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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY FOUNDATION FOR KIDNEY RESEARCH ANNOUNCES 2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The ASN Foundation for Kidney Research provides more than \$3 million in funding for clinical and basic research for members at all stages of their careers.

Highlights

- The ASN Foundation for Kidney Research announced the 2016 recipients of research grants to advance new understandings of—and treatments for—kidney diseases.
- The Foundation will fund 36 leading researchers working to cure kidney diseases. These include new projects and others continuing from 2015.
- Established in 2012 by the American Society of Nephrology, the Foundation funds research that will help improve the health of the more than 20 million Americans burdened by kidney diseases, the 9th leading cause of death in the United States.

Washington, DC (June 28, 2016) — The ASN Foundation for Kidney Research has announced the 2016 research grant recipients who are working to improve understanding of kidney diseases and develop new and advanced treatment options. Among the research projects being funded are investigations into the genetic basis of congenital kidney malformations, regulation of DNA damage repair, and novel educational methods to train the next generation of kidney health professionals.

Established in 2012, the ASN Foundation for Kidney Research funds the Career Development Grants Program, the Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program, the William and Sandra Bennett Clinical Scholars Program, and the American Society of Nephrology-Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program.

“The Foundation is proud to lead and support the fight against kidney diseases through research, innovative treatments, and therapies,” said Jonathan Himmelfarb, MD, FASN, Chair of the ASN Foundation Board of Directors. “Our support of these talented kidney professionals and their new projects will lead to a better quality of life for people with kidney diseases.”

Career Development Grants Program

The ASN Foundation’s Career Development Grants Program helps young investigators achieve independent research careers.

Carl W. Gottschalk Research Scholar Grant Recipients

Jennifer Charlton, MD
University of Virginia

Detecting Renal Pathology in Mouse Model of Prematurity Using MRI-based Biomarkers

Benjamin Freedman, PhD
University of Washington
Modeling Human Kidney Disease with Pluripotent Stem Cells

Sarah Huen, MD, PhD
Yale University School of Medicine
The Role of Kidney FGF21 in Surviving Sepsis

Kenneth Kwon, PhD
Medical University of South Carolina
Exosome Biogenesis in Renal Tubule Growth and Acute Kidney Injury

Joshua Stern, MD
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Evidence for a Distinct Gut Microbiome in Kidney Stone Patients

Crystal West, PhD
Georgetown University
Proteinase-activated Receptor 2 (PAR2) in the Altered Renal Electrolyte Handling of Pregnancy

John Merrill Grant in Transplantation

Sanjeev Kumar, MD, PhD
Cedars Sinai Medical Center
Role of Sox9 in the Repair of Acutely Injured Mammalian Kidney

NephCure Kidney International-ASN Foundation for Kidney Research Grant

Astrid Weins, MD, PhD
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Regulation of DNA Damage Repair in Podocytes

Norman Siegel Research Scholar Grant

Suttira Intapad, PhD
Tulane University
Role of Sphingosin-1-phosphate on Kidney Function and Blood Pressure of Intrauterine Growth Restricted Mice

Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program

The Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program supports nephrology fellows who will advance the understanding of kidney biology and disease and is supported by educational donations provided by Fresenius Medical Care, ASN, the American Renal Patient Care Foundation, Inc., Amgen, Baxter, and the PKD Foundation.

ASN Foundation for Kidney Research Fellow

Ashish Solanki, PhD
Medical University of South Carolina
A Novel Mutation in CLCN5 Associated with FSGS

Ben J. Lipps Research Fellows

Pui Cheung, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
Inhibition of EGFR Signaling as a Novel Therapy for Nephrogenic Diabetes Insipidus

Evelyne Huynh Cong, PhD
Boston Children's Hospital
WT1 Regulation of the HIPPO Signaling in Podocyte Diseases

Adele Mitrotti, MD
Columbia University
Genetics of Human Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis

Harini Sarathy, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Feasibility and Reliability of Non-Invasive Central Pressure Measurement in Elderly Persons with Hypertension and Chronic Kidney Disease: A Pilot Study

Donald E. Wesson Research Fellow

Hila Milo Rasouly, PhD
Columbia University
Genetic Basis of Congenital Kidney Malformations

Jared J. Grantham Research Fellow

William Hoffman, MD
University of Pittsburgh
BAFF and Immunological Memory in Early Kidney Transplant Rejection

Joseph A. Carlucci Research Fellow

Malgorzata Kasztan, PhD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
The Role of Endothelin in Sickle Nephropathy

Sharon Anderson Research Fellow

Gaia Muallem, MD
University of Pennsylvania
A Role for IL-27 in Limiting Immune Pathology After Crescentic Glomerulonephritis

William and Sandra Bennett Clinical Scholars Grant Program

The William and Sandra Bennett Clinical Scholars Program provides funding to clinician educators to conduct a project to advance all facets of nephrology education and teaching.

Joshua King, MD
University of Virginia
An Interactive Curriculum for Nephrology Fellows in Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology

American Society of Nephrology-Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program

The American Society of Nephrology-Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (ASN-AMFDP) Award aims to increase diversity among future leaders in nephrology by supporting the research and career development of a kidney scholar and future health care leader from a historically disadvantaged background.

Gentzon Hall
Duke University
Novel Gene Discovery in African Americans with Hereditary Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis

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