Cyrus Scholar

AWARDS COMPETITION

Michael and Mariet Cyrus have a long-standing tradition of philanthropy and community service. In 2005, they established the Cyrus Family Endowment to promote the development of basic and clinical research skills in internal medicine. With the support of the Cyrus family, matching gifts, and generous supporters, including faculty of the Division of Internal Medicine, the goal is to build the endowment to $1 million. In addition, the awards are supplemented by unrestricted division funds and chair support.

The first Cyrus Scholar Awards in Outstanding Basic/Translational Research and Outstanding Clinical Research were given during the 2007 Research Retreat. In 2009, the couple decided to name the Outstanding Clinical Research Award in honor of Michael’s parents, James S. and Suzanne Cyrus. During the first presentation of the award, Michael Cyrus remarked, “It was with great respect, love and honor that we established this award in the name of our mother and father.”

The endowment provides support for two competitive awards, each for $15,000 ($5,000 each year for three years) to an outstanding basic/translational researcher and a clinical researcher.
2019 Cyrus Scholar Award Winners

Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research

Scott Evans, MD  
Professor, Pulmonary Medicine

“The Cyrus Scholar Award funds received by our lab will be used to investigate how mitochondrial reactive oxygen species are generated by lung epithelial cells. The data derived from these studies will be used to help develop novel treatments to protect vulnerable cancer patients against potentially fatal pneumonia.”

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research

Cezar Iliescu, MD  
Professor, Cardiology

Dr. Iliescu’s Cyrus Scholar Award funds will be used to further research into early dual antiplatelet therapy discontinuation in cancer patients receiving drug-eluting stents. He will investigate delayed or abnormal stent healing, inadequate expansion, and malapposition in cancer patients, as well as working to identify a safe pathway to discontinue P2Y12 inhibition in cancer patients after 2-4 weeks.
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARDS
Wall of Fame

2018
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Samuel Shelburne, MD, PhD
Professor, Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Yinghong (Mimi) Wang, MD, PhD
Associate Professor, Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

2017
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Geoffroy Laumet, PhD
Instructor, Symptom Research

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Jessica Hwang, MD
Professor, General Internal Medicine

2016
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Jichao Chen, PhD
Associate Professor, Pulmonary Medicine Research

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Dimpy Shah, MD, PhD
Instructor, Infectious Diseases, Infection Control Research

2015
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Seyed Moghaddam, MD
Assistant Professor, Pulmonary Medicine

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Anecita Fadol, PhD
Assistant Professor, Nursing Administration with adjunct appointment in Cardiology

2014
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Scott Evans, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Pulmonary Medicine

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Ella Ariza Heredia, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health

2013
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Samuel Shelburne, MD, PhD
Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and Employee Health and Sui Zhang, MD, PhD, Department of Cardiology

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Javier Adachi, MD
Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and Employee Health
2012
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Kenneth Tsai, MD, PhD
Department of Dermatology

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Huifang Lu, MD, PhD
Department of General Internal Medicine

2011
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Shumei Song, MD, PhD
Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Research

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Jessica Hwang, MD
Department of General Internal Medicine

2010
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Scott Evans, MD
Department of Pulmonary Medicine

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Anne-Marie Chaftari, MD
Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health

2009
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Sushovan Guha, MD, PhD
Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Aariff Khakoo, MD
Department of Cardiology

2008
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Sushovan Guha, MD, PhD
Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Aariff Khakoo, MD
Department of Cardiology

2007
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Ernestina Melikoff-Portillo, MD
Department of Pulmonary Medicine

CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Pankaj Shah, MD
Department of Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders