

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

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HIRING NOW

The Health Services Research Center is Hiring Staff - Apply Now!

Three Available Staff Positions at the HSR Center

Assistant Epidemiologist

The Assistant Epidemiologist will be responsible for assisting with the program management and epidemiologic aspects of the NIH-funded Reducing Disparities in Access to Kidney Transplantation (RaDIANT) Studies with a focus on clinical epidemiology, social determinants of health, and health services research methods. The candidate will work closely with the Director of the Emory Health Services Research (HSR) Center, a cooperative initiative of the departments of medicine and surgery of the Emory University School of Medicine, which is committed to advancing healthcare access, quality of healthcare delivery, and health outcomes of patients and populations. The candidate would work on these projects, in addition to other research by faculty throughout the departments of surgery and medicine related to health services research.

Biostatistician

The biostatistician will be responsible for assisting research projects in the Emory Health Services Research (HSR) Center, a cooperative initiative of the departments of medicine and surgery of the Emory University School of Medicine, which is committed to advancing healthcare access, quality of healthcare delivery, and health outcomes of patients and populations. The staff member would work closely with the Director of the HSR Center, who has active funding in the area of health services research in kidney disease and transplantation, including the expansion of a national registry for early steps in transplant access and several large-scale pragmatic trials to reduce inequities in access to treatment for this patient population. The Biostatistician would work on these projects, in addition to other research by faculty throughout the departments of surgery and medicine related to health services research.

Please check out our [website](#) for details on how to apply and for more information on careers in HSR.

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Post-Doctoral Fellow

The Health Services Research Center is accepting applications for a postdoctoral fellowship position. This position is grant-funded and renewable on an annual basis depending on performance. The fellowship provides formal and informal training in epidemiologic methods, health surveillance data collection, analysis, and dissemination, and practical experience working with community partners across the nation to support a mission to improve access to healthcare. Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

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HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH FACULTY POSITIONS

Emory School of Medicine - OBGYN Department

The Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, is recruiting a full-time Epidemiologist/Health Services Researcher. The position will hold a rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position will be within the Division of Research and will work closely with faculty members across several clinical divisions. For more information and to apply, visit the posting [here](#).

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

The Emory Department of Pediatrics and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta are seeking an individual with a strong track record in child health related outcomes research to grow this area of research within The Emory+Children's Pediatric Institute. The chosen candidate will lead efforts to expand outcomes and health services research relevant to child health in the Center for Outcomes Research and Public Health (CORPH). CORPH serves as a focal point for investigators engaged in outcomes research across disciplines providing a seminar series, funding for pilot projects, access to biostatistics and bioinformatics support and multiple collaborative opportunities. The candidate will have the opportunity to leverage many available resources including multiple pediatric campuses and institutional partnerships to enhance outcomes research through improving data access and analytic help for investigators, and educating junior faculty in outcomes research approaches and methodologies. We seek an individual who is familiar with and actively engaged in research funded by extramural agencies including NIH, AHRQ, CDC, PCORI, and other sources of funding for health services and outcomes research.

For more information and to apply, visit the posting [here](#).

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RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: NEAL DICKERT, MD, PHD

Neal Dickert, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of
Cardiology, Department of Medicine



Neal Dickert is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology. In addition to his affiliation with the HSR Center, he is a core faculty member of the Emory Clinical Cardiovascular Research Institute, holds a secondary appointment in the Department of Epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health, and is a senior faculty fellow at the Emory Center for Ethics. Clinically, Dr. Dickert specializes in cardiac critical care and echocardiography. Dr. Dickert also serves as Associate Program Director for the Research Track of the J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency, directs the Recruitment Center of the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance, and has served on the planning committee and as a co-chair for the annual Health Services Research Day.

Dr. Dickert's research is focused on ethics and decision science. He leads a number of projects focused on shared decision-making. His team is currently conducting an AHRQ-funded clinical trial evaluating the impact of disclosure of out of pocket cost information on decision-making for heart failure medications. He also has a series of projects evaluating the impact of recent policy-mandated implementation of shared decision-making tools for cardiac devices. The other major focus of his work is ethical aspects of clinical research. He has particular interest in and experience developing and evaluating innovative approaches to informed consent and the conduct of clinical trials in acute conditions where consent is not practicable. Dr. Dickert is also an alumnus of the Greenwall Faculty Scholars in Bioethics Program, a prior Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics at the National Academy of Medicine, a member of the American College of Cardiology Ethics and Compliance Committee, and a member of multiple Data Safety and Monitoring Committees.

