be duplicative with other funding at the time of the award.

Applications are due by **midnight on February 28, 2021, via email to** Vice Provost Lanny S. Liebeskind at [chemLL1@emory.edu](mailto:chemLL1@emory.edu).

**See the attachment below for more information.**

**SYNERGY II\_Nexus Call for Proposals  
2021**

Distributed by January 19, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

The Provost's Office, the Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory School of Medicine, and Emory College of Arts and Sciences announce the 2021 cycle of "Synergy II\_Nexus" Awards. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected the ability of many scholars to engage fully in their research; however, these detrimental effects have not been uniformly felt. Those early in their careers and with significant child-care or family-care obligations have been significantly impacted. These care obligations often fall on the shoulders of women, creating the risk of a significant gender-related impact.

To help mitigate the influence on the pandemic on this special cohort, and to invest in those who will define Emory's scholarly imprint in the years to come, this year's funding RFA is focused specifically on collaborative, multiple investigator initiated projects (1) that involve 2 principal (lead) independent scholars with at least one from a WHSC unit and one from ECAS, GBS, Law, Candler or Oxford, and (2) at least one of the two principal leads is at an early career stage (Assistant Professor, regardless of track).

The intent of this RFA is to seed collaborative research, scholarship and mentorship at Emory that will stimulate the growth of new synergistic research collaborations across academic units. We are especially interested in projects that enhance the scholarship of both co-leaders.

We anticipate funding up to 4 awards at a maximum of \$100,000 each with an award term of one year. Applicants must present a credible plan describing how they will make substantial progress with one year of funding. Carryover of funds to a second year will be considered with justification under special circumstances. Funds not expended within 12 months (24 months if an extension is approved) must be returned.

**The application deadline is Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 12 midnight** with funding to be released by Friday, May 14, 2021.

**Eligibility**

- This RFA is available only to Emory full-time faculty. Note that at least one of the co-leads must be early career (Assistant Professor).
- Faculty may participate in a single Synergy II\_Nexus Award application during any annual award cycle.
- Successful applications will have at least one faculty member with a primary appointment from a WHSC unit and at least one with a primary appointment from ECAS, GBS, Candler, Law, Oxford, with each contributor playing an equal role in the scholarship.

- One individual should be chosen as the corresponding PI.
- The proposal cannot be duplicative with other funding at the time of the award. These awards are not intended to support already established projects or minimal extensions of ongoing research programs.

## Application

Application formatting:

- Use paper size no larger than 8 ½" x 11"
- Provide at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages
- Font size must be 11 points or larger (smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams, and charts is acceptable as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%)
- Text color must be black (color text in figures, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, footnotes, and headings is acceptable)
- The following fonts are acceptable: Arial and Calibri

Applications will consist of:

1. **A cover sheet:** indicating the title of the project, faculty involved, faculty role in the project, faculty member's school(s) and department(s), and contact information.
2. **A research proposal**, which should include four sections that succinctly describe the following:
  - Describe the research question to be addressed. Why is the problem important? Explain why it cannot be solved by individual investigators and their close collaborators, but rather requires equally weighted scholarly contributions from investigators in different academic domains.
  - Does the project represent a new research direction at Emory? If so, how?
  - What research approach or approaches will be pursued during the year of funding? What specifically will be done?
  - What is the expected impact of the proposed project beyond the initial funded phase, including what future work would be enabled?
  - How will the effort be sustained? What sources of extramural funding might be sought?

**The research proposal section should be no more than three pages.** References are not included in the three-page limit.

3. **A minimal, one-page budget** that describes how the funding will be allocated. How will it be apportioned among the participants? Any budget amount up to \$100,000 can be proposed. Neither faculty salaries nor indirect costs are permissible in the budget.
4. **A biosketch for each PI. For consistency please use the National Institutes of Health biosketch form** (guidance will be provided to those not familiar with the NIH biosketch). All current and

pending support from all sponsored and non-sponsored sources should be provided. Each biosketch is limited to four pages.

