Dear reader,

Welcome to our monthly Research Council Newsletter. We have exciting opportunities and announcements below. If you have anything to contribute to the next newsletter, or have any questions, comments, and/or feedback, please send them to Drs. Abraham Palmer (aapalmer@ucsd.edu), Murray Stein (mstein@ucsd.edu) and Ms. Lindsay Gomez (l2gomez@ucsd.edu). Information about the Research Council can be found here https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/psychiatry/research/Pages/default.aspx.

**RECENT RECOGNITIONS**

- Congratulations to Dr. **Kelsey Thomas** for receiving the Chancellor’s Outstanding Postdoctoral Scholar Award.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Dilip Jeste** for receiving the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Scholar Mentoring.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Leslie Morland** for being awarded the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Distinguished Mentor Award for 2019!

**SEMINARS & GRAND ROUNDS**

- **“Lost in Translation”: A New Approach to Identify Subtle Cultural Factors in C-L Psychiatry – A Global & Cultural SIG Sponsored Symposium**
  Thursday, November 14th from 10:30am-12:00pm
  A team of UCSD providers will be discussing a novel approach in cultural psychiatry at the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry ACLP 2019 conference.
  Lama Muhammad, MD, Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD, Allison Ellsworth, MD, Leopoldine Matalieu, MD, and Kristin Beizai, MD

- **Department of Psychiatry Markou Seminar**
  **Monday, November 18th from 4-5pm** in the Biomedical Science Building, room 2071
  Naveen Nagarajan, PhD
  Postdoc fellow, Eccles Institute of Human Genetics, University of Utah
  *Title: Corticostriatal Circuit Defects in Hoxb8 Mouse Model of Repetitive Behaviors*

- **Autism Research and Practice Seminar**
  **Friday, November 22nd, 8-9am** in 3665 Kearny Villa Road, SD, CA 92123 (1st Floor, Suite 160B)
  Brian Fritz, M.Ed., BCBA, Abbey Hye, M.A., BCBA, and Dayna Stout (RCHSD)
  UC San Diego
  *Social skills groups program at the Autism Discovery Institute*
  **We are now offering offsite access through the following Zoom Link:** https://rchsd.zoom.us/j/479921290
  **For Zoom attendees:**
  1) Please mute your screen during the presentation unless you would like to ask a question.
  2) To receive CME credit, please email Dayna Stout (dstout@rchsd.org) to confirm your remote attendance and to send a completed presenter evaluation.

- **Department of Psychiatry Markou Seminar**
  **Monday, December 2nd from 4-5pm** in the Biomedical Science Building, room 2071
  Lewei (Allison) Lin, MD, MSc
  Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan Medical School
  *Title: Improving treatment access and quality of care for patients with opioid use disorder*

- **AAAP 30th Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium**
  **December 5-8, 2019**
  San Diego, CA
  To register and for more information, visit event.com/events/aaap-30th.

- **Human Medical and Population Genetics Seminar Series**
  **Biweekly on Mondays from 12:30-1:30pm** in Leichtag Room 107 (with a few exceptions noted on the schedule), complete schedule can be found here: https://gymreklab.github.io/teaching/medpopgen_seminar.html. We plan to have pizza or something similar for lunch served for all talks.

- **Neurosciences Graduate Program 2019-2020 Seminar Series**
  The Graduate Program’s weekly seminar series meets during the academic year on Tuesdays at 4pm in the Center for Neural Circuits and Behavior (CNCB) Marilyn Farquhar Seminar Room and features invited speakers from around the country. For more
NEWLY FUNDED GRANTS

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PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE


“Opinion| Phage therapy could arm the world against superbugs”
October 28, 2019
Livemint
Features Steffanie Strathdee, PhD, and Tom Patterson, PhD

“The Physician and the Scientist”
Fall 2019
Triton Magazine
Features Ramanathan Dhakshin, MD, PhD, and Jyoti Mishra, PhD