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GRANT SPOTLIGHT: NADER MASSARWEH, MD, MPH

Nader Massaweh, MD, MPH

Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology,
Department of Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine

Chief of Surgery, Atlanta VA Healthcare System

Vice Chair, Veterans Affairs, Department of Surgery, Emory
University School of Medicine



R01 Grant Title: Using Modern Data Science Methods and Advanced Analytics to Improve the Efficiency, Reliability, and Timeliness of Cardiac Surgical Quality Data

Funded By: National Institutes of Health; National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

Existing national surgical quality improvement programs have not significantly updated their processes for data collection, data analysis, or providing feedback to stakeholders in decades. Alternative strategies that could be implemented within quality improvement programs' current infrastructure could make these programs more timely, efficient, and effective. The overall goal of this proposal is to evaluate alternative, potentially more efficient strategies that can be readily implemented within the existing infrastructure of contemporary surgical QI programs and aid in the more efficient flow of data. This mixed-methods proposal will evaluate the extent to which such alternative approaches could be used to improve existing national surgical quality improvement programs.

Nader Massarweh, MD, MPH, is Chief of Surgery at the Atlanta VA Healthcare System, Vice Chair of Veterans Affairs for the Emory Department of Surgery, and Associate Professor of Surgery for the Emory Division of Surgical Oncology. He received his MD degree at Tulane University. He then attended the University of Washington, where he received his MPH and completed his post-graduate research fellowship and general surgery residency. From 2012-2014, he did a complex general surgical oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Massarweh's research interests include assessing the impact and effectiveness of national health policy initiatives, evaluation of the reliability and value of national quality measures, and improving the timely dissemination of surgical performance data for quality improvement.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The End of Statistical Significance? Moving to a World Beyond " $p < 0.05$ " Virtual Seminar

Emory Global Diabetes Research Center

Tues | 01/18/2021 | 12PM -1PM ET

Speaker:

Nicole A. Lazar, PhD

Penn State University

Department of Statistics & Huck Institutes of Life Sciences

Though statisticians have long spoken out against rote use of null hypothesis significance testing (NHST) and thresholds for the declaration of "statistical significance" these calls have taken on new life and urgency in the past decade. In this talk, Dr. Nicole Lazar will provide some background and history to the current movement to get science to a "post $p < 0.05$ " era, including recent developments. Dr. Lazar will also present examples of what reform might look like. The goal is not to give final definitive answers, but rather to provoke thought and discussion to continue moving the conversation forward.

Dr. Nicole Lazar is Professor of Statistics and a member of the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, Penn State University. Prior to joining Penn State in 2020, she was a faculty member in the Departments of Statistics at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Georgia. She has a BA in Psychology and Statistics from Tel Aviv University, an MS in Statistics from Stanford University, and a PhD in Statistics from the University of Chicago. Professor Lazar is past-Editor in Chief of "The American Statistician" and was the 2019 President of the Caucus for Women in Statistics. She has also served as the Chair of the Statistics in Imaging Section of the American Statistical Association. She is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute, a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, and a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

Click [here](#) to view the "Moving to a World Beyond $p < 0.05$ " editorial.

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/NicoleLazar>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Workshop: Technology to Improve Maternal Health

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

Tues | 01/18/2022 | 12PM - 6:30PM ET

This workshop seeks to further advance interdisciplinary collaborations in maternal health technology by bringing together researchers, technology developers, and community partners to identify technology gaps and consider how new technologies can be used to improve maternal health and ultimately treat and/or prevent maternal morbidity and mortality (MMM).

Key Objectives

- Describe societal implications and determinants of inadequate maternal care.
- Review the state of technology in maternal health and identify gaps and translational challenges.
- Identify maternal health, clinical, and community care innovations or areas ready for translation.
- Understand community needs that can be addressed by development, commercialization, and sustainable implementation of technologies. Develop strategies to connect small businesses and collaborate with the community.