**Each proposal must be submitted with the above four items compiled into a single PDF.** *The PDF file name format must be: Last name of Corresponding PI dot First Name of Corresponding PI dot pdf. For example: Smith.John.pdf*

**Please send your proposals to Vice Provost Lanny S. Liebeskind at [chemLL1@emory.edu](mailto:chemLL1@emory.edu) not later than February 28, 2021 at 12 midnight.**

We look forward to seeing your innovative and collaborative ideas for building scholarly communities around compelling research ideas.

Jonathan S. Lewin, MD, FACR  
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Emory  
University Executive Director, Robert W. Woodruff  
Health Sciences Center President, CEO, and Chairman of  
the Board, Emory Healthcare

Janice Love, PhD  
Interim Provost  
Executive Vice President for Academic  
Affairs  
Emory University

Vikas P. Sukhatme MD ScD  
Woodruff Professor  
Dean, Emory School of Medicine  
Chief Academic Officer, Emory Healthcare

Michael A. Elliott, PhD  
Charles Howard Candler Professor of  
English  
Dean, Emory College of Arts and Sciences

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Georgia CTSA Request for Proposals Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design Grants

Georgia CTSA's Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design (BERD) program is soliciting proposals to support novel methodological research in biostatistics, epidemiology, or health services research and related areas to advance clinical and translational research (CTR). Review criteria include: (i.) quantitative methodological research to fill gaps in CTR; (ii.) innovation; (iii.) feasibility; and (iv.) plans for dissemination and translation of results. New investigators are encouraged to apply; meritorious applications from new investigators will be prioritized for funding.

#### Eligibility:

- Full-time faculty from Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia may submit proposals. One proposal may be submitted per faculty member. Proposals involving collaborations among Georgia CTSA partners are encouraged. Junior faculty are encouraged to apply.
- Any faculty member who has a current grant with overlapping aims is not eligible to apply.
- Sub-contracts to Georgia CTSA-affiliated entities such as Children's Healthcare of Atlanta are allowed with justification.

Applications are due by **5:00 pm on March 31, 2021, to the online application**.

For additional information or questions, contact Bekeela Davila at [bekeela.davila@emory.edu](mailto:bekeela.davila@emory.edu)

**See the attachment below for more information.**





## Georgia CTSA Request for Proposals Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design Grants

Georgia CTSA's Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design (BERD) program is soliciting proposals to support novel methodological research in biostatistics, epidemiology, or health services research and related areas to advance clinical and translational research (CTR). Review criteria include: (i.) quantitative methodological research to fill gaps in CTR; (ii.) innovation; (iii.) feasibility; and (iv.) plans for dissemination and translation of results. Awardees are encouraged to disseminate any software developed in their research to relevant publicly available software repositories. *New investigators are encouraged to apply; meritorious applications from new investigators will be prioritized for funding.*

**Georgia CTSA Mission Statement** - The institutions of the Georgia CTSA leverage their *complementary* strengths to accelerate clinical and translational education, research, and community engagement to impact health in Georgia and beyond.

**Funding** - As many as two awards of up to \$20,000 each in total direct costs. The total of number of awards to be made is variable based on merit, funds requested, and BERD budget.

**Eligibility** – Full-time faculty from Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia may submit proposals. One proposal may be submitted per faculty member. Proposals involving collaborations among Georgia CTSA partners are encouraged. Junior faculty are encouraged to apply. Any faculty member who has a current grant with overlapping aims is not eligible to apply. Sub-contracts to Georgia CTSA-affiliated entities such as Children's Healthcare of Atlanta are allowed with justification.

Note: All pilot project recipients will be eligible for the **Georgia CTSA Award of Distinction in Team Science** – “To further promote collaboration, the Georgia CTSA Executive Oversight Council will award an annual Award of Distinction in Team Science during their annual meeting to Georgia CTSA investigators who, through their multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary collaborations, have made a profound impact in CTR.”