“Sanford Burnham Prebys Gets $3.58 Million To Advance Treatment For Opioid Misuse”
October 23, 2019
Scienmag
Features Carla Marienfeld, MD

“Biogen seeks FDA approval for new investigational Alzheimer’s drug”
October 23, 2019
KUSI
Features Daniel Sewell, MD

“Yes, wisdom (and happiness) really does come with age”
October 20, 2019
RNZ: Sunday Morning
Features Dilip Jeste, MD

“UC San Diego’s Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research Awards Grants for Five Novel Studies”
October 10, 2019
UCSD Newsroom
Features Igor Grant, MD, Kristin Cadenhead, MD, Mariana Chernel, PhD, Giordano de Guglielmo, PhD, and Emily Gray, MD

“Large Study Reveals PTSD Has Strong Genetic Component Like Other Psychiatric Disorders”
October 08, 2019
UCSD Newsroom
Features Caroline Nievergelt, PhD

"UCSD to Open School of Public Health"  
September 29, 2019
San Diego Business Journal
Features Douglas Ziedonis, MD
Calling all emerging HIV investigators at UC San Diego, VA San Diego Healthcare / Veterans’ Medical Research Foundation, Scripps Research, La Jolla Institute for Immunology, and the SBP Discovery Institute!

Each year the San Diego Center for AIDS Research (SD CFAR) recognizes an outstanding early stage (emerging) investigator based on abstract submissions. In 2018, all abstracts accepted for our Annual Research Day submitted by emerging investigators were entered into the competition and a winner selected. This year . . .

All emerging HIV investigators at SD CFAR institutions are invited to submit their best abstract written in 2019!

We are happy to consider brand new abstracts for upcoming conferences or papers, or existing abstracts written for grant proposals, papers, conferences, or other purposes. An emerging HIV investigator at one of the SD CFAR institutes must be named as first or senior author. One submission per investigator, previous award recipients not eligible.

Abstracts are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15, by email to cfar@ucsd.edu. See webpage for details and submission form.

The winner will be announced at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 9, at a meeting of the SD CFAR Core Directors.

The prize: Bragging rights on your CV and a $200 gift certificate to the UC San Diego Bookstore!

Questions? See the Rising Star webpage or email cfar@ucsd.edu.

ACTRI Pilot Projects
The call for applications for 2020 funding is now open. UC San Diego Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) supports Pilot Projects that help fulfill the ACTRI mission of developing clinical and translational research. Pilot Project Grants are one-year competitive awards (up to $30,000) to provide funding for early stage projects. Pilot projects are available to all members; funding priority is given to junior faculty members.

Available Funding Categories:

· Clinical and Translational Research (up to $30,000)
· Life Course Research (up to $30,000)

Application Deadline, Notices of Awards, and Funding Cycle

· **First Stage Application Deadline:** September 19, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m. PT
· **Second Stage, by invitation only:** Notification of Invitation anticipated early-to-mid October 2019
Second Stage Application Deadline: December 5, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m. PT
Notice of Awards: Mid-January 2020
Funding Cycle: April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021

The application is available online. You must register as an applicant. Do this at least a week prior to the submission deadline. You will be sent an email notifying you of your username and password after you register. Please email Murray Stein MD, MPH or call (858) 534-6451; or Kathleen Kennedy or call (858) 822-0268 with any questions about this RFA or the application process.

Applications to Fund Research Projects and Travel to Scholarly Meetings
Each year the Academic Senate solicits applications for research and travel funding from Senate members and eligible non-Senate research faculty.

For information about travel to scholarly meetings, go here http://senate.ucsd.edu/grants-awards/grant-funding/health-sciences-travel/.
Applications may be submitted anytime but must be received prior to the conference date.

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**OTHER NEWS**

**The UCSD T32 Fellowship in Biological Psychiatry & Neuroscience**

The T32 fellowship is accepting new applications. Please see attached for details.

