

Division of Internal Medicine Research and Quality Development Awards

In 2017, Division Head David J. Tweardy, M.D., established the Internal Medicine Research and Quality Development Awards supported by his start-up funds. The \$50,000 awards included three categories – Clinical Research, Basic Science and Quality Improvement. This year's winners were:

Clinical Research

Patricia Brock, MD,
*Associate Professor,
Emergency Medicine*

Basic Science

Seyed Moghaddam,
MD, *Assistant Professor,
Pulmonary Medicine
Research*

Quality Improvement

Mahnaz Taremi, MD,
*Assistant Professor,
Infectious Diseases and
Brian Weston, MD,
Associate Professor,
Gastroenterology,
Hepatology and Nutrition*

Drs. Moghaddam and Taremi have been selected to share the progress they've made on their respective projects.

Cyrus Scholar Awards Competition

Michael and Mariet Cyrus

have a long 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 two competitive awards, each for \$15,000 (\$5,000 each year for three years) to an outstanding basic/translational researcher and a clinical researcher.

2017 Cyrus Scholar Awards Winners

“I was very proud to receive the Cyrus Scholar Award because it was my first award as faculty, and I then obtained a grant from the American Pain Society. Together, these funds allowed me to start my independent research projects to understand the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the resolution of Chemotherapy-induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN), a major side effect of cancer therapy.”



Geoffroy Laumet, PhD
instructor, Symptom Research

“I am grateful to be selected as a 2017 Cyrus Scholar. This award has allowed my work on predicting hepatitis B infection in patients receiving anti-cancer therapy to move forward. The results from my project will allow future dissemination to oncology teams so that they may efficiently identify patients at risk for adverse liver outcomes due to hepatitis B reactivation.”



Jessica Hwang, MD
associate professor, General Internal Medicine

Cyrus Scholar Awards

Wall of Fame

2016

Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research

Jichao Chen, PhD, *Pulmonary Medicine Research*

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research

Dimpy Shah, MD, PhD, *Infectious Diseases, Infection Control Research*

2015

Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research

Seyed Moghaddam, MD, *Pulmonary Medicine*

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research

Anecita Fadol, PhD, *Nursing Administration with adjunct appointment in Cardiology*

2014

Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research

Scott Evans, MD, *Department of Pulmonary Medicine*

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research

Ella Ariza Heredia, MD, *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*