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. Carla Marienfeld for being selected to participate in U.S. Surgeon General VADM Jerome M. Adams round table discussion on maternal substance misuse. The UC San Diego Department of Psychiatry continues to play an important role in contributing to conversations and initiatives at the national level through events like these.

- Congratulations to Dr. Murray Stein for his invitation to serve as a section member for the Risk Identification Section on the Research Strategies Line of Effort. Their task is to "improve our ability to identify individual veterans and groups of veterans at greater risk of suicide". This section is part of a Cabinet-level Task Force to unify the various arms of the U.S. Government in strengthening Veteran suicide prevention.
UCSD Stein Institute Grand Rounds  
Wednesday, September 11th, 12-1pm  
Stein Clinical Research Building, Room 148  
Steven W. Cole, PhD  
Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, UCSD  
Aging and the social regulation of gene expression

Psychiatry Department Grand Rounds  
Tuesday, September 24th, 8:00-9:30am  
in the Center for Neural Circuits and Behavior (large auditorium)  
Michael Taffe, PhD  
Professor, UCSD Department of Psychiatry  
Addressing the Opioid Crisis with Cannabis and Vaccines  
To view the live webcast, please go here.  
For additional information, please contact Lindsay Gomez at l2gomez@ucsd.edu

UCSD Eating Disorders Center - Introduction to DBT for Eating Disorders  
Wednesday & Thursday, September 25-26 from 8am-4:30pm  
Leslie Karwoski Anderson, PhD; Anne Cusack, PsyD; & Julie Melekian, MA  
Pacific Room  
4510 Executive Drive, Ste 220, San Diego, CA 92121  
Space is limited and RSVPs are required.

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. For questions contact the CMCRsymposium@ucsd.edu.
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**Nguyen, Jacques**  
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K99/R00  
09/01/2019-08/31/2024  
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**PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE**


**Pritchard, R., Chen, H., Romoli, B., Spitzer, N. C., & Dulcis, D.** Photoperiod-induced neurotransmitter plasticity declines with aging: An epigenetic regulation?  
*Journal of Comparative Neurology.* 2019 July 25;  


**IN THE MEDIA**

“A Warning for Smoking Parents”
September 01, 2019
*Biological Psychiatry*
Features *Davide Dulcis, PhD* and *Ben Romoli, postdoc fellow*

“Suicides among nurses are on the rise. Here’s why one of America’s fastest-growing jobs is facing a major crisis”
August 20, 2019
*Business Insider*
Features *Judy Davidson, DNP, RN*

“8 good things that happen when you get older”
August 16, 2019
*Mother Nature Network*
Features *Dilip Jeste, MD*

“UC San Diego Named 7th Among U.S. Public Universities”
August 05, 2019
*UCSD Newsroom*
Features *Murray Stein, MD, MPH*
**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.

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**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

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

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**Adolf Meyer Award**

The Adolf Meyer Award, established in 1947, honors an individual for lifetime achievement in psychiatric research. The accompanying Adolf Meyer Award Lecture serves to advance
psychiatric research by enabling psychiatrists and other conference attendees to hear and interact with an outstanding research scientist.

- Criteria/eligibility: Researchers with an exemplary record of research in psychiatry
- Nomination Requirements: nominees are selected by the Scientific Program Committee. Award may be given to researchers in the U.S. and abroad.

**Submission deadline is September 30th.** Staff contact: Leon Lewis, llewis@psych.org.

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**INS Early Career Research Award**

The INS recognizes achievement for early career contributions in research, education or service in the field of neuropsychology. Self-nominations are not accepted; anyone can nominate and write support letters. **Nominations may be submitted at any time.** Ideally, awards nominations will be received four months prior to the meeting where the award is to be given (either the Annual or Mid-Year Meeting). For an award to be considered for the INS Mid-Year Meeting, please submit nominations by March 31st. For an award to be considered for the INS Annual Meeting, **please submit nominations by September 30th of the prior year** to ins@the-ins.org.

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**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/](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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**FOUNDATION/ORGANIZATION** | **AWARD (US$)** | **LTD SUBM / ORG DEADLINE** | **SPECIAL HANDLING**
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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention | <$90,000 | 09/15/19 | LOI
### Young Investigator Innovation Grants

| **Sloan, Alfred P. Foundation**  
| **Sloan Research Fellowships** | $70,000 | 09/16/19 | Nomination |
| **Thrasher Research Fund**  
| **Early Career Awards** | <$25,000 | 09/17/19 | Fall Cycle |
| **Johnson, Robert Wood Foundation**  
| **Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health** | Flexible | Ongoing | Open LOI Process |
| **Wellcome Trust**  
| **Innovator Awards** | $500,000 - $750,000 | Ongoing | — |

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**OTHER NEWS**

### 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:  

Per Diem Rates planning page for projection details:  
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.

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CTRI: CREST (Clinical Research Enhancement through Supplemental Training Program)

**Summer 2019 New Students Registration**

The UCSD Clinical and Translational Research Institute’s CREST program is currently accepting applications from fellows, residents, junior faculty, faculty members, PharmD, and research associates interested in receiving supplemental training in clinical and translational research. CREST is targeted to researchers from all disciplines, particularly physicians enrolled in fellowship training or starting
their academic career. The curriculum provides comprehensive coverage of all dimensions of clinical research while allowing scholars to spend the majority of their time in research and clinical activities.

The CREST program has the following components:
- Training in the methods and techniques of clinical research. Courses are offered in patient oriented research, epidemiology, biostatistics, health services research, and Data Management & Informatics.
- Promoting an institutional environment to support the interaction of CREST participants with established clinical and basic science investigators, fostering relationships for mentoring and career development.
- A broad based curriculum with credit units applicable to a Master of Advanced Studies in Clinical Research degree program.

The core curriculums are offered on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays 4-6pm at UCSD, La Jolla. The additional modules are offered on Mondays/Tuesdays from 4-7pm at UCSD, La Jolla.

Application Deadline:
The application deadlines are sessions April 30, 2019 for Summer 2019 and September 30, 2019 for winter 2020 session.

The Summer quarter will start on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

Application Procedure and Admission Requirements:
To apply for the CREST Program, candidates will need to complete and submit the online application. Online application could be found at CREST Website.

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