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## **PhRMA Foundation Awards \$2.5M in Fellowships and Grants to Scientists Conducting Innovative Research**

(May 18, 2022, Washington, DC) — The PhRMA Foundation today announced the recipients of its 2022 funding awards supporting innovative research in the areas of drug delivery, drug discovery, translational medicine, health outcomes research, and value assessment. Out of 315 applicants, the Foundation awarded 36 researchers a total of nearly \$2.5 million.

“I am impressed by this year’s award winners and look forward to seeing their research projects come to fruition with the help of our funding,” said Amy M. Miller, PhD, president of the PhRMA Foundation. “The Foundation funds some of the most innovative researchers in these fields, so I know we will see great things from this group of diverse scientists in the future.”

The awards include predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships, research starter grants, research awards, and challenge grants. Predoctoral fellowships provide \$25,000 per year in funding for up to two years. Postdoctoral fellowships provide up to \$60,000 per year in funding for up to two years. Research starter grants and research awards provide \$100,000 in funding for one year. The challenge grants provide \$7,500 to select researchers who answered an essay question posed by the Foundation. Please find the list of awardees on our [website](#) and below.

### **Drug Discovery**

#### **Predocctoral Fellowships**

- Joshua Centore, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
- Desnor Nicole Chigumba, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Alexandra D'Amico, University of Texas at Austin
- Adam Hedger, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- Dallin Lowder, Baylor College of Medicine
- Ryan Murphy, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowships**

- Feng Gao, PhD, University of Arizona
- Michael Mohsen, PhD, Yale University

#### **Research Starter Grants**

- Fleur Ferguson, PhD, University of California, San Diego
- Jill Shirokawa, PhD, University of Cincinnati



## **Drug Delivery**

### Predoctoral Fellowships

- Victor Ejigah, Howard University
- Christopher Ruben, University of Iowa
- Nhu Truong, University of Maryland, Baltimore

### Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Blaise Kimmel, PhD, Vanderbilt University

### Research Starter Grants

- Na Li, PhD, University of Connecticut
- Jianqin Lu, PhD, University of Arizona
- Eden Tanner, PhD, University of Mississippi

## **Translational Medicine**

### Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Brian Andersen, MD, PhD, Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Andy G. S. Daniel, PhD, University of California, San Francisco

### Research Starter Grants

- Ritu Raman, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Fan Zhang, PhD, University of Colorado, Denver

## **Health Outcomes Research**

### Predoctoral Fellowships

- Xin Hu, Emory University
- Shangqing Jiang, University of Washington
- Sara Khor, University of Washington
- Vanessa Paul Patterson, University of Colorado, Denver

### Research Starter Grants

- Jingchuan Guo, MD, PhD, University of Florida
- Meng Li, ScM, PhD, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Mollie Wood, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## **Value Assessment**

### Research Awards

- William Padula, PhD, University of Southern California
- Eline van den Broek-Altenburg, PhD, University of Vermont
- Zachary Ward, PhD, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health



#### Challenge Grants

- Geolani W. Dy, MD, Oregon Health and Science University
- Egbe-Etu Etu, PhD, Tower Foundation of San Jose State University
- Joseph Mattingly II, PharmD, PhD, University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Zachary D. Urdang, MD, PhD, Thomas Jefferson University
- Ashley Valentine, Sick Cells

#### **About the PhRMA Foundation**

*The PhRMA Foundation enables the next generation of biopharmaceutical advances by supporting the pipeline of top-quality researchers and fostering the discovery of breakthrough ideas across the fields of drug delivery, drug discovery, translational medicine, health outcomes research, and value assessment. Since its founding in 1965, the Foundation has awarded more than \$110 million in competitive research fellowships and grants, catalyzing the careers of over 2,700 researchers from diverse backgrounds at more than 300 institutions. To learn more, please visit [www.phrmafoundation.org](http://www.phrmafoundation.org).*