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Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Announces More Than \$1.1 Million in Funding to Support Mentored Clinical Research Projects

NEW YORK, N.Y., June 7, 2017 – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) today announced the medical students whose clinical research projects will receive more than \$1.1 million in funding through the Clinical Research Mentorship and International Clinical Research Fellowship programs. Both programs provide mentored, hands-on research opportunities with the aim of supporting the professional trajectories of medical students pursuing clinical research careers as physician scientists.

“We are excited to announce the medical students across the country who have won DDCF support to embark on projects with successful and established scientists in the field,” said Betsy Myers, director for medical research at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. “It is always a pleasure to see how these students dive into this critical work. We hope that their experiences expose them to the value of clinical research and encourage them to pursue careers in the field over the long term.”

The **Clinical Research Mentorship** program supports the development of a mentoring relationship between a DDCF-funded clinical scientist and a medical student who is interested in becoming a future clinician investigator. Seven teams of medical students and previously DDCF-funded investigators will receive \$70,400 each for projects which have already met the high standards of peer review. The students will take a year out of medical school to participate in their respective full-time clinical research experiences. See page two for a full list of the seven Clinical Research Mentorship teams and their project titles.

The **International Clinical Research Fellowship** program provides fellowships for U.S.-based medical students to take a year out from school to conduct mentored clinical research in developing countries. The program is administered through six U.S. medical schools with programs in global health research. Each school offers three to five fellowships per year and is responsible for overseeing the selection of fellows and providing the mentored research experience. See page three for a full list of the participating medical schools and this year’s 23 International Clinical Research Fellows.

About the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is to improve the quality of people’s lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and child well-being, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke’s properties. The foundation’s Medical Research Program supports clinical research that advances the translation of biomedical discoveries into new preventions, diagnoses and treatments for human diseases. To learn more about the program, visit www.ddcf.org.

2018 CLINICAL RESEARCH MENTORSHIP AWARDEES

Mentee: **Angel M. Charles**, Weill Cornell Medicine

Mentor: **David A. Scheinberg, M.D., Ph.D.**, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, *1999 Distinguished Clinical Scientist Awardee*

Project: *Identifying Cross-Reactive Binding Targets for a Therapeutic TCRm for HPV Induced Cancers*

Mentee: **Sara Choi**, Stanford School of Medicine

Mentor: **Jaehyuk Choi, M.D., Ph.D.**, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, *2016 Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Awardee*

Project: *Identifying NF- κ B Targets in Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma*

Mentee: **Amanda R. Lucier**, Duke University School of Medicine

Mentor: **Sallie R. Permar, M.D., Ph.D.**, Duke University, *2010 Clinical Scientist Development Awardee*

Project: *Development of broadly neutralizing antibodies in HIV-infected children*

Mentee: **Janna C. Minehart**, New York University School of Medicine

Mentor: **Michel Sadelain, M.D. Ph.D.**, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, *2011 Innovations in Clinical Research Awardee*

Project: *Optimizing CAR T cell design to address antigen heterogeneity*

Mentee: **Elizabeth O. Shay**, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University

Mentor: **Charis Eng, M.D., Ph.D.**, Cleveland Clinic, *2002 Distinguished Clinical Scientist Awardee*

Project: *Oral Microbiomic and Mycobiomic Profiles and their Interactions in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma (HNSCC)*

Mentee: **Jodi-Anne T. Stewart**, Meharry Medical College

Mentor: **Michael R. DeBaun, M.D., M.P.H.**, Vanderbilt University, *1999 Clinical Scientist Development Awardee*

Project: *Low baseline BMI is associated with a Longitudinal decline in FEV1% predicted in patients with Sickle Cell Anemia*

Mentee: **Alison Treichel**, Jacobs School of Medicine at University at Buffalo

Mentor: **Thomas N. Darling, M.D., Ph.D.**, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, *2001 Clinical Scientist Development Awardee*

Project: *Genetic and Cutaneous Indicators of Disease Severity in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex*

2018 INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWS

(Listed by ICRF medical institution)

Duke University School of Medicine and Duke Global Health Institute

- **Helen Li**
School of matriculation: Indiana University School of Medicine
- **Sruti Pisharody**
School of matriculation: Duke University School of Medicine
- **Aarti M. Thakkar**
School of matriculation: Duke University School of Medicine

Harvard Medical School

- **Sonya Davey**
School of matriculation: Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
- **Michael P Dykstra**
School of matriculation: Harvard Medical School
- **Kara L. Faktor**
School of matriculation: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
- **Samantha Truong**
School of matriculation: Harvard Medical School

University of California San Francisco School of Medicine

- **Syed H. Ali**
School of matriculation: University of Massachusetts Medical School
- **Louise Lu**
School of matriculation: Yale University
- **Annie McDonough**
School of matriculation: University of California, San Francisco
- **Andrew Tam**
School of matriculation: University of California, San Francisco

University of Minnesota Medical School

- **Priyanka Anand**
School of Matriculation: Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
- **Nicholas R. DesLauriers**
School of matriculation: University of Minnesota
- **Neelesh Dewan**
School of matriculation: University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- **Lauren Lenzion**
School of matriculation: Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
- **Scott R. Shuldiner**
School of matriculation: Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

- **Anisa Y. Mughal**
School of matriculation: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- **Simone A. Sasse**
School of matriculation: Harvard Medical School
- **Nancy S. Yang**
School of matriculation: University of Minnesota
- **Tiange (Philip) Zhang**
School of matriculation: Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

Yale University School of Medicine

- **Mariah Owusu-Agyei**
School of matriculation: Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
- **Koeun Choi**
School of matriculation: Stony Brook School of Medicine
- **Heather Farthing**
School of matriculation: University of Miami Miller School of Medicine