Welcome! For those who are new to us, we are a unique organization specializing in the creation and management of customized grant programs that fund medical researchers. We work with clients—private individuals, family foundations, bank trusts and corporations—to ensure that their dollars support the best minds in science. In the last five years alone, our clients’ programs have awarded more than $38 million dollars to investigators in the United States and Europe.

Our Division is advised by a Medical Foundation Board Committee chaired by Gordon H. Williams, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School and the Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Leaders from academic institutions and biotechnology companies who serve on this committee oversee Division policy and grant programs.

This inaugural newsletter is being published both to highlight these grant programs and to thank the scientists who have donated their time to serve on our Scientific Review Committees as well as the many other experts who have provided advice throughout the year. The Medical Foundation brings together the vision of our clients and the commitment of our scientific reviewers to support medical discoveries that may improve the lives of millions.

Sally E. McNagny, M.D., M.PH.
Vice President
The Medical Research Grants Division

Our staff works with each client to create a customized grantmaking program. We write guidelines and announce funding opportunities to eligible investigators, establish scientific review committees, process applications, distribute funds, review Progress and Fiscal Reports from award recipients, organize scientific meetings and evaluate programs. Learn more about our services and grant programs at www.tmfnet.org.

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Dr. McNagny received a B.S. in Biology from Stanford University, an M.D. and M.P.H. from Harvard, and completed her medical residency at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in 1988. She served on the faculty at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta for 12 years, where she was Principal Investigator of the N.I.H. Women’s Health Initiative and other clinical research trials in the field of postmenopausal hormone replacement therapy. She also conducted health services research studies in access to care, high blood pressure management and smoking cessation. Currently, Dr. McNagny is a board member of the Health Research Alliance, a membership organization for nongovernmental research funders. She oversees the Division and also serves on the faculty at Harvard Medical School.

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Since 1990, Ms. Lockwood has managed a variety of grant programs and worked with award recipients to monitor their research progress and fiscal obligations throughout the funding cycle. She brings organizational, resource and program management skills from her prior experience in both diplomatic and healthcare settings. Her attention to detail and longstanding relationships with academic research institutions and senior scientists ensure that programs are effectively and efficiently administered.

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Ms. Brown’s experience is in project management, operations management and client relations in both healthcare and academic settings. She applies her knowledge and best practices in the management of several programs including one international grantmaking program. She brings core skills such as planning, budget management and problem solving to the team.

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Ms. Lam is trained in business administration with experience in database development and management. In addition to managing three grant programs, she designs systems to track grant recipients throughout their funding period. Using GIFTS software, a grantmaking database system, she assists division staff in capturing all necessary information to create reports for application review, distribution of funds, award recipient follow-up and annual reports.

Other Professional Staff An experienced team of financial and information technology specialists support the Medical Research Grants Division.

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Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Brain Circuitry
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The Robert Leet and Clara Guthrie Patterson Trust was created to improve healthcare through support of medical research. Since 1980, the Trust has made awards to outstanding research scientists in a broad range of disciplines.

In 2005, Bank of America contracted with The Medical Foundation to create a new grants program for the support of postdoctoral biomedical researchers and restrict the Patterson Trust awards to researchers in brain (neural) circuitry. Brain circuitry focuses on the relationship between the intricate organization of brain wiring and the emergence of behavior, both normal and abnormal. Thus, neural circuits must, in some way, account for high-level functions such as memory, self-awareness, language, joy and anger. Research conducted by Patterson Trust Fellows may help to clarify the causes of diseases that affect millions, including schizophrenia, mood disorders, degenerative brain disorders, epilepsy, and autism.

Thomas Jessell, Ph.D., will chair the first Patterson Trust Fellowship Scientific Review Committee meeting in December 2006. He is the Claire Tow Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at Columbia University and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. Dr. Jessell was instrumental in crafting the scientific content of the Patterson Trust Application Guidelines and will offer direction throughout the grant cycle.

For the past two decades, his research has explored the mechanisms that direct the assembly of neural circuits and how the organization of these circuits controls vertebrate behavior. He is examining these general problems through an analysis of circuits in the spinal cord that coordinate animal motion. Ultimately, his research may provide a more thorough understanding of how the central nervous system is constructed and suggest new ways to repair diseased or damaged neurons in the human brain and spinal cord.