Click [here](#) for workshop information, the agenda, and registration.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Services Research Center Seminar Series

"Aligning public policy and public preferences for health information sharing and use"

Wed | 01/26/2022 | 2PM ET

Speaker: Jodyn Platt, PhD, MPH

Assistant Professor
Learning Health Services
University of Michigan
School of Medicine



Jodyn Platt, PhD, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Learning Health Sciences trained in medical sociology and health policy. Her research currently focuses addresses the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) of learning health systems and related enterprises. She is interested in understanding what makes learning health systems trusted and the pathways for earning, achieving, and sustaining trust.

Register here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArduuspzsiG90ObTz0oyG_wusbDVQcpxv3

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Team Science Skill Series: "Crash Course" on Team Science

Georgia CTSA

Fri | 01/28/2022 | 12PM - 2PM ET

Establishing and maintaining a productive research team is a difficult challenge across all stages of an academic's career. The science of good teamwork applies across an academic career: from incorporating graduate students and post-docs to your first research team to crossing-boundaries in the creation and maintenance of an interdisciplinary expert team. In conjunction with Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance, we are offering a "crash course" workshop that aims to develop the skills necessary to build and maintain your research team by leveraging existing teams research. This 120-minute workshop will cover the basics of team science and will be followed up by deeper dives into specific topics in future 60-minute workshops. Graduate students, post-docs, and all levels of academic faculty are all welcome to attend this workshop.

Topics covered will include:

- Basic Teamwork Concepts
- Best Practices when bringing your first team together
- How to manage and leverage conflict
- Building Interdisciplinary Collaboration
- Handling team member change/exit

Presented by:

Christopher W. Wiese, PhD

Georgia Institute of Technology

Register [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Surigical Outcomes Club Meeting

Fri | 02/04/2022 | 8AM - 12PM ET

FEATURED PANEL: Predictive Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Surgical Care.

This panel will highlight use of predictive analytics and artificial intelligence in surgical care. Topics will include natural language processing, imaging analysis, and predictive model development, as well as integration of these tools into health care delivery.



Michael Zinner Research Fellows. This panel will consist of two cohorts of Michael Zinner Fellows who will highlight their innovative research projects and professional accomplishments during their fellowship.



This meeting has been moved to a **virtual** format. Visit the website [here](#) for registration and updates.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Designing Interventions that Address Structural Racism to Reduce Kidney Health Disparities

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

February 24-25, 2022 | 12PM - 2PM ET

Substantial racial and ethnic disparities exist in health outcomes among patients with kidney disease, and structural racism is widely recognized to be a fundamental determinant. Structural racism is defined as macrolevel systems, social forces, institutions, ideologies, and processes that interact with one another to generate and perpetuate inequities among racial and ethnic minority populations. For marginalized racial and ethnic groups, this leads to greater exposure to adverse social determinants and risks (e.g., residential segregation, housing insecurity, food insecurity, inadequate health care, financial resource deprivation) that negatively affect individuals' risk of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and its progression and contributes to inequitable care and outcomes across the spectrum of CKD. Interventions that dismantle or address the effects of structural racism are essential to achieve health equity for patients with kidney disease.

Meeting Objectives

- Review the mechanisms by which structural racism (racism embedded within clinical, organizational, institutional, and societal practices and policies) contributes to health and health care disparities for patients along the continuum of kidney disease (CKD and CKD risk groups, dialysis care, and transplant care) and identify feasible areas for intervention.
- Identify and describe meaningful interventions to address identified areas and discuss feasible approaches and/or study designs needed to evaluate potential interventions.

Registration closes February 22. Register [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Science Conference

Thursday, March 3 - Friday, March 4, 2022

This multi-day conference featured talks from top researchers across the region, dynamic poster sessions, breakout sessions on hot topics such as health equity, infectious disease, and health services, and multiple opportunities for networking at Callway Resort & Gardens.

Registration is \$75 per person (\$35 for trainees). Fee includes attendance at scientific sessions and all breaks and meals.

Keynote Speaker:



Joni L. Rutter, PhD

Acting Director

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
National Institutes of Health

More information can be found [here](#).

