KIDNEycURe ANNOUNCES 2021 Grant Recipients

Highlights

- KidneyCure (the ASN Foundation) is honored to continue its support of investigators committed to advancing kidney health. Building on decades of success, KidneyCure makes it possible to improve knowledge and treatment by identifying and funding high-impact projects.

- Investigators funded by KidneyCure are making a difference in key areas that impact care for millions. KidneyCure is proud to support excellence and innovation, and to extend the advances that the foundation has propelled since its inception.

Washington, DC (July 1, 2021) — The 2021 grant recipients, listed below, will extend this trajectory of achievement, and continue to improve quality of life for those living with kidney diseases.

Transition to Independence Grant Program
The Transition to Independence Grants Program helps young investigators achieve independent research careers and is supported by contributions provided by ASN, Akebia Therapeutics, Inc., and individual donors.

Carl W. Gottschalk Research Scholar Grants
Eirini Kefalogianni, PhD
Washington University in St. Louis
*Immunomodulatory Roles of Circulating TNFR1/2 in Diabetic Nephropathy*

Ronak Lakhia, MD
University of Texas Southwestern
*Role of Cis-Regulatory Elements in Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease*

Eugene Lin, MD, MS, FASN
Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
*The Impact of Medicare Advantage on Patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease*

Jennie Lin, MD, MS
Northwestern University
Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress and Macrophage Function in APOL1 Nephropathy

Alla Mitrofanova, PhD
University of Miami

STING as a Potential Therapeutic Target for Diabetic Kidney Disease

Evan C. Ray, MD, PhD, FASN
University of Pittsburgh

Regulation of Divalent Cation Homeostasis by Muc1

Yanhua Wang, PhD
Emory University

Roles of Aldosterone and Phosphatases in Vasopressin Escape

John Merrill Grant in Transplantation
John Yongjoon Choi, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Harnessing Regulatory CD8+ T Cells to Suppress Antibody-Mediated Rejection

Norman Siegel Research Scholar Grant
Meredith Posner Schuh, MD
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center

Bridging the Gap of Late Gestation Human Nephrogenesis Using a Non-Human Primate Model

OHF-KidneyCure Research Scholar Grant
Tanecia Mitchell, PhD
University of Alabama at Birmingham

The Impact of Crystalluria on Immunity during Kidney Stone Formation

Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program
The Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program supports nephrology fellows who will advance the understanding of kidney biology and disease and is fully endowed by contributions provided by Fresenius Medical Care, ASN, the American Renal Patient Care Foundation, Inc., Amgen, Baxter, and the PKD Foundation.

Ben J. Lipps Research Fellows
Fabian Bock, MD, PhD
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Rac1 is Required for Renal Tubular Function and Repair

Amanda J. Clark, MD
University of Texas Southwestern
*NAD+ Biosynthesis Impairment in Acute Kidney Injury*

Irma Husain, MBBS, MD
Duke University
*Role of Macrophage AIF-1 in Ischemia Reperfusion Injury and Kidney Allograft Rejection*

Felix Poppelaars, MD, PhD
University of Colorado Denver
*Molecular Imaging: A Novel Tool for Noninvasive Tracking of Disease Activity in Lupus Nephritis*

Ghazal Z. Quinn, MD
University of Pennsylvania
*Immune Cells in Renal Fibrosis and Chronic Kidney Disease*

**Sharon Anderson Research Fellow**
Mary Hannan, PhD, NP
University of Illinois Chicago
*The Influence of Sedentary Behavior on Health Outcomes in Individuals with Chronic Kidney Disease*

**Jared J. Grantham Research Fellow**
Enrico Cocchi, MD
Columbia University
*Somatic Mutations in Kidney Disease*

**Dimitrios G. Oreopoulos Research Fellow**
Dan Wang, PhD
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
*The Role of Glomerular Basement Membrane Glycation and Stiffening in Development of Proteinuria*

**George B. Rathmann Research Fellow**
Konstantin Deutsch, MD
Boston Children’s Hospital
*Recapitulating the Human SRNS Phenotype in CRISPR/Cas9 Zebrafish Models by Circumventing NMD*

**Donald E. Wesson Research Fellow**
Caroline M. Hsu, MD
Tufts Medical Center
*Predictors of Peritoneal Dialysis Technique Survival*
William and Sandra Bennett Clinical Scholars Program
The William and Sandra Bennett Clinical Scholars Program provides funding to clinician educators to conduct a project to advance all facets of nephrology education and teaching.

Suzanne Boyle, MD, MS
Temple University
Creation and Validation of a Tool to Assess Clinical Reasoning in Nephrology Fellows

ASN Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program
The ASN Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program provides funding to early career-stage PhD students to conduct original research projects and make contributions to the understanding of kidney biology and disease.

Sarah N. Lipp, BS
Purdue University
Identifying the Role of the Interstitial Extracellular Matrix Network During Murine Renal Development

Elinor Mannon, BA
Augusta University Research Institute
Oral NaHCO3 Alters K+ Balance and Promotes Insulin Resistance

Riana Parvez, MS
University of Southern California
Lineage Convergence in the Regulation of Fluid Homeostasis in the Kidney

To learn more about the 2021 recipients, please visit KidneyCure.org.

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research and innovation, communicating new knowledge, and advocating for the highest quality care for patients. ASN has more than 20,000 members representing 131 countries. For more information, please visit www.asn-online.org or contact the society at 202-640-4660.

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