“There is increasingly persuasive evidence to suggest that many neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders—from motor neuron diseases to autism and schizophrenia—result from defects in the initial assembly of connections in the developing brain. By understanding the cellular and molecular processes that control the normal wiring pattern of these connections, we may eventually be able to design more rational and effective strategies for repairing the defects that underlie brain disorders.”

Thomas M. Jessell, Ph.D.
Lymphatic Research Foundation (LRF) Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards and LRF Additional Support Awards for N.I.H. Funded Postdoctoral Fellows

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Important Dates
Funding begins: 7/1/06
Next cycle of funding: 7/1/08

LRF Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards
Program Eligibility
Postdoctoral fellows within their first three years of training

Geographic Eligibility
Worldwide

Research Focus
Clinical and basic science research relevant to the lymphatic system

Award
Two-year fellowships ranging from $82,000–$98,000

Website
www.lymphaticresearch.org

The LRF Additional Support Awards
fund only U.S. National Institutes of Health Fellows whose research is relevant to the lymphatic system. These two-year awards are $20,000.

When Wendy Chaite’s daughter was born with systemic lymphatic disease and lymphedema, she searched for medical answers and treatment. She was shocked and frustrated by the lack of information and knowledge about the lymphatic system. In 1998, she set out to establish the Lymphatic Research Foundation (LRF) to advance research of the lymphatic system and to find the cause of and cure for lymphatic diseases, lymphedema, and related disorders.

In only a few years, the Foundation has created successful alliances with government, especially the National Institutes of Health (N.I.H.); academic institutions; professional associations; and industry. LRF has launched a scientific journal, Lymphatic Research and Biology and sponsored biennial international conferences to advance lymphatic biology. LRF has produced the framework that established a premier, biennial Gordon Research Conference Series entitled, “Molecular Mechanisms in Lymphatic Function and Disease.”

As momentum has grown, the scientific community has responded with greater attention to the lymphatic system and the key role it plays in diseases afflicting millions. For instance, researchers have recently linked the lymphatic system to inflammation and auto-immunity that occur in chronic conditions such as asthma and arthritis. In short, advancing the understanding of the lymphatic system is likely to accelerate therapeutics in a host of diseases and conditions, including cancer, lymphedema and lymphatic malformations.

In 2005, LRF partnered with The Medical Foundation to create and manage all aspects of the LRF grant programs. The goal of these programs is to expand and strengthen the pool of outstanding junior investigators in the field of lymphatic research. These grants support researchers who have recently received their doctorates, a critical point in career development when young scientists choose their lifelong research focus. Over time, the programs will contribute to future leadership, fostering discoveries that will lead to therapeutic advances.

Dr. Martin Schneider’s career has taken him from his home country of Germany to the United States and now to Belgium. He received his M.D. in 2002 from both Albert Ludwigs University, Freiburg, Germany and the University of South Florida, Tampa. From 2002–2003, he was enrolled in a surgical residency training program in Germany and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Transgene Technology & Gene Therapy, University of Leuven, Belgium.

Early in his training, Dr. Schneider recognized that diseases of the lymphatic vessels are common and disabling, but that research in this field was hindered in part by the lack of animal models. In response, he is conducting his research using frog (Xenopus) tadpoles as a model system. Particularly exciting is the possibility that the frog model may be used in the setting of lymphatic disorders that are common in humans such as destruction of lymph vessels by cancer surgery and radiation therapy. Knowledge gained from this project may lead to the identification of genes that regulate lymph vessel growth, as well as novel therapeutic strategies.

2006 Award Recipients
Gregory Lam, M.D., Duke University Medical Center (N.I.H. Additional Support Award)
Rawad Mounzer, M.D., Yale University School of Medicine
Zhanna Nepiyushchik, M.D., Texas A&M University
Martin Schneider, M.D., University of Leuven
R. Sathish Srinivasan, Ph.D., St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Wendy Chaite, Esq.
Founder and President of LRF

Dr. Martin Schneider
Award Recipient

Martin Schneider, M.D.
Award Recipient
The Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program
a program of the Charles H. Hood Foundation

The Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program is a program of the Charles H. Hood Foundation, which reveals a century-long tradition of commitment to community and child health. In the late 1800’s, Charles H. Hood was a pioneer in the dairy industry, making important advancements in the sanitary production and distribution of milk. By applying pasteurization, his company significantly improved the lives of thousands of New England children. His interest in science and his commitment to the health of New England families inspired his son, Harvey P. Hood II, to formally incorporate the Charles H. Hood Foundation in 1942.

Harvey P. Hood II dedicated the Foundation to improving the health and quality of life of children through grant support of New England-based pediatric researchers. His son, Charles H. Hood II, assumed the presidency of the Foundation in 1974. In its early years, the Child Health Research Awards Program focused on infectious diseases, public health, and training for health professionals. As medical treatments, scientific research and social conditions changed, so too did the Foundation’s emphasis shift to chronic illness, cancer, degenerative illnesses and disabilities.

Over the years, the Foundation’s Scientific Review Committee added members with expertise in genetics, oncology, epidemiology, and other disciplines. The program has also shifted to an exclusive focus on investigators within the first five years of their faculty appointment and has supported over 450 scientists. Many of the investigators previously supported by the Foundation have grown into established leaders in pediatric research.

Alison Galbraith, M.D., M.P.H. received her B.A. from Stanford University in 1990, her M.D. from the University of Rochester in 1997, and her M.P.H. from the University of Washington in 2004. After completing a pediatrics residency at the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Galbraith was a Fellow at the Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California, San Francisco, and at the University of Washington. She is currently an Instructor in Ambulatory Care and Prevention at Harvard Medical School.

As a pediatrician committed to health policy and making health care accessible to the most vulnerable children, Dr. Galbraith is examining insurance policy costs and how increased cost-sharing affects children’s health. Her unique environment in a department jointly sponsored by Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care provides the opportunity to access health plan administrative data and use advanced claims-based methods for policy analysis and assessment of children’s morbidity. Dr. Galbraith notes that “findings from these studies can inform family decisions and policies that affect the use of needed services and health outcomes for children in New England and across the United States.”

2006 Award Recipients
Felix Engel, Ph.D.
Children’s Hospital Boston
Stefan Feske, M.D.
CBR Institute for Biomedical Research
Alison A. Galbraith, M.D., M.P.H.
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
Satish Ghatpande, Ph.D.
Yale University School of Medicine
Alison L. Knauth, M.D., Ph.D.
Children’s Hospital Boston
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Yale University School of Medicine
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Important Dates
Application deadlines: March and October
Funding begins: July and January

Program Eligibility
Faculty within five years of their first independent appointment

Geographic Eligibility
New England states

Research Focus
Clinical, basic science and public health research relevant to pediatric diseases

Award
Ten awards in each calendar year in the amount of $150,000 over two years

Website
www.tmfnet.org
The Goldhirsh Foundation was established by Bernard A. Goldhirsh in 2000, shortly after he was diagnosed with brain cancer. He envisioned a grants program that would fund high-risk innovative brain tumor research. Prior to his death in 2003, he directed the Scientific Review Committee to identify those rare scientists who have brilliant ideas as well as a style of “thinking outside the box.” Mr. Goldhirsh’s own career exemplified this entrepreneurial spirit. He launched two multi-million dollar magazines—Sail and Inc., the latter becoming one of the most successful magazines in history.

The Brain Tumor Research Awards Program funds investigators who integrate and translate knowledge in basic research into meaningful clinical progress for patients. Examples of funding areas include oncogenomics and proteomics, genetically engineered models, the discovery and testing of small molecule therapies, unusual drug delivery systems, or improved brain imaging techniques. To date, the Goldhirsh Foundation has distributed $9,100,000 to award recipients across the United States.

Robert Darnell M.D., Ph.D. received a B.A. from Columbia University in 1979 and his M.D. and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology in 1985 from Washington University. He has been a neurologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center since 1990 and is currently Professor and Head of the Laboratory of Molecular Neuro-Oncology at the Rockefeller University. He is also a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator, has published extensively and is highly respected in the neuro-oncology research community.

One of the distinguishing features of Dr. Darnell’s research is that it is based upon a striking clinical observation—namely, that a rare group of cancer patients are capable of mounting a successful immune attack against their own tumors. He has studied this unique capability for more than 13 years and has developed techniques to take tumor cells from patients, create an individualized “tumor vaccine” and inject this back into the patient, thereby causing an immune response that attacks the tumor. He proposes to conduct a clinical trial to test this new cancer vaccine approach for patients with glioblastoma, the most deadly type of brain tumor.

“...The Goldhirsh Foundation award has been absolutely critical, since this kind of high-risk, pilot study research is not typically funded by government grants from N.I.H. Ultimately, our discoveries of abnormal genes that cause brain tumors will likely lead to new drugs to fight this dreaded disease.”

Lynda Chin, M.D., 2002 Award Recipient
The Charles A. King Trust was established to support the “investigation of diseases of human beings, and the alleviation of human suffering through the improved treatment of human diseases.” In keeping with these principles, the King Trust today supports postdoctoral fellows in the basic sciences as well as in clinical and health services research. Bank of America, Edward Dane and Lucy West serve as Co-Trustees of the Charles A. King Trust.

Unlike other fellowship programs that exclude non-U.S. citizens or are tied to a particular institution or field of research, the Charles A. King Trust awards are based solely on excellence and potential. The Program is highly competitive and, therefore, very prestigious within the Massachusetts scientific community.

The Medical Foundation Fellowship Program began in 1957 with support from the United Way, the Massachusetts Medical Society and private foundations. When the Charles A. King Trust became the major donor in 1979, the program was later renamed but continues to receive invaluable support from other contributors (see below). Because of the long-standing commitment of the Charles A. King Trust and others, 699 scientists have been awarded these fellowships.

Current and Former Contributors to the Fellowship Program

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H. Robert Horvitz, Ph.D. is Professor of Biology at M.I.T., an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and a 2002 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine. Throughout his career, he has studied how genes control animal development and behavior. His laboratory has discovered how genes specify patterns of cell division, migration and differentiation. He has analyzed the process of cellular suicide known as programmed cell death. His work also involves the genetic analysis of animal behavior and of how the environment and experience modulate behavior. As the new Chair of the Basic Science Review Committee, Dr. Horvitz is instrumental in recommending reviewers to the 30-member committee and offering guidance to The Medical Foundation staff during each grant cycle.

2006 Award Recipients
QueeLim Ch’ng, Ph.D.
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The Smith Family New Investigator Awards Program

a program of the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation

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Important Dates
Application deadline: 9/6/06
Funding begins: 12/1/06

Eligibility
Investigators within two years of their first independent faculty appointment

Geographic Eligibility
Massachusetts, Yale University and Brown University

Research Focus
Basic research in the areas of cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and neuroscience

Award
Five to six awards annually in the amount of $200,000 over two years

Website
www.tmfnet.org

The Smith Family New Investigator Awards Program was created in 1991 by the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation to nurture the next generation of scientists within the state of Massachusetts. The intent of the award is to provide newly independent faculty the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and become highly competitive nationally for future funding. Since 1992, the program has funded 90 New Investigators and provided over $12 million in research support.

The Smith Family Foundation was the first of our clients to host a scientific poster session and dinner symposium. They also created a special award to recognize previous New Investigator Award recipients who have made unique contributions in their scientific disciplines. Four investigators have now been recognized with the Smith Family Award for Excellence in Medical Research.

The Smith Family Foundation welcomes contributing partners to support the New Investigator Awards Program. Because all costs associated with operating this program are paid by the Smith Family Foundation, every dollar from contributing donors goes directly to award recipients. The Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust (managed by Hemenway & Barnes), the Dolphin Trust, the Richard Allan Barry Fund at the Boston Foundation, the Ludcke Foundation, the Nancy Lurie Marks Foundation, and several anonymous donors have provided past and current support.

Dr. Salic completed his B.S. in Preclinical Sciences at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Romania. As an undergraduate, Dr. Salic was the recipient of several awards including the Gold Medal, International Chemistry Olympiad (Budapest, Hungary) and the Bronze Medal, International Chemistry Olympiad (Lieden, The Netherlands). He received his Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology from Harvard University in 2000 and is currently an Assistant Professor of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Salic’s work has the potential to provide critical insights into the fundamental mechanisms of cell division. When a cell grows and divides into two daughter cells, DNA must be perfectly duplicated and equally segregated into two new cells. Dr. Salic studies the intricate mechanism by which DNA is carefully packaged during cell division. His work may lay the foundation for developing cancer therapies that stop cancer cells from multiplying.

2005 Award Recipients

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University of Massachusetts Amherst

Galit Lahav, Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School

Matthew J. LaVoie, Ph.D.
Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Christopher Passaglia, Ph.D.
Boston University

Sandra Ryem, Ph.D.
Children’s Hospital Boston

Adrian Salic, Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School

Shannon Turley, Ph.D.
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
The Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Fund, established in 1947 by Frank M. Noonan in memory of his mother, was created to improve the lives of children who were left crippled by polio. As Trustee of the Fund, Bank of America later broadened the scope to include support of innovative clinical research or demonstration projects whose results will improve the quality of life for children with disabilities.

