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Research Award Recipients

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Early Innovator Career Award

Early Innovator Career Award Focussed On Inflammatory Skin Diseases, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson

Ji, Andrew, MD

Icahn School of Medicine

Dissecting mechanisms of fibroblast memory during skin inflammation and relapse

Mid-Career Awards

Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award – Year 2

Bahram Razani, MD, PhD

University of California, San Francisco

Investigating signaling kinetics as determinant of psoriatic inflammation

Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award – Year 3

Marlys Fassett, MD, PhD

University of California, San Francisco

Searching for IL-31: Toward Curative Targeting of Psoriasis Skin TRM Cells

DF SOCS Collaborative Mid-Career Award sponsored by Sanofi – Regeneron

Special bestowal of available 2025 award funding, as announced in 2026.

Byrd, Angel, MD, PhD

Howard University College of Medicine

Understanding the Role of Pathogen-Mediated Immune Dysregulation in Hidradenitis

Suppurativa

DF SOCS Collaborative Mid-Career Award sponsored by Sanofi – Regeneron

Jaleel, Tarannum, MD, MHSc

Duke University

AR Signaling and CXCL12-Mediated Neutrophil Retention in Hidradenitis Suppurativa

DF SOCS Collaborative Mid-Career Award sponsored by Sanofi – Regeneron -Year 2

Crystal Aguh, MD

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Probing Transcriptomic Impact of Metabolic Interventions in CCCA

Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award sponsored by Sanofi – Regeneron

Leung, Thomas, MD, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

Molecular Matching to End Trial-and-Error in Atopic Dermatitis Therapy

Career Development Awards

Medical Frontiers Career Development Award

Nguyen, Giang, MD, PhD

Mayo Clinic School – Rochester

Personalized Treatment For Melanoma: Identifying Novel Markers of Diagnosis and Survival

Public Health Career Development Award

Elman, Scott, MD

University of Miami

Improving Pressure Injury Classification and Prevention: A Systems-Based Framework for Early Recognition, Risk Stratification, and Skin Failure

Hales, Molly, MD, PhD

University of Chicago

Developing the Expedited HS Diagnosis Package to Identify New HS Patients from the ED

Public Health Career Development Award - Year 2

Leandra Barnes, MD

Stanford University

Geospatial Social Determinants of Health and Healthcare Inequities in Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Zachary Hopkins, MD

University of Utah

Development of a patient-reported outcome-based autoimmune skin disease monitoring program

Public Health Career Development Award – Year 3

Alexandra Charrow, MD, MBE

Harvard University, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Understanding Emergency Room Utilization in Patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS): A Mixed Met

Dermatologic Surgery Career Development Award

Klein, Jason, MD, PhD

University of Colorado

Investigating the role of COL6A3 in diagnosis, prognosis, and monitoring of soft tissue sarcomas

Mcevoy, Aubriana, MD, MS

Washington University

Integrating clinical, biomarker, and pathologic data to optimize risk calculation and management of Merkel cell carcinoma

Ran, Nina, MD, MSTR

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's Hospital

Investigating the tumor microenvironment and host immune response to cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma in chronic lymphocytic leukemia

Physician Scientist Career Development Award

Casterline, Benjamin, MD, PhD

University of Missouri

Alpha-gal Temporal Longitudinal Antibody Study

Durgin, Joseph, MD, MSc

University of Michigan

Targeting Stromal Pathobiology to Suppress the Progression of Basal Cell Carcinoma in Field Cancerized Skin

Li, Stephen, MD, PhD

Northwestern University

Non-cell autonomous reprogramming enables adult hair follicle neogenesis

MacGibeny, Margaret, MD, PhD

Yale University

Characterizing human skin bacteria-induced sensory neuron activation in inflammatory skin disease

Wongvibulsin, Shannon, MD, PhD

University of California - Los Angeles

Optical Biomarkers of Cutaneous Inflammation for Non-Invasive Diagnosis and Monitoring of Inflammatory Dermatoses

Physician Scientist Career Development Award – Year 2

Ernest Lee, MD, PhD

University of California - San Francisco

Computational discovery of therapeutic candidates for hidradenitis suppurativa

Jinwoo Lee, MD, PhD

Stanford University

Investigation of XIST as a Driver of Sex-biased Autoimmune Skin Disease

Edward Li, MD, Ph.D

Northwestern University

Integrated Single-Cell and Spatial Transcriptomic Dissection of Inflammatory Hair Loss Disorders

Eugene Park, MD, Ph.D

Johns Hopkins University

Ribosomal regulation of the NLRP1 inflammasome in keratinocytes

Swapneel Patel, MD, Ph.D, M.S., B.S.