### Timeline

March 31, 2021 at 5:00 PM – proposals due

Early May 2021 – applicant award notification

July 1, 2021 – earliest anticipated start date

June 30, 2022 – end date **(Investigators may NOT apply for a no-cost extension.)**

### Application Information

Invited applicants should submit the following materials using the [online application](#) no later than 5:00 PM (no exceptions) on **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**:

Each of the following items should be uploaded as PDF documents. (Please avoid scanning text documents to create PDFs.) To resume completing a saved application or view a submitted application, click [here](#).

- Title Page
  - Must include title of the proposal
  - PI name, degree(s), title(s) and institution
  - Indicate if PI is a new investigator who has not previously received funding from NIH as PI on a competitive grant
  - Research teams' names, degrees, titles and institutions
  - Summary/Abstract (500 words maximum)
- Specific Aims: *Maximum one page.*
- Research Strategy: Must include sections for Significance, Innovation, and Approach. *Maximum 3 pages. References not included in page limit.*
- Revised applications should include responses from the previous review. *Maximum 1 page.*
- Biosketches: Include NIH-style biosketches for key personnel. Please use [this template](#).
  - Biosketch instructions [here](#)
- IRB or IACUC Approval Letter OR select "pending" from the drop-down menu on the online form. ***IRB or IACUC protocols must have been submitted prior to submission of this pilot award application.*** IRB/IACUC approval for proposals selected for funding must be received by May 15, 2021.
- Projected budget\* using this [template](#). A separate budget page should be submitted for each institution that will incur costs on behalf of this project.
- Budget Justification
- Provide sufficient detail to demonstrate how proposed pilot grant is a new project and that it does not overlap with existing funded projects from the listed team of investigators.
  - Pilot grants support new projects, not extensions or variations of an existing project, and are not for bridge funding of previously funded work.

Application formatting:

- Use paper size no larger than 8 ½" x 11"
- Provide at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages
- Font size must be 11 points or larger (smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams, and charts is acceptable as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%)
- Text color must be black (color text in figures, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, footnotes, and headings is acceptable)
- The following fonts are acceptable: Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman

Click [here](#) for guidance on the Summary/Abstract, Specific Aims, Research Strategy, Budget and Budget Justification.

#### **\*Funding Limits and Budgeting Requirements**

- Applicants may request 12 months of funding with direct cost amounts up to \$20,000. The total number of awards to be made is variable based on merit and funds requested. **Investigators may NOT apply for a no-cost extension.** Budgets must be in [this format](#).
- It is not required that the PI request salary and fringe. If PI salary and fringe are requested, the current federal fringe for your home institution should be applied. The NIH salary cap applies.
- Funds may be requested for salaries for study staff, students, post-doctoral fellows, and other study-related personnel. Funds may also be requested for research supplies.
- Funds for this project may be used for data collection and analysis, research lab supplies, and student/postdoc/staff/technical support that are directly related to the conduct of the

research. Costs subject to CAS approval, such as general-purpose equipment, office supplies, PCs and laptops, etc. may not be charged to this project. Salary support for administrative support is not appropriate.

- Travel expenses directly related to the performance of the research are allowable. Travel to conferences to present research findings is not allowable.
- All federal and institutional rules and regulations regarding the administration of grants apply. These pilot funds are federal funds.

### **Review and Award Process**

Each application will be reviewed by at least two reviewers. Proposed research should be focused since funds are only provided for 12 months and no-cost extension is not permitted. *Applicants will be notified by early May 2021 if their proposal has been accepted for funding.*

### **Progress Reports and Citation Requirements**

Awardees are required to submit periodic progress reports and to cite the Georgia CTSA NIH award number (**UL1-TR002378**) on all products (publications, patents, presentations) resulting from this award.

**For all application questions, please contact:** Bekeela Davila at [bekeela.davila@emory.edu](mailto:bekeela.davila@emory.edu)

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **American Society of Transplant Surgeons Collaborative Scientist Grant**

The ASTS is committed to developing collaborative research between ASTS investigators and qualified established scientists. This grant will provide qualified ASTS investigators and their scientific collaborators with research funding in the field of solid organ transplantation. The ASTS Award is \$50,000 per year for 2 years to support direct research and educational costs.

