On behalf of the UCSD/UCLA Diabetes Research Center Pilot and Feasibility Grant Committee, the UCSD/UCLA DRC Center is delighted to announce that we have awarded 6 outstanding projects for seed funding in 2020 out of 26 superb applications. The number and quality of the applications is clear evidence for the remarkable scientific environment that exists in our universities for supporting diabetes research especially among promising young scientists. The UCSD/UCLA DRC funds four grantees per year at approximately $40,000-$50,000.

**THE UCSD/UCLA DERC is Proud to Announce the 2019 P&F AWARDEES:**

**2020 Junior Faculty Developmental Award winner:**

**Wei Ying, PhD**, UCSD, for the proposal "The role of microbiome-derived extracellular vesicles in shaping islet inflammation in obesity."

**P&F awardees:**

- **Kathrin S. Michelsen, PhD**, CEDARS-SINAI, for the proposal "The role of BATF3-dependent dendritic cells in the development of metabolic syndrome."
- **Ajit S. Divakaruni, PhD**, UCLA, for the proposal "Determining how pro-inflammatory cytokines harmfully reprogram pancreatic β-cell mitochondria."
- **Schafer Boeder, PhD**, UCSD, for the proposal “Effect of Glucagon Receptor Antagonism on Ketogenesis in SGLT-2i Treated Subjects with T1D.”
- **Michael J. Wilkinson, MD**, UCSD, for the proposal "Effect of time-restricted eating on catecholamine-sensitivity of adipose tissue in obese adults."
- **Jeremy Pettus MD**, UCSD for the proposal "The Metabolic Effects of Disrupted Glucagon Signaling in Type 1 Diabetes."

Please join us in congratulating these promising young investigators!

See a full history of our P&F awardees at: [http://drc.ucsd.edu/pf/award-history.shtml](http://drc.ucsd.edu/pf/award-history.shtml)

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**Final report and presentation at the annual retreat**

A report on each pilot and feasibility study conducted will be provided at the end of the study period and an update will be provided yearly for four years after the completion of the award. These brief reports will contain professional career status at the time of the award and at the time of the report; an overview of the project including its significance and salient results; a list of resulting publications; and peer-reviewed subsequent funding in the same or related areas. Funded P&F investigators will attend the annual DRC retreat as well as a meeting of Regional P&F awardees, and present the results of their work in the year immediately following their award. Travel to these meetings will be charged to the individual P&F awards.

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