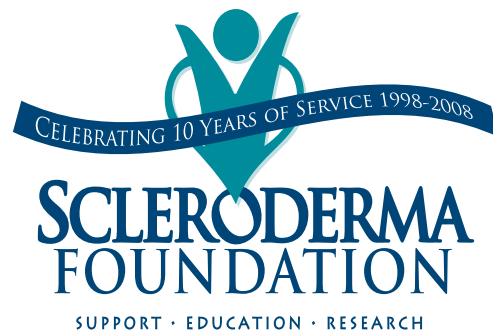


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2008 Research Grantees

Patrizia Fuschiotti, Ph.D. – MARTA MARX AWARD
University of Pittsburgh

Genetic Control of Cytokine Production by Human CD-8+ and CD4+ T cells in Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)

Mehrdad Abedi, M.D. – MARK FLAPAN AWARD

Roger Williams Hospital

Hematopoietic Origin of Fibroblasts at Sites of Injury

Sandeep Krishna Agarwal, M.D., Ph. D.

University of Texas Health Science Center

Role of Cadherin-11 in Dermal Fibrosis

Stephen Clark, Ph.D.

University of Connecticut Health Center

Impact of the Ablation of TGF- β Signaling and SPARC Protein on the Fibrotic Phenotype in the TSK-2 Mutant Mouse

Maria Trojanowska, M.Sc., Ph.D.

Medical University of South Carolina

The Role of Fli1 in Scleroderma Vasculopathy

Daniel J. Tschumperlin, BSME, MSE, Ph.D.

Harvard School of Public Health

Regulation of Dermal Fibroblast Biology by Substrate Stiffness

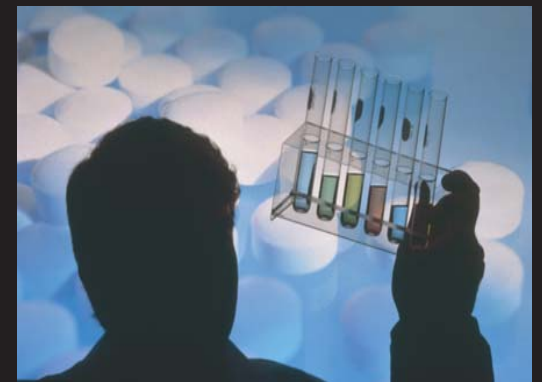
Heather, N Yeowell, Ph.D.

Duke University

Regulation of Collagen Lysine Hydroxylation in Scleroderma Fibroblasts; Linkage of Alternatively-Spliced Forms of Lysyl Hydroxylase 2 to Fibrosis



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New Investigator and Established Investigator Grants

New Investigator Grant

Purpose: The SF is seeking applications from promising new investigators who hold faculty or equivalent positions and who wish to pursue a career in research related to systemic sclerosis (SSc, scleroderma). This grant will support promising research that is likely to lead to individual research project grants.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications may be submitted by domestic non-profit organizations, public and private such as universities, colleges, hospitals and laboratories. Foreign organizations and institutions are not eligible. These new investigator grants may not be used to support thesis or dissertation research or fellowship training. Applicants must have a doctorate degree in Medicine, Osteopathy, Veterinary Medicine, or one of the sciences, and must have completed a postdoctoral fellowship by the grant award date. Applicants who have been a Principal Investigator on grants from the Scleroderma Foundation or other national, private, or government agencies other than fellowship grants, are not eligible for this award.

Mechanism of Support: Applicants may request up to \$50,000 per year for up to three years, total for three years not to exceed \$150,000. Up to eight percent of the Direct Costs per year of award may be set aside as Indirect Costs. The indirect cost amount will be subtracted from the yearly total. These awards are not renewable.

Before completion of this grant, investigators are encouraged to seek continuing support for research through other grant mechanisms through private or government agencies. Replacement of the Principal Investigator on this award is not permitted. There will be no routine escalation for future years.

Research Objectives: The SF New Investigator Grant is designed to facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into areas of research related to SSc.

Established Investigator Grant

Purpose: The SF is seeking applications from promising established investigators both inside and outside the field of SSc research who wish to propose pilot studies to obtain preliminary data dealing with a highly innovative and/or highly relevant theme related to SSc. This grant will support pilot research that is likely to lead to more substantial unlimited research project grants from federal or non-federal sources.

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Mechanism of Support: Applicants may request up to \$75,000 per year for up to two years, total for two years, not to exceed \$150,000. Up to eight percent of the Direct Costs per year of award may be set aside as Indirect Costs. The indirect cost amount will be subtracted from the yearly total. These awards are not renewable. Before completion of this grant, investigators are encouraged to seek more substantial continuing support for research through other grant mechanisms through private or government agencies. Replacement of the Principal Investigator on this award is not permitted. There will be no routine escalation for future years.

Research Objectives: The SF Established Investigator Grant is designed to facilitate highly innovative or highly relevant and meritorious pilot projects by established investigators in areas of research related to SSc that will culminate in more substantial funding from Federal or nonfederal granting agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense or Veterans Affairs.



Grant Schedule

Application Receipt Deadline

- September 15, 2008

Proposal Review

- November 2008

Announcement of Awards

- January 2009

Funds Available

- February 2009

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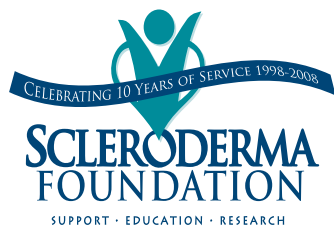
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