University of Texas- Southwestern

Novel mechanisms and functions of cGAS/STING signaling

Physician Scientist Career Development Award – Year 3

Jennifer Lo, MD, PhD

Harvard University – Beth Israel Deaconess

Characterizing Epitope Spreading and Response to mocRNA Melanoma Immunotherapy by In Situ Sequencing

Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award

Minzaghi, Deborah, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

Microbiota-mediated protection against pollutant-induced skin barrier damage and inflammation

Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award - Year 3

Mio Nakamura, MD, M.S.

University of Michigan

Phototherapy in Psoriasis Patients of Skin of Color

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award

Dobry, Allison, MD

University of California - San Francisco

Pruritus in Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor and EGFR Inhibitor Therapy: Defining Shared Neuro-Immune Pathways to Guide Interventions

Shi, Connie, MD

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's Hospital

Value of Patient Reported Outcome Measures in Clinical Practice for Cancer Treatment Associated Dermatologic Adverse Events

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award - Year 2

Collin Costello, MD

Mayo Clinic - Arizona

Machine Learning to Identify Geno-Morphological Features of Germline Melanoma

Avery LaChance, MD, MPH

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's Hospital

Fibrotic skin disease tissue registry: partnering with patients to develop patient reported outcomes

Cuong Nguyen, MD

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Clinicopathologic metrics and therapies for cytotoxic chemotherapy reactions

Women's Health Career Development Award

Chen, Sisi, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

PIK3CD: A novel tissue checkpoint controlling T cell adaptation to human skin in women's inflammatory diseases

Women's Health Career Development Award – Year 2

Rochelle Castillo MD, MS

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's Hospital

Defining the phenotypic drivers of dermatomyositis through integrated cutaneous transcriptomic and lipidomic analysis

Women's Health Career Development Award - Year 3

Michal Kidacki, MD, PhD

University of Iowa

TIGIT Signaling in Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Erin Theisen, MD, PhD

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's Hospital

Granzyme K in Autoimmune Skin Disease

Research Career Development Award

Chen, Yintong, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

Impact of Y chromosome loss on epidermal homeostasis

Research Career Development Award – Year 2

Sofia Murga Garrido, MD, PhD, BS

University of Pennsylvania

Maternal Gut Microbiome Alterations Increase Risk for Early Childhood Atopic Dermatitis

Dermatopathology Research Career Development Award – Year 3

Julie Deutsch, MD

Johns Hopkins University

Analytical and Clinical Validation of a mIF Biomarker for Anti-PD-1 Therapy in Melanoma

Pediatric Dermatology Career Development Award

Netravali, Ilka, MD, PhD

Stanford University

Noninvasive plucked-hair transcriptomics to predict treatment response in pediatric alopecia areata

Pediatric Dermatology Career Development Award – Year 2

Colleen Cotton, MD

Children's National Hospital

Phenotyping Hidradenitis Suppurativa in Pediatric Patients

Fellowship Award

Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship

Jiang, Ruoyi, MD, PhD, BS, MS

Yale University

Integrating Single-Cell Computer Vision and Spatial Transcriptomics to Define Morpho-Molecular Signatures in Epidermal Inflammatory Dermatoses

King, Andrew, MD, PhD

Harvard University - Massachusetts General Hospital

Defining a Novel Antigen Presentation Pathway to Enhance Melanoma Immunotherapy

Mintz, Michelle, MD, PhD

University of California, San Francisco

Autoantibody discovery in cutaneous chronic graft-versus-host disease

Myers, Caroline, MD

University of Pennsylvania

Investigating the Role of T-cell Exhaustion in Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma

Patrick, Garret, MD, PhD

University of California - San Francisco

Investigating Skin Microbiome Genomic Adaptation Using Long-Read Sequencing

Tadros, Andrew, MD, PhD

Johns Hopkins University

Reprogramming the Aged Tumor Microenvironment Through Targeted Plasmid Delivery

Truong, Amand, MD, PhD

University of California - Los Angeles

*Comparative Transcriptomic Analysis Underlying Exceptional Anti-PD1 Response in
Desmoplastic Melanoma*

Xie, Catherine, MD, PhD

Yale University

*Understanding the roles dendritic cells and regulatory T cells in primary cicatricial
alopecias*

Zhou, Linda, MD, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

Immune Mechanisms Driving Foam-Cell Biology in Necrobiotic Xanthogranuloma

Grant

Research Grant

Son, Heehwa, PhD

Harvard University - Massachusetts General Hospital

Harnessing Commensal Papillomavirus Immunity for Skin Cancer Prevention

Tanum, Junjira, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

*Microneedles with Programmable Nanocoating for Controlled Drug Release in Hair
Follicle Regeneration and Scarless Wound Healing*

Patient Directed Investigation Grant

Kumar, Anusha, MD, MS

Harvard University - Beth Israel Deaconess

Identifying clinical phenotypes and molecular markers of cutaneous adverse reactions in inflammatory bowel disease