#### **Applicant Eligibility:**

- ASTS Member with an established research effort.
- A surgical faculty member at an established UNOS approved transplant center.
- Applicant must reside in North America.
- Awardee may not concurrently receive any other financial support for proposed research from NIH, ASTS, AST, ACS, SUS, AAS, or other society or foundation granting similar support.
- Awardee will be expected to present a brief review of the research progress supported by the grant at a future ASTS Winter Symposium

**For more information on the grant, submission requirements, and how to apply, please visit the [website](#).**

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### National Kidney Foundation 2021 Young Investigator Research Grant Program

The National Kidney Foundation recognizes the importance of the accomplishments of individuals who are early in their investigative careers in the advancement of our knowledge about the treatment and prevention of kidney disease. To raise awareness and create interest in the challenge of developing better treatments for kidney disease and its complications, the NKF has established a Young Investigator grant program to support clinical research studies addressing important issues for patients with kidney disease. Promising young scientists are encouraged to submit proposals for investigating clinical research questions in nephrology, or closely related fields. Projects must be patient-oriented. Initial support for awards will be provided for one year in a total amount not to exceed \$35,000.

#### **Applicant Eligibility:**

- Individuals who will have completed training in nephrology prior to the start of the grant award and who intend to pursue research directly related to these areas.
- At the time funding begins (July 1, 2021), the applicant must hold a full-time appointment to a faculty position at a university or an equivalent position as a scientist on the staff of a research-oriented institution

Applications are due on **February 8, 2021**. For more information on the grant, submission requirements, and how to apply, please visit the [website](#).

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### UCSF Summer Institute Research in Implementation Science for Equity (RISE)

The program is part of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Program to Increase Diversity among Individuals Engaged in Health-Related Research (PRIDE). The goal of the program is to enhance the diversity of the biomedical research workforce for junior faculty and transitioning post-doctorates from diverse backgrounds to enable them to become competitive independent scientists.

#### Eligibility:

- Be a research-oriented junior-level faculty member holding a doctoral degree, such as a PhD, MD, DO, DVM, or transitioning post-doctorate trainee
- Have a background that is underrepresented in the biomedical or health sciences Be a Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States
- Have a research focus that is centered on heart, lung, blood, or sleep disorders research; health disparities research relevant to heart, lung, blood, or sleep disorders; or relevant research methodologies and approaches specific to these areas
- Career tracking for up to ten years after training is completed Has not attended a previous PRIDE/SIPID cohort

Applications for Summer 2021 are now open. **Applications received by March 31, 2021, will be given priority.**

**For more information on the program and how to apply, please visit the [application website](#).**

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA) TL1 Program

The Georgia CTSA TL1 Program provides outstanding opportunities for clinical and translational research (CTR) training for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees at the Georgia CTSA partner institutions: Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia. The program is focused on providing didactic and mentored research training for predoctoral (medical students, PhD students, PharmD students) and postdoctoral (resident and fellow physicians, PhD postdocs, PharmD residents) trainees interested in a career focused on clinical and/or translational research relevant to human health.

#### Eligibility:

- TL1 program applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Applications are due **by 5 pm (EST) on February 15, 2021, for predoctoral TL1 Trainees** and **by 5 pm (EST) on March 15, 2021, for postdoctoral TL1 Trainees.**

For more information on the program and how to apply, please visit the application [website](#).

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## RESEARCH RESOURCES

### Access to the COVID-19 Data Analytics Platform

Researchers studying COVID-19 can now access an innovative new analytics platform that contains clinical data from the electronic health records of people who were tested for coronavirus or who have had related symptoms. As part of NCATS National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Data Enclave, the data within this source will help scientists study COVID 19 and answer clinically important questions about COVID-19 that they could not have answered previously, including potential risk factors, protective factors, and long-term health consequences.

