The OCTRI KL2 program is pleased to announce the recipients of an NIH/NCATS supported KL2 career development award. The goal of this OCTRI initiative is to develop independent clinical investigators to conduct interdisciplinary research with scientists from diverse disciplines. The scholars pursue clinical and translational research in a mentored environment for up to 2 years each and participate in ongoing training, such as enrollment in the Master of Clinical Research program. The KL2 award supports early career faculty from OHSU, Portland State University, University of Oregon, and Oregon State University.

**2019 SCHOLARS AWARDED**

**Ramon Barajas**, M.D., School of Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology and Advanced Imaging Research Center

- **Primary Mentor:** Edward Neuwelt, M.D., Professor, School of Medicine, Neurology and Neurosurgery
- **Research Project:** Therapeutic Efficacy by Modulating and Characterizing Glioblastoma Neuroinflammation

**Nicole Bowles**, Ph.D., Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences

- **Primary Mentor:**
- **Research Project:** Role of the Circadian System in Endocannabinoid Responses to an Acute Stress.

**Ted Braun**, M.D., Ph.D., School of Medicine, Hematology and Oncology

- **Primary Mentor:** Brian Druker, M.D., Director, Knight Cancer Institute; Associate Dean for Oncology, School of Medicine
- **Research Project:** Epigenetics of Mutation-Order-Dependent Phenotypes in Myeloid Leukemia

**RFA**
The application deadline for 2019 has passed. The next anticipated RFA release is January 2020. Please check with Melissa Mudd for further details.
Brian Jordan, M.D., Ph.D., School of Medicine, Pediatric Neonatology

**Primary Mentor:** Cindy McEvoy, M.D., M.C.R., Professor, School of Medicine, Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Research Project:** Trajectories in Lung Function in Extremely Premature Infants

Dora Raymaker, Ph.D., Portland State University, School of Social Work, Regional Research Institute for Human Services

**Primary Mentor:** Christina Nicolaidis, M.D., M.P.H., Portland State University, Professor, School of Social Work; Adjunct Associate Professor, OHSU School of Medicine

**Research Project:** Community Based Participatory Research to Explore Employer Training in Support of Autistic Professionals

Saurabh Thosar, Ph.D., School of Medicine, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences

**Primary Mentor:** Jonathan Lindner, M.D., M Lowell Edwards Professor, School of Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine

**Research Project:** Circadian Rhythms in Vascular Function in Obesity

Kirsten Wright, N.D., M.S., School of Medicine, Neurology

**Primary Mentor:** Jeffrey Kaye, M.D., Professor, School of Medicine, Neurology

**Research Project:** Dietary Behavior and Nutritional Health in the Setting of Aging, Cognitive Impairment, and Alzheimer's Disease

**2017 SCHOLARS AWARDED**

Amanda Bruegl, M.D., M.S., School of Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Primary Mentors:** Jackie Shannon, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Medicine, Public Health and Preventive Medicine; and Cynthia Morris, Ph.D., M.P.H., Professor, School of Medicine, Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology

**Research Project:** Evaluation of HPV Subtyping Among American Indian/Alaska Native Women

Ian Greenhouse, Ph.D., University of Oregon, Human Physiology

**Primary Mentor:** Li-Shan Chou, Ph.D., University of Oregon, Department Head, Professor, Human Physiology

**Research Project:** Beyond Dopamine: Thalamic GABA and Motor Inhibitor in Health and Parkinson's Disease
Andrew McHill, Ph.D., School of Medicine, Occupational Health Sciences

**Primary Mentor:** Steven Shea, Ph.D., Professor, Occupational Health Sciences; Professor, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health

**Research Project:** Influence of Circadian Misalignment on Energy Expenditure and Glucose Regulation in Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Sean Newsom, Ph.D., Oregon State University, Biological and Population Health Sciences

**Primary Mentor:** Donald Jump, Ph.D., Professor, Oregon State University, Biological and Population Health Sciences

**Research Project:** Mechanisms of lipid-related skeletal muscle insulin resistance in obesity

Olena Taratula, Ph.D., Oregon State University, School of Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Primary Mentor:** Wassana Yantasee, Ph.D., M.B.A., Professor, Biomedical Engineering

**Research Project:** Single Theranostic Agent for Image-Guided Surgery and Intraoperative Phototherapy

2014 SCHOLARS AWARDED

Scott Chadderdon, M.D., School of Medicine, Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine

**Primary Mentor:** Jonathan Lindner, M.D., Professor, Medicine, Cardiology

**Research Project:** Physical Activity and Obesity: The Role of Eicosanoids in Regulating Capillary Perfusion and Vascular Insulin Resistance

