

**Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund
Award Recipients**

2018 Award Recipients

Zubair Ahmed, Ph.D. 2018 Sara Elizabeth O'Brien Award Recipient
University of Maryland Baltimore
Gene Delivery To Prevent Vision Loss InUSHIF Animal Model
9/1/2018-8/31/2019

Ithom Akobirshoev, Ph.D., M.A.
Brandeis University
Understanding the Health Care Needs and Experiences of Boston Children with Special Health Care Needs
9/1/2018-8/31/2019

Marji Erickson Warfield, Ph.D.
Brandeis University
Assessing Shared Living As A Residential Option for Youth Transitioning to Adult Services
9/1/2018-8/31/2019

Sara Folta, Ph.D.
Tufts University
Exploring Leisure Time Use and Impact on Health and Well-Being among Transition-Age Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder
9/1/2018-8/31/2019

Jennifer Green, Ph.D.
Boston University
Identifying Factors That Contribute To Disparities In Adolescent Mental Health Service Access In School
9/1/2018-8/31/2019

Ovsanna Leyfer, Ph.D.
Boston University
Intensive Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Anxiety Disorders in Adolescents
9/1/2018-8/31/2019

Ariel Schwartz, M.A., OTR/L, Ph.D. Candidate
Boston University
Development and Feasibility Evaluation of a Socially Valid Peer Mentoring Intervention for Young Adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Conditions
9/1/2018-8/31/2019

2017 Award Recipients

Corinna Bauer, Ph.D. 2017 Sara Elizabeth O'Brien Trust Award Recipient

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

“Determining the Neural Correlates of Visual Attention Deficits in Adolescents with Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI)”

Michael Cohen, M.D.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

“Use of Amplification in Children with Unilateral Hearing Loss”

Danielle Levac, P.T., Ph.D.

Northeastern University

“Usability Evaluation Of The FITBoard (Fun Interactive Therapy Board): A Motivating, Movement-Based Rehabilitation Tool For Children With Disabilities”

Julia O'Rourke, Ph.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital

“Improving Healthcare for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder through a Collaborative Care Model”

Meg Simione, Ph.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital

“An Explanatory Model of Pediatric Feeding Disorders: A Multi-Level Assessment of Health and Functioning”

Heidi Stanish, Ph.D.

University of Massachusetts Boston

“Building Physical Literacy Among Children with Developmental Disabilities Through Sport Sampling”

2016 Award Recipients

Linda Bandini, Ph.D.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School

“The Impact of Selective Eating on the Lives of Transition-age Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder”

Scott Greenwald, Ph.D. – 2016 Sara Elizabeth O'Brien Trust Award Recipient

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

“Gene Augmentation Therapy for Preserving Vision in NMNAT1-associated Leber Congenital Amaurosis”

Danielle Levac, P.T., Ph.D.

Northeastern University

“Usability Evaluation Of The FITBoard (Fun Interactive Therapy Board): A Motivating, Movement-Based Rehabilitation Tool For Children With Disabilities”

Yudy Muneton, M.A., M.S.W.

Boston Children's Hospital

“Efficacy And Feasibility Of Tele-Psychotherapy Intervention To Support Parents Caring For Technology-dependent Children At Home”

Christina Sakai, M.D.

Tufts Medical Center

“Pathways to Autism Diagnosis and Services in the Chinese-Immigrant Community Population”

Sara Toomey, M.D.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care

“Steps to Improving Parent Engagement and Shared Decision Making for Parents of Children with Disabilities and Medical Complexity”

2015 Award Recipients

Vicki Chen, M.D.

Tufts Medical Center

“A Novel Video Based Therapy for Children with Amblyopia”

Alyna Chien, M.D., M.Sc.

Boston Children's Hospital

“Understanding and Improving Care Experiences for Children with Disabilities”

Nicholas Mian, Ph.D.

Boston University

“Early Identification of Anxiety Disorders in Pediatric Settings”

J. Kevin Nugent, Ph.D.

The Brazelton Institute

“The Effect of a Newborn Behavioral Observation System-Early Intervention (NBO-EI) Model of Care”

Laura Simons, Ph.D.

Boston Children's Hospital

“Learn, Move, Cope, Improve: Graded Exposure Treatment for Children and Adolescents with Chronic Pain”

2014 Award Recipients

Alysa Doyle, Ph.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital

“Feasibility and Effectiveness of Computerized Cognitive Training in Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder”

JoAnna Leyenaar, M.D., M.P.H.

Tufts Medical Center

“‘Nothing about me without me’: Incorporating the Perspectives of Families of Children with Medical Complexity in Hospital-to-Home Transitional Care”

Lotfi Merabet, Ph.D., M.P.H. – 2014 Sara Elizabeth O’Brien Trust Award Recipient

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

“Uncovering the Relationship between Brain Reorganization and Visual Dysfunction in Adolescents with Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI)”

Esther Son, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Brandeis University

“Understanding the Health Care Experiences of Asian children with Special Health Care Needs on Health Care Access, Service Utilization, and Quality of Care”

Angela Walter, Ph.D.

Boston University School of Public Health

“Impact of Case Management on Early Childhood Mental Health, Health Care Costs and Quality of Life”

Marji Warfield, Ph.D.

Brandeis University

“Making Healthy Connections: What are the Long-Term Benefits?”