**More information and how to submit access requests can be found here:**

<https://ncats.nih.gov/news/releases/2020/access-to-N3C-COVID-19-data-analytics-platform-now-open>



# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## WHAT ARE WE READING?



JAMA  
Network™

[National Trends in the US Public's Likelihood of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine—April 1 to December 8, 2020](#)

[Recalibrating the Use of Race in Medical Research](#)



Health  
Affairs

[Health Costs And Financing: Challenges And Strategies For A New Administration](#)

[Optimizing Health And Well-Being For Women And Children](#)

[Five Urgent Public Health Policies To Combat The Mental Health Effects Of COVID-19](#)



ScienceDirect

[Meeting Patients at the Dialysis Chair: The Expanding Role of Telemedicine to Address Disparities in Access to Kidney Transplantation](#)

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## SELECT RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### From Emory Health Services Research Center

1. Wiley Z, Kubes JN, Cobb J, Jacob JT, Franks N, Plantinga L, Lea J. Age, Comorbid Conditions, and Racial Disparities in COVID-19 Outcomes. *J Racial Ethn Health Disparities*. 2021 Jan 7:1-7. doi: 10.1007/s40615-020-00934-0. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33415702; PMCID: PMC7790329.
2. Paul S, Melanson T, Mohan S, Ross-Driscoll K, McPherson L, Lynch R, Lo D, Pastan SO, Patzer RE. Kidney transplant program waitlisting rate as a metric to assess transplant access. *Am J Transplant*. 2021 Jan;21(1):314-321. doi: 10.1111/ajt.16277. Epub 2020 Sep 15. PMID: 32808730.
3. Robertson B, McDermott C, Star J, Lewin LO, Spell N. Synchronous virtual interprofessional education focused on discharge planning. *J Interprof Educ Pract*. 2021 Mar;22:100388. doi: 10.1016/j.xjep.2020.100388. Epub 2020 Sep 17. PMID: 32964143; PMCID: PMC7497392.
4. Liu JY, Peine BS, Mlaver E, Patel SG, Weber CJ, Saunders ND, Pofahl WE, Sharma J. Neuropsychologic changes in primary hyperparathyroidism after parathyroidectomy from a dual-institution prospective study. *Surgery*. 2021 Jan;169(1):114-119. doi: 10.1016/j.surg.2020.06.006. Epub 2020 Jul 24. PMID: 32718801.
5. Gill S, Mills PD, Watts BV, Paull DE, Tomolo A. A Review of Adverse Event Reports From Emergency Departments in the Veterans Health Administration. *J Patient Saf*. 2020 Feb 21. doi: 10.1097/PTS.0000000000000636. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 32084094.
6. Luo WY, Holubar SD, Bordeianou L, Cosman BC, Hyke R, Lee EC, Messaris E, Saraidaridis J, Scow JS, Shaffer VO, Smith R, Steinhagen RM, Vaida F, Eisenstein S; National Surgical Quality Improvement Program-Inflammatory Bowel Disease (NSQIP-IBD) Collaborative: Collaborating Institutions and Investigators. Better characterization of operation for ulcerative colitis through the National surgical quality improvement program: A 2-year audit of NSQIP-IBD. *Am J Surg*. 2021 Jan;221(1):174-182. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2020.05.035. Epub 2020 Jun 12. PMID: 32928540; PMCID: PMC7736277.
7. Johnson TM 2nd, Goode PS, Hammontree L, Markland AD, Vaughan CP, Ouslander JG, Falk K, McGwin G Jr, Burgio KL. An exploratory analysis of tamsulosin for Overactive Bladder (OAB) in men with varying voiding symptom burden. *Urology*. 2021 Jan 19:S0090-4295(21)00085-6. doi: 10.1016/j.urology.2021.01.022. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33482134.

### National Health Services Research

1. Booshehri LG, Dugan J. Impact of the supplemental nutritional assistance program on diet-related disease morbidity among older adults. *Health Serv Res*. 2021 Jan 24. doi: 10.1111/1475-6773.13609. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33491211.