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 **Lindsay Olson, student in the SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology**, on being awarded an Autism Speaks Predoctoral fellowship, “Neural correlates of socioeconomic status, language ability, and autism symptoms in early childhood.”

- Congratulations to **Jiwandeep Kohli, student in the SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology**, on being awarded an Autism Speaks Predoctoral fellowship, “Age-related changes in myeloarchitectonics across adulthood in Autism Spectrum Disorder.”

- The Department of Psychiatry hosted a group of 10 practitioners and university faculty from Ukraine who are in training to become national trainers in addiction medicine in their country. The study visit is one of the activities of the SAMHSA/PEPFAR funded International Addiction Technology Transfer Center – Ukraine that is directed by **Drs. Igor Koutsenok** and **David Grelotti**. While in the US, the participants will get the exposure to a variety of addiction treatment services in multiple settings – community, prisons, drug courts, LGBT, veterans, child and adolescents. The ultimate goal is to develop a core group of capable educators and trainers in Ukraine who will start shifting the addiction training and workforce development toward humane and evidence-based practices.
Congratulations to **David Moore, PhD**, Professor, for being featured as the September 2019 Department of Psychiatry Teacher Spotlight.

**Conferences and Symposia**

- **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 information, visit [https://medschool.ucsd.edu/education/neurograd/about/Pages/seminar-series.aspx](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/education/neurograd/about/Pages/seminar-series.aspx).

- **2nd Annual Symposium – Cannabis and Health**
  **Friday, October 18th from 8am-5pm** in the Atkinson Hall
  Raphael Mechoulam, PhD (Hebrew University) and Geoffrey Guy, MD (GW Pharmaceuticals)
  While the event is free to attend, registration is required since space is limited.
  To register for more information, visit [CMCRsymposium.ucsd.edu](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/education/neurograd/about/Pages/seminar-series.aspx). For questions contact the [CMCRsymposium@ucsd.edu](mailto:CMCRsymposium@ucsd.edu).

- **Psychiatry Department Grand Rounds**
  **Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:00-9:30am** in the Center for Neural Circuits and Behavior (large auditorium)
  **Sonya Norman, PhD**
  Professor, Department of Psychiatry
  UC San Diego
  *Understanding and Treating Co-Occurring PTSD and Substance Use Disorder*
  To view the live webcast, please go [here](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/education/neurograd/about/Pages/seminar-series.aspx).
  For additional information, please contact l2gomez@ucsd.edu.

- **Psychiatry Department Special Seminar**
  **Friday, October 25th, 12-1pm** in the Biomedical Research Facility, room 2A03
  **Renato Polimanti, PhD**
  Yale University, School of Medicine
  *Gene Discovery, Pleiotropy, and Casual Inference in Psychiatry Genetics*
  For additional information, please contact l2gomez@ucsd.edu.

- **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](https://event.com/events/aaap-30th).
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**Publications of Note**

https://www.biologicalpsychiatryjournal.com/article/S0006-3223(19)31289-2/fulltext


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**IN THE MEDIA**

“To snake and back”
September 20, 2019
*San Diego Union-Tribune*
Features **Tom Patterson, PhD**, and Steffanie Strathdee, PhD

“Mouth on fires? Here’s how cannabis can help”
September 17, 2019
*London Free Press*
Features **Igor Grant, MD**

“How the eyes might be windows to the risk of Alzheimer’s disease”
September 11, 2019
*ScienceDaily*
Features **William Kremen, PhD**, and **Carol Franz, PhD**

“San Diego schools look to take mystery and misinformation out of medical marijuana”
September 10, 2019
*10News*
Features **Igor Grant, MD**

“Genetics of Non-Heterosexual Behavior”
August 30, 2019
*KUSI news*
Features **Abraham Palmer PhD**
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 for 2020 Pilot Project Grants
The Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation Center of Research Excellence (LRF MOMI CORE) awards pilot funding (MOMI Seeds) to enable innovative research projects that generate promising new data and help facilitate the acquisition of extramural funding in support of human milk and lactation research.

LRF MOMI CORE is pleased to announce the availability of MOMI Seeds Funds for 2020. Three to five awards for approximately $50,000 each will be given. Applications will be accepted until October 15, 2019, and funds will become available starting January 1, 2020. UC San Diego faculty members who are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators may apply.

Applications need to fall under one of the following research priority areas:
1. Effects of breastfeeding or intake of human milk components on gut health
2. Applying analytical technologies for human milk research
3. Research related to social, educational, and knowledge management aspects of human milk and lactation
4. “Milk Moonshot”

Applications will be evaluated by a scientific review committee based on scientific merit as well as:

1. Relevance to annual research priority area
2. Innovation
3. Feasibility
4. Research approach: study design, analytical and statistical methods
5. Novelty of research collaborations (new collaborations across research disciplines are encouraged)
6. Potential for future extramural funding

New for 2020 cycle: Select applicants will be given the opportunity to present their proposed project as part of a MOMI Incubator to pitch their ideas, help create synergies with other applicants or past awardees, and identify potential other funding opportunities. Applicants can opt-in to share their project ideas with our local partners and centers as well as academic, foundation, and corporate partners here and around the world.