**Important dates:**
- **Application deadline:** Monday, November 11, 2019
- **Decision:** Monday, December 2, 2019
- **Accept By:** Monday, December 9, 2019
- **Program start date:** January 1, 2020

For more information, contact Program Coordinator, Tanya Shekhtman: tshekhtman@ucsd.edu

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The **Research Proposal Development Service (RPDS)** in the Office of Research Affairs is pleased to send you the October 2019 issue of *Research Development & Grant Writing News*.

This newsletter contains material that may be of interest to UCSD faculty, researchers, staff, postdoctoral scholars, and graduate students.

Articles in this issue include:
Fiscal Year 2021 Administration Research and Development Budget Priorities

For FY2021, the five R&D budgetary priorities in this memorandum ensure that America remains at the forefront of scientific progress, national and economic security, and personal well-being, while continuing to serve as the standard-bearer for today’s emerging technologies and Industries of the Future. This memorandum also describes five high-priority crosscutting actions that span all five R&D budgetary priorities and require departments and agencies to coordinate, collaborate, and partner with one another and with the other sectors of the S&T enterprise to maximize success. For more information, please see attachment.

Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) 2020 Call for Applications
The Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) of California administers the portion of state retail taxes on tobacco products that are designated for research within California. This unique source of funding supports investigators at eligible California institutions whose research contributes directly to the elimination of smoking and the use of tobacco products and mitigates the human and economic costs of tobacco product use in California. Under the 2019 call for applications, TRDRP awarded over $57 million dollars to 28 institutions across California.

Changes and Key Requirements for the 2020 Call

- TRDRP will only have one grant cycle for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. See Key Dates for important deadlines.
- All applications received for the 2020 Call must clearly address tobacco or tobacco-related disease. A focus on the biological effects of nicotine and flavorants is particularly encouraged.
- Applicants are required to determine whether the sex of an animal model or human subject should be considered as a biological variable when designing their experiments.
- Applications for the “Research Award” award type must focus on tobacco-related health disparities or research on new and emerging tobacco products.
- Two new award types have been added: Rapid Response Research to Accelerate Policy, and Community-Partnered Participatory Research Award. Applicant teams are required to review and respond to a separate RFA for these grant types that will be available in late October 2019.
- Submission of a letter of intent (LOI) is required, including for resubmitted applications, except for the Rapid Response Research to Accelerate Policy Award and the Community-Partnered Participatory Research Award.
- Review the full Call for Applications here and go to http://www.trdrp.org for LOI/Application instructions and information on how to access the application submission system.

We encourage applicants to contact TRDRP program officers with questions regarding eligibility requirements before submitting an LOI or application.

Notice of NIMH’s Considerations Regarding the Use of Animal Neurobehavioral Approaches in Basic and Pre-clinical Studies

The purpose of this Notice is to outline NIMH guidelines and priorities for potential applicants considering animal neurobehavioral approaches in research relevant to mental illnesses. Basic and pre-clinical research in animals is critical for understanding fundamental neurobiological mechanisms that drive complex behaviors and to facilitate NIMH efforts to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses. For more information, visit https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-19-053.html.

NIH Notice of Intent to Publish an FOA, Alcohol and Alzheimer’s Disease and Its Related Dementias
NIAAA in partnership with the National Institute on Aging (NIA) intends to promote a new initiative to solicit applications to investigate neurobiological mechanisms underlying the influence of alcohol on the onset and progression of Alzheimer’s disease and its related dementias. The NOTICE of Intent to Publish an FOA on this topic has just been published [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AA-19-026.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AA-19-026.html). It encourages investigators with expertise and insights on this topic to begin to consider applying for this new RFA.

If you have any questions, please contact either Changhui Cui (changhai.cui@nih.gov) and/or Dr. Bradley Wise (wiseb@nia.nih.gov) who is the NIA contact for the FOA.