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Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Announces Recipients of New Clinical Research Mentorship Grants

NEW YORK, July 1, 2013 – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation announced today the recipients of grants through the new Clinical Research Mentorship program. This competitive grant program supports the development of a mentoring relationship between a clinical scientist previously funded through the foundation and a medical student with an interest in becoming a future clinician investigator. Ten teams of DDCF-funded investigators and medical students will receive \$64,800 each for one-year projects. See page 3 for a full list of grantees.

“We believe that establishing a relationship between an experienced scientist and a scientist-in-the-making is an important step in developing the next generation of clinical researchers,” said Betsy Myers, Director of the Medical Research Program.

In late 2012, recipients of the foundation’s Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award, Clinical Scientist Development Award and Innovations in Clinical Research Award were invited to team up with promising medical students and to submit a proposal together. Each student will take a year out from medical school to participate in a full-time clinical research experience.

A panel of established physician-scientists from a wide range of disease areas reviewed proposals and recommended ten mentor/student teams for funding in 2013. The foundation plans to award up to 10 grants each per year in 2014 and 2015 as part of this program.

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 the prevention of child abuse and neglect, 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 treatments, preventions and cures for human diseases. To learn more about the program, visit www.ddcf.org.

2013 Clinical Research Mentorship Awardees

Keith A. Choate, M.D., Ph.D., *Clinical Scientist Development Award (2011)*

Yale University

Mentee: Jonathan Levinsohn, Yale School of Medicine

Project: Genetics and Pathobiology of Mosaic Skin Disorders

Benjamin H. Chi, M.D., *Clinical Scientist Development Award (2007)*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Mentee: Bryan Carter, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Project: Validation of a Community Survey Methodology for Measuring PMTCT Impact

Pradipta Ghosh, M.D., M.B.B.S., *Clinical Scientist Development Award (2010)*

University of California, San Diego

Mentee: Gary Ma, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

Project: Molecular Rheostats in Type II Diabetes - Novel Therapeutic Targets for Insulin Resistance

Olufunmilayo I. Olopade, M.D., *Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award (2000)*

University of Chicago

Mentee: Liese Pruitt, Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago

Project: Understanding Social and System Delays That Lead to Late Diagnosis of Breast Cancer in Southwestern Nigeria

Sallie R. Permar, M.D., Ph.D., *Clinical Scientist Development Award (2010)*

Duke University

Mentee: Robin Mansour, Duke University School of Medicine

Project: Mapping the Antiviral Activity of a Novel HIV-Inhibitor Isolated from Breast Milk

Daniel J. Rader, M.D., *Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award (2004)*

University of Pennsylvania

Mentee: Daniel Larach, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Project: Deep Phenotyping of Patients with Novel Genetic Variants Associated With Unusual Lipid Levels

Philip J. Rosenthal, M.D., *Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award (2004)*

University of California, San Francisco

Mentee: Jennifer Hsu, Mayo Medical School

Project: Etiology of Non-Malarial Febrile Illnesses in Ugandan Children

David A. Scheinberg, M.D., Ph.D., *Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award (1999)*

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Mentee: James Han, Weill Medical College of Cornell University

Project: Regulation of WT1 Peptide/ MHC Epitopes on Cancer Cells

Dorry L. Segev, M.D., Ph.D., *Clinical Scientist Development Award (2008)*

Johns Hopkins University

Mentee: Natasha Gupta, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Project: Geriatric-Specific Risk Assessment in Older Adults Undergoing Kidney Transplantation

Xu Yu, M.D., M.Sc., *Clinical Scientist Development Award (2006)*

Massachusetts General Hospital

Mentee: Patrick Burke, Tufts University School of Medicine

Project: Analysis of the Genetic Interplay between LILR/HLA Class I on Dendritic Cell Function