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Medical Research Program

Junior Clinical Researchers Selected to Receive 23 Development Awards Totaling \$9.3 Million

Foundation Doubles Number of Awards in 2006 to Respond to Needs in the Field

New York, NY – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation today announced that 23 junior physician-scientists have been selected to receive Clinical Scientist Development Awards of \$135,000 per year for 3 years. (See pages 2-3 for a list of awardees.)

The 2006 competition attracted an unprecedented 178 pre-proposals from physician-scientists at academic medical centers and independent research institutions nationwide. (The foundation received 77 pre-proposals in its previous competition.)

“We are thrilled to see this surge of interest among young doctors in embarking on a clinical research career path,” said Joan E. Spero, president of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. “The foundation doubled the number of awards it was planning to offer this year, recognizing that the current budgetary constraints will make NIH grants increasingly competitive. Without funding to start their labs, these talented young physician-scientists could easily redirect their careers away from research, which would be a great loss to the field.”

The goal of the Clinical Scientist Development Award is to help promising junior physician-scientists make the essential yet often difficult transition to independent research careers. The award provides start-up funding for establishing their own labs and teams and enables them to protect 75% of their time for clinical research.

For the 2006 competition, a panel of experts invited 80 of the 178 applicants to submit full proposals and then recommended the strongest candidates for funding. Including the new grants, the foundation has awarded 105 Clinical Scientist Development Awards since 1998 totaling approximately \$47 million.

The next Clinical Scientist Development Award competition will be held in 2007 and will be open to clinical researchers working in any disease area. The foundation expects to award up to 14 grants in the 2007 competition.

Since 1998, the foundation’s Medical Research Program has committed approximately \$150 million to strengthen and support clinical research, which advances the translation of basic biomedical discoveries into new treatments, preventions and cures for human diseases. To learn more about the Medical Research Program or to receive competition announcements, visit www.ddcf.org/mrp.

**Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award
Recipients in 2006**

(listed alphabetically by last name)

Ferhaan Ahmad, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Pittsburgh

“Identification of the Genetic Determinants of ARVD”

Alessandro Cataliotti, M.D., Ph.D.

Mayo Clinic

“Clinical Proteomics and Protein Therapeutics in Human Hypertension”

Michael K. Cooper, M.D.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

“Monitoring and Manipulating Hh Signaling in Gliomas”

Grant Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D.

University of California, San Francisco

“Interactions between HIV and Malaria in African Children”

Gianpietro Dotti, M.D.

Baylor College of Medicine

“Chimeric T Cells for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia”

Matthew L. Freedman, M.D.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Genetic Determinants of Prostate Cancer Aggressiveness”

Mardi Gomberg-Maitland, M.D., M.Sc.

University of Chicago

“Novel Therapeutics in Pulmonary Hypertension”

Rosandra Kaplan, M.D.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

“VEGFR1 as a Novel Predictor of Metastasis”

Ross L. Levine, M.D.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“JAK-STAT Signaling in Myeloproliferative Disorders”

Rita Nanda, M.D.

University of Chicago

“The Role of BRCA1 Methylation in Basal-like Breast Cancer”

Sanjiv M. Narayan, M.D., M.B.

University of California, San Diego

“Regional Reentry in Atrial Fibrillation”

Christopher Newton-Cheh, M.D., M.P.H.
Massachusetts General Hospital
“Genetic Determinants of QT Interval, Sudden Death”

Anju Nohria, M.D.
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
“Role of Rho/Rho Kinase in Human Atherosclerosis”

W. Kimryn Rathmell, M.D., Ph.D.
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
“Renal Cell Carcinoma: Biologic Indicators of Response to Targeted Therapy”

Harmony R. Reynolds, M.D.
New York University School of Medicine
“Study of Women with ACS and Non-Obstructive CAD (SWAN)”

Kimberly A. Risma, M.D., Ph.D.
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
“Mechanisms of Altered Lymphocyte Cytotoxicity”

Michael B. Rothberg, M.D., M.P.H.
Tufts University Medical Center
“VTE Prophylaxis in Medical Patients”

Manish Sagar, M.D.
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
“Selection of HIV-1 Variants during Transmission”

Catherine S. Todd, M.D., M.P.H.
University of California, San Diego
“An Integrated Program of Needle Exchange and VCT in Kabul”

Thomas D. Wang, M.D., Ph.D.
Stanford University
“Peptide Imaging of Esophageal Dysplasia”

Jonathan Weinsaft, M.D., M.A.
Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University
“DE-MRI Tissue Specific Detection of Post MI Thrombi”

Mitchell David Wong, M.D., Ph.D.
University of California Los Angeles
“Coronary Disease: Race, Prevention and Treatment”

Xu Yu, M.D., M.Sc.
Massachusetts General Hospital
“Tissue-Specific Protective Immunity Against HIV-1”