

Congratulations 2025 Research Scholar Day Award Winners

Medical Student Awards



MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Jordan Gaalen, BA

“Effect of regional anesthesia on discharge opioid prescription practices following pediatric interventional radiology sclerotherapy: A follow-up study”

Medical Student, Mentor: Angelica A. Vargas MD

Resident Awards



RESIDENT AWARD IN HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES

Nicole Hickman, MD

“The Education-Related Patterns of Infant Mortality Rates Among Births to Non-Latina White and African-American Women: Paternal Acknowledgement Matters ”

Resident, PGY-3, Mentor: James W. Collins, MD, MPH

First Year Fellow Awards



FELLOW AWARD IN TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

Samuel Dowling MD, PhD

“Transcriptional profiling of synovial immune cells using minimally invasive ultrasound-guided synovial biopsies in juvenile idiopathic arthritis”

Mentor: Harris Perlman, PhD

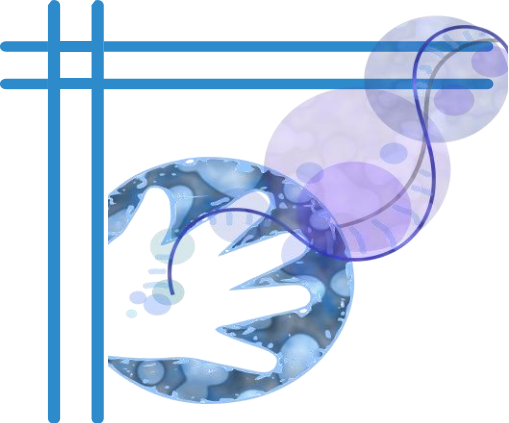


FELLOW AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

Shannon Adams-Hartung, MD

“Institutional Culture at the Limit of Viability: A Multi-Center Mixed Methods Study”

Mentor: Jessica T. Fry MD, Natalia Henner MD



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Second Year Fellow Awards

FELLOW AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

Maria Rozo, MD

“The Role of Adult-Onset Cancer Predisposition Genes (aoCPGs) in Pediatric Cancer”

Mentor: Lucy A. Godley, MD, PhD



JUDGES' AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

(Platform Presentation)

Michael Harries, MD

“Parental Preferences Regarding Care Coordination and Communication Between Healthcare Providers and K-12 School”
Staff: A Cross-Sectional Survey

Mentor: Ashley Keese, MPH, Marie Heffernan, PhD



Third Year Fellow Awards

FELLOW AWARD IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

Christopher Mattson, MD, MHPE

“The “Who” and “When” of Clerkship Assessment: Impact of Assessor Type and Assessor-Student Contact Frequency on Clerkship Assessment Reliability”

Mentor: Brigid M. Dolan MD, MEd



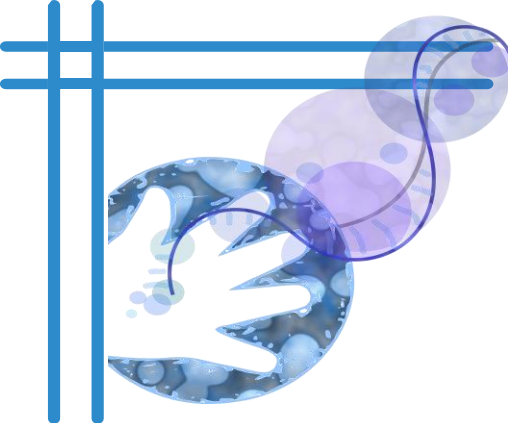
JUDGES' AWARD IN HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES

(Platform Presentation)

Cameron Boyd, MD

“Examining Racial, Ethnic, and Parental Sex Disparities in Skin-to-Skin Care Rates in the NICU”

Mentor: Craig Garfield, MD, MAPP



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FELLOW AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH (Platform Presentation)

Christina Brichta, MD, MPH

Nutritional Risks in Adolescents 10 Years After Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

Mentor: Justin Ryder, PhD



Research Staff & Graduate Student Awards

Bianka Proгри, MS

“Evaluating the Safety of Transdermal Deferoxamine Patch In Oncological Settings”

Research Technologist

Mentor: Arun K. Gosain, MD



Hannah McDowell, MS

Engineering Hydrogels to Model Ovarian Follicle Microenvironments: Integrating Matrisome Composition, Mechanical Properties, and Compartmental Heterogeneity for In Vitro Follicle Growth

Graduate Student

Mentor: Monica Laronda, PhD



JUDGES’ AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH (Platform Presentation)

Anika Schipma, MS

“Engineering 3D Testicular Tubules to Support in vitro Spermatogenesis”

Graduate Researcher

Mentor: Monica Laronda, PhD