For more information about the application, review process, and contract details, please visit https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/coe/momicore/momi-seeds/Pages/default.aspx.

**Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award, established in 1964, honors an individual or organization of exceptional meritorious service to the field of psychiatry.

- Criteria/eligibility: APA Distinguished Fellows, Fellows, General Members, nonmembers, and organizations
- Nomination requirements: 150-word statement of nominee’s contributions to psychiatry and nominee’s CV

Sub**mission deadline is October 31st** and award notification is early December. Submission information and staff contact: Chiharu Tobita, ctobita@psych.org, (202) 609-7228

**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.
Johnson, Robert Wood Foundation Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health

Wellcome Trust Innovator Awards

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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

The **Research Proposal Development Service (RPDS)** in the Office of Research Affairs is pleased to send you the September 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:
- Humanities Funding: A Travel Guide with a Stop at the National Humanities Center
- Selected URLs for Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts (HSSA) Funding
- What is Your Great Idea and Why is it Important?
- Applying for the DARPA Young Faculty Award
- Gain an Advantage in Funding Success by Reviewing Project Abstracts
- FFAR Annual Report Offers Key Insights into Competing for Agricultural Research
- Communications on Interdisciplinary Team Grants (reprinted from the December 2016 issue)

+ plus these regular newsletter features:
- Research Grant Writing Web Resources
- Educational Grant Writing Web Resources
- Agency Research News
- Agency Reports, Workshops & Research Roadmaps
- New Funding Opportunities
Previous issues of the monthly newsletter can be downloaded from a UCSD-only link on this page: [http://researchdevelopment.ucsd.edu](http://researchdevelopment.ucsd.edu).

The attached newsletter mentions the *New Faculty Guide to Competing for Research Funding* and the *Large Team Grant eBook*. Both items can be downloaded from the UCSD-only links at [http://researchdevelopment.ucsd.edu](http://researchdevelopment.ucsd.edu).

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Those not yet subscribed to the *UCSD Funding List*, through which RPDS sends out selected research funding opportunity announcements, including those for limited-submission programs, are invited to subscribe online: [https://lists.ucsd.edu/mailman/listinfo/funding-announcements](https://lists.ucsd.edu/mailman/listinfo/funding-announcements)

We welcome your feedback at researchdevelopment@ucsd.edu.

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**Animal Care Program (ACP) Per Diem Rate Changes – 2019**

Effective July 1, 2019 all animal research proposal submissions must use the new per diem schedule. Currently funded projects will also be charged in accordance with the new rate structure effective July 1, 2019. Rate adjustments will be re-evaluated annually, with new rates effective on July 1 each subsequent year. Annual rate increases of a minimum of 3% should be taken into account for grant-planning purposes and budgeted accordingly.

This new rate schedule can be found here: [https://animalcare.ucsd.edu/pages/billing-finance/business-rates-per-diem.html](https://animalcare.ucsd.edu/pages/billing-finance/business-rates-per-diem.html)

Per Diem Rates planning page for projection details: [https://animalcare.ucsd.edu/pages/billing-finance/business-per-diem-rate-planning.html](https://animalcare.ucsd.edu/pages/billing-finance/business-per-diem-rate-planning.html)

**Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship in NeuroAIDS (IRFN)**

We would like to make you aware of a funding opportunity for postdoctoral scientists interested in neuroHIV research:

The NIMH-funded *Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship in NeuroAIDS (IRFN)* is a two-year postgraduate education program housed within UCSD’s HIV Neurobehavioral Research Program, now starting its 13th year. The program provides a heightened understanding of the state of the science in central nervous system mechanisms and consequences of HIV infection, with the goal of fostering the career development of emerging scientists in neuroHIV research.

Trainees from multiple disciplines are offered a series of didactic experiences and are paired with mentors who are leaders in the field.
The IRFN contributes $22,500 annually for two years toward the Fellow's salary and benefits to support participation in the program. We also offer modest funds for travel to a scientific meeting or other research/education related expenses.

The application period is now open for a Fall 2019 start. We plan to support up to 5 Fellows from clinical or basic science backgrounds. Applications will be accepted until slots are filled.

If you have fellows, residents, or psychology interns who may be interested in getting research experience in neuroAIDS, please pass along this exciting opportunity. To apply, candidates should send a cover letter stating their interests along with their CV to mcherner@ucsd.edu or cachim@ucsd.edu. They can also contact us to discuss their interest ahead of the application.

The Do's & Don'ts of Hyperlinks in Grant Applications