Thursday, October 12, 2017

Dear CVRI faculty,

Thank you for your patience as we completed our review of the 2017 CVRI minigrant applications. The applications were independently evaluated by the CVRI Division Directors and one external reviewer, then discussed as a group together with the Co-Directors. We received many meritorious applications, so the selection process was even more competitive than in previous cycles. If your project was not funded this time, please do not be discouraged from applying in future application cycles.

We are pleased to announce this year’s minigrant recipients:

**Edward and Eileen Prendergast Student Travel Awards**

Raiza Bonomo  
Deuel Conference on Lipids

Jack Bontekoe  
“Angiopoietin-2 as a Predictive Biomarker of Atrial Fibrillation in Patients With Stage 5 Chronic Kidney Disease,” AHA Scientific Sessions 2017

Laquita Brown  
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

Hanna Friedman  
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

Jeff Ni  
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

Sasha Rosen  
“Lysyl Oxidase-Like 1 Dysregulation Promotes Reactive Astrocytosis in Optic Nerve Head Astrocytes,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Vision and Research in Ophthalmology

Amanda Walborn  
“Markers of endothelial function in sepsis-associated disseminated intravascular coagulation,” American Society of Hematology annual meeting

**Falk Foundation Neuroscience Student Travel Award**

The Falk award is a special recognition of the most meritorious neuroscience graduate student among the Prendergast Travel Award applicants. The recipient may use this award to attend a conference at which they are presenting their work as first author (lead contributor).

Andi Asimes  
“Parental alcohol exposure in binge pattern during puberty impairs offspring development through puberty,” 2017 Society for Neuroscience meeting

**James and Carolyn Beck Equipment Grant**

Lara Dugas and Amy Luke  
-80 C Freezer unit

Bruce Gaynes  
Imaging equipment and software to aid CVD management

Jonathan Kirk  
Fisher Scientific LN cryogenic storage system

**Patrick Scanlon Collaborative Grant**

Holly Mattix-Kramer and Jawed Fareed  
BBC (Blood pressure and inflammation in Blacks) -Calcium and Vitamin D Study

Jeanine Walenga and Wickii Vigneswaran  
Differential Cytokine Activation Patterns and Associated Cellular Activation in Lung Transplantation Primary Graft Dysfunction
James DePauw Pilot Grant

Debra Hoppenstaedt and Vinod Bansal  “Biomarker Profiling to Predict Neurovascular Deficit in ESRD Patients”

Karrie Scrogin and David Rademacher “Does coronary ischemia impair extinction-induced rapid synaptic plasticity in the medial prefrontal cortex of the female rat?”

Ramon Durazo-Arvizu “The relationship between bone health biomarkers (CTX-1, PINP) and cardiovascular disease risk factors.”

Virginie Aubert “The expression and localization of CDP138, a novel protein expressed in the brain and involved in control of bodyweight homeostasis.”

Lara Dugas and Michael Anstadt “Cross-sectional associations between gut microbiota, fecal SCFAs, adipose tissue FFA2/FFA3 receptor expression and adiposity.”

Simon Kaja “Targeting polycystin-2 in experimental glaucoma.”

Erika Piedras-Renteria “Modulation of expression levels of KLHL1 to control neuronal excitability”

Alex Zima “Functional significance of SERCA carbonylation: implication to diabetic cardiomyopathy”

Congratulations to the successful applicants! We wish you much luck and success with your research. Please keep the CVRI informed of future publications, grants, and presentations that result from these awards so that we can track the successes of our grants program. We would appreciate it if you acknowledge the support of the CVRI on any presentations or publications that result from these projects.

Sincerely,

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CVRI Co-Directors