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## **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Selects 17 Junior Clinical Scientists to Receive Development Awards Totaling \$6.9 Million**

**New York, NY, July 24, 2007** – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation announced today that 17 junior physician-scientists have been selected to receive Clinical Scientist Development Awards of \$135,000 per year for 3 years. (See page 2 for list of awardees.)

The goal of the Clinical Scientist Development Award is to help promising junior faculty successfully transition to independent clinical research careers. The award provides start-up funding for establishing their own research teams and enables them to protect 75% of their time for clinical research.

“These awards reflect our commitment to supporting the professional development and advancement of talented young physician-scientists by providing a stable source of funding during a pivotal stage of their clinical research careers,” said Joan E. Spero, president of the foundation.

For the 2007 competition, all U.S. accredited, degree-granting institutions were invited to nominate up to three junior faculty-level physician-scientists conducting clinical research in any disease area. A standing panel of 24 experts, including 16 Doris Duke Distinguished Clinical Scientists, reviewed 158 nominee proposals and recommended the strongest candidates for funding. Including the new grants, the foundation has awarded 122 Clinical Scientist Development Awards since 1998 totaling approximately \$54 million.

The next Clinical Scientist Development Award competition is expected to open in the fall of 2007 with awards expected to be made in 2008.

Since 1998, the foundation’s Medical Research Program has committed more than \$150 million to strengthen and support clinical research, which advances the translation of basic biomedical discoveries into new treatments, preventions and cures for human diseases. To learn more about the Medical Research Program or to receive competition announcements, visit [www.ddcf.org/mrp](http://www.ddcf.org/mrp).

*The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is to improve the quality of people’s lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and the prevention of child maltreatment, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke’s properties.*

**2007 Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award Recipients**  
(listed alphabetically by last name)

- **Mary Armanios, M.D.**, Johns Hopkins University
  - *Telomerase and the Genetics of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis*
- **Elisabeth Binder, M.D., Ph.D.**, Emory University School of Medicine
  - *Molecular Predictors of Peripartum Depression*
- **Christopher Breuer, M.D.**, Yale University
  - *Tissue Engineered Conduits for Congenital Heart Surgery*
- **James Brugarolas, M.D., Ph.D.**, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
  - *Targeting the mTOR Pathway in Renal-Cell Carcinoma*
- **Benjamin Chi, M.D.**, University of Alabama at Birmingham
  - *Impact of HAART to Prevent Pediatric AIDS in Rural Zambia*
- **Wendy Chung, M.D., Ph.D.**, Columbia University
  - *Identification of Novel Breast Cancer Susceptibility Genes*
- **Jeffrey Curtis, M.D., M.P.H.**, University of Alabama at Birmingham
  - *Long Term Risks and Extra-Skeletal Benefits of Biologics*
- **Dawn DeMeo, M.D., M.P.H.**, Harvard Medical School
  - *Aging and Longevity Genes in COPD*
- **Neel Gandhi, M.D.**, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
  - *Early Identification of Drug-Resistant TB in South Africa*
- **Kirsten Lyke, M.D.**, University of Maryland, Baltimore
  - *Schistosoma-Mediated Resistance to Malaria*
- **Carl Novina, M.D., Ph.D.**, Harvard Medical School
  - *RNAi Factor Function in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia*
- **Sunil Parikh, M.D., M.P.H.**, University of California, San Francisco
  - *Pharmacogenetics of Antimalarial Drugs*
- **Subramaniam Pennathur, M.D.**, University of Michigan
  - *HDL, Atherosclerosis, and Chronic Kidney Disease*
- **Daryl Scott, M.D., Ph.D.**, Baylor College of Medicine
  - *Genetic Determinants of Tracheoesophageal Defects*
- **N. Sarita Shah, M.D., M.P.H.**, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
  - *Rapid Diagnosis of Drug-Resistant TB in South Africa*
- **Volney Sheen, M.D., Ph.D.**, Harvard Medical School
  - *Genetic Determinants of Disorders of Neural Stem Cell Proliferation*
- **E. Alejandro Sweet-Cordero, M.D.**, Stanford University
  - *Novel Markers of Pediatric Sarcoma Aggressiveness*