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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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