Brett Fling, Ph.D., School of Medicine, Neurology

**Primary Mentor:** Fay Horak, Ph.D., P.T. Professor, School of Medicine, Neurology and Biomedical Engineering; Director of Balance Disorders Laboratory

**Research Project:** Neural mechanisms underlying freezing of gait resulting from Parkinsonism

Donald Sullivan, M.D., M.A., School of Medicine, Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

**Primary Mentor:** Linda Ganzini, M.D., M.P.H., Professor, School of Medicine, Psychiatry and VA Medical Center

**Research Project:** Impact of Specialist Palliative Care on Outcomes in Advanced Stage Lung Cancer Patients
2013 SCHOLAR AWARDED
Kristen Mackiewicz Seghete, Ph.D., School of Medicine, Psychiatry

Primary Mentor: Bonnie Nagel, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience

Research Project: Neural Mechanisms of Cognitive Inhibition in Trauma-exposed Adolescents

2012 SCHOLARS AWARDED
Laurie King, Ph.D., P.T., School of Medicine, Neurology

Primary Mentor: Fay Horak, Ph.D., P.T. Professor, School of Medicine, Neurology and Biomedical Engineering; Director of Balance Disorder’s Laboratory

Research Project: Wearable Sensor to Detect Postural Instability in People After Concussion

Nicole Marshall, M.D., M.C.R., School of Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Primary Mentor: Kent Thornburg, Ph.D., M. Lowell Edwards Chair, Professor and Chief, School of Medicine, Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine; Biomedical Engineering and Physiology and Pharmacology

Research Project: Maternal Body Composition Regulates Placental Function and Fetal Growth

Elie Traer, MD, PhD, School of Medicine, Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology

Primary Mentor: Brian Druker, MD, School of Medicine, Associate Dean for Oncology, JELD-WEN Chair of Leukemia Research; Director, Knight Cancer Institute

Research Project: Extrinsic Mechanisms of Kinase Resistance

2011 SCHOLARS AWARDED
Andrea Debarber, Ph.D., School of Medicine, Medicine, Physiology and Pharmacology

Primary Mentor: Robert Steiner, M.D., Professor, School of Medicine, Pediatrics and Molecular and Medical Genetics


Seth O’Neal, M.D., M.P.H., School of Medicine, Medicine, Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Primary Mentor: William Lambert, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Medicine, Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Research Project: Taenia Solium Infection among Refugees from Burma
2010 SCHOLAR AWARDED

Eric Adler, M.D., School of Medicine, Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine (now at University of California, Davis)

Primary Mentor: Markus Grompe, M.D. Professor, School of Medicine, Molecular and Medical Genetics

Research Project: Identification of novel signatures of arrhythmia using induced pluripotent stem cell derived cardiomyocytes

2008 SCHOLARS AWARDED

Jessina McGregor, Ph.D., Oregon State University, School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Practice

Primary Mentor: David H. Smith, Ph.D., M.H.A., R.Ph., Kaiser Permanente, Center for Health Research

Research Project: Antimicrobial resistance surveillance to improve empiric therapy in outpatients

Melissa Nyendak, M.D., M.H.S., School of Medicine, Medicine, Infectious Disease

Primary Mentor: David Lewinsohn, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Medicine, Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Research Project: Definition of Human Immunodominant CD8 Antigens in Tuberculosis

2007 SCHOLARS AWARDED

Joshi Alumkal, M.D., School of Medicine, Medicine, Hematology and Oncology, Prostate Research Program

Primary Mentors: Tomasz Beer, M.D., Associate Professor, Director, Prostate Cancer Research, OHSU Cancer Institute; Grover C. Bagby, M.D., Professor, School of Medicine, Medicine and Medical and Molecular Genetics

Research Project: The Elucidation of Clinically Significant Mechanisms of Gene Silencing

Jessica Gregg, M.D., Ph.D., School of Medicine, Medicine, General Internal Medicine

Primary Mentor: Thomas Becker, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chair, School of Medicine, Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Research Project: Health Beliefs, Level of Acculturation, and Pap Smear Use among Latinos from Mexico.

Anh Nguyen-Huynh, M.D., School of Medicine, Medicine, Otolaryngology

Primary Mentor: Peter Gillespie, Ph.D., Professor, School of Medicine, Otolaryngology and Cell Biology; Director, Neuroscience Graduate Program

Research Project: The Role of Endolymphatic Sac in the Pathophysiology of Meniere's disease.