The Noonan Fund plays a critical role in supporting an area of research where funding is scarce. Former award recipients have developed interventions that successfully increase physical activity in children with intellectual disabilities. Other investigators have developed methods for more accurate early diagnosis and treatment of children with attention deficit disorders. The quality of family-centered homecare for children with severe disabilities has also been improved by research project findings. In short, the Noonan Fund has supported 122 outstanding research projects, improving the lives of children locally as well as nationally through presentations and publications.

In 2006, the Noonan Fund held its first research symposium. Hosted by Bank of America, former recipients were invited to present their research findings, establish collaborations and celebrate the Noonan Fund’s contributions to child health. In addition, potential applicants were invited to attend an in-depth seminar on grant writing offered by Mary Cerreto, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Boston University and Chair of the Noonan Fund Review Committee.

Naomi Steiner received her M.D. from the University of Zurich, Switzerland in 1991. Dr. Steiner’s residency in Pediatrics was served at the Brooklyn Hospital Medical Center and the University of Florida. In 1995, she was a Fellow at Boston University Medical Center in Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics. She is currently Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Tufts University and sits on the Board for Curricula Development at the National Disability Awareness Institute.

Therapies for Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) traditionally focus on behavioral treatment and/or medications. Although computer-based “attention training” has been developed, well-controlled research on the efficacy of such methods is urgently needed. Dr. Steiner will evaluate the implementation of a computer-based treatment for children with ADHD in two middle schools in the town of Newton, MA. The computerized system will utilize EEG biofeedback to teach children to develop better attention skills by altering their brainwave activity.

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Important Dates
Application deadline: 02/13/07
Funding starts: 9/1/07

Program Eligibility
Investigators working in nonprofit institutions

Geographic Eligibility
Greater Boston area

Research Focus
Clinical research or demonstration projects relevant to children with disabilities

Award
Five one-year awards annually in the amount of $75,000

Website
www.tmfnet.org
The Charles H. Farnsworth Trust was established to help older adults live independently and with dignity in their communities. Managed by U.S. Trust, funds are used to support low-income housing for older adults in Boston and supplement elder care activities in communities throughout Massachusetts. From 1983 to 2004, a portion of the funds was also used to support medical research relevant to the Trust’s mission and 72 grants were awarded.

With growing concern of the broader issues beyond medical care that impact the lives of older adults, the Farnsworth Trust elected to launch the Aging Policy Research Fellowship in 2004. Recent award recipients with expertise ranging from economics to health policy have already tackled several important questions: When is appointment of guardianship necessary? How does one measure costs for long-term in-home care? What is the most cost-effective way to deliver support services to older adults with mental illness? These and other projects may someday inform federal and state policies that will improve the lives of millions of older adults.

Marta Rodriguez-Galán, was awarded a B.A. in Pedagogy from the University of Oviedo, Spain in 1997 and a Certificate in Gerontology from Canisius College in 1998. She received an M.A. in Hispanic Studies from the University of Rhode Island in 2001. Currently Ms. Rodriguez-Galán is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Sociology from Northeastern University. She is also a Research Assistant for the Boston Puerto Rican Center on Population Health and Health Disparities project funded by the National Institute on Aging.

The incidence of depression among older Hispanics in Massachusetts has reached epidemic proportions, especially among Puerto Ricans. Ms. Rodriguez-Galán will study the relationship between access and use of different types of social support systems and levels of depression among aging Hispanics in the Boston area. This study will contribute to the development of ideas in the field of depression research and inform policy decisions that affect aging Hispanics in Massachusetts and the United States.

2006 Award Recipients

Sara Pinar Bilir, B.A., Ph.D. Candidate
Harvard University

Christiana Bratiotis, M.S.W., Ph.D. Candidate
Boston University School of Social Work

Kelly Fitzgerald, M.P.A., M.S., Ph.D. Candidate
University of Massachusetts Boston

Marta Rodriguez-Galán, M.A., Ph.D. Candidate
Northeastern University
2005–2006 Scientific Review Committees

Our Scientific Review Committee members donate hundred of hours each year to read, discuss and ultimately recommend to clients the most outstanding candidates for each grant program. The Medical Foundation greatly appreciates their commitment.

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Victor Ling, Ph.D.
David N. Louis, M.D.
Luís F. Parada, Ph.D.
Martin G. Pomper, M.D., Ph.D.
George Vancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D.
W. K. Alfred Yung, M.D.

Charles A. King Trust Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
(Basic Science Research)
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