Registration for this event can be found [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Society for Epidemiological Research Mid-Year Meeting

Thursday, March 3 - Friday, March 4, 2022 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Intersecting pandemics: COVID-19 + health disparities"

The past few years have been unprecedented for many epidemiologists and biostatisticians. The COVID-19 pandemic revealed longstanding deficiencies in the public health system, especially in the U.S., and exacerbated pre-existing health disparities. In the 2022 SER mid-year meeting, we will focus on the experiences of applied epidemiologists as well as notable research projects undertaken in the past year related to the pandemic, health disparities, or their intersection. Several talks will center on Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a prototypical urban location to highlight the local response to both pandemics.

SER is pleased to offer Mid-Year Meetings held via web conference. Invited presenters will present live on-site with attendees viewing via web conference. Individuals from the host institution(s) and public health departments/agencies may attend in person based on available space.

Registration Fees

Virtual Attendance:

Free to all 2022 SER members

In Person Attendance:

Students - \$35 per day

Non-Student - \$75 per day

Visit the website [here](#) for in-person and virtual registration, to view the agenda, and for more information regarding this meeting.



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WEBINARS

Emory School of Medicine Grand Rounds

School of Medicine Grand Rounds occur every Tuesday from 12PM - 1PM.

Grand Rounds are offered in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium (2E) from September through June. We encourage faculty from all divisions, residents, fellows, and medical students to attend. Each presentation is followed by a brief Q&A session.

Medicine Grand Rounds presentations are broadcast to several Emory sites around Atlanta.

- Decatur Clinic
- Emory Clinic at 1525 Clifton Road, 4th Floor Conference Room #477
- Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Administration Boardroom
- Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, Saint Joseph's Hospital Auditorium
- Emory University Hospital Midtown, Davis-Fischer Classroom 3
- Grady, Faculty Office Building, 101
- Grady, Ponce De Leon Center Room #354
- Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 6th floor Corner Conference Room

Subscribe to the Grand Round mailing list here:

<https://med.emory.edu/departments/medicine/education/cme-grand-rounds.html>

Archived session can be viewed [here](#).

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WEBINARS

Department of Surgery Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds occur every Thursday from 7AM - 8AM.

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Thursday mornings in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium, with the option to attend and participate virtually via Zoom. The EUH Auditorium is located on the 2nd floor of the hospital, E-Wing, Room E205.

To be added to the email list for the monthly grand rounds schedules, contact Sean Moore, Communications Manager for the Department of Surgery, at srmoore@emory.edu.

CME credits are given for documented attendance.

January 6, 2022

The 8 Bit Surgeon

Presented by Nathaniel A. Kaan, MD

January 13, 2022

The Value of an Ethnically Diverse Academic Surgery Workforce: Making the Quality and Excellence Argument

Presented by Paris DeSoto Butler, MD, MPH

January 20, 2022

Improving Perioperative Surgical Education: It's as SIMPL as ETO

Presented by Sunil K. Geevarghese, MD, MSCI

January 27, 2022

Topic and Speaker TBC

Information on upcoming Surgical Grand Rounds can be found [here](#).

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2022 Society for Epidemiologic Research Conference Abstract Submission

The 2022 SER Conference will be taking place June 14-17, 2022 in Chicago, IL.

General Abstract Submission:

November 8, 2021 - January 14, 2022 (11:00am EST)

Notifications will be sent by: April 4, 2022

Latebreaker Abstract Submission:

February 8, 2022 - March 4, 2022 (11:00am EST)

Notifications will be sent by: May 4, 2022

Abstract Submission Policy:

Abstracts derived from papers already published, either in print or in an online format, are not eligible for consideration to present at SER. Papers accepted but not yet published may be submitted, but in the event that the paper is published in advance of the SER meeting, the abstract will be withdrawn from presentation.

Visit the conference website [here](#) for abstract submission and conference details.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2022 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting

The 2022 Annual Research Meeting is organized around 21 themes and five submission types. All individual abstracts and research panel submissions undergo blinded peer review. Submissions for policy roundtables and critical and emerging issues in health services research are not blinded.

Timeline:

- Submission Deadline: **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. ET (Extended)**
- Online review period: January 21, 2022 - February 2, 2022

Late-Breaking Abstracts:

- Open Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022
- Submission Deadline: Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. ET

Submission Types:

- Call for Abstracts Sessions
- Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR
- Policy Roundtables
- Research Panels
- Student Posters

The conference will be taking place June 4 - June 7, 2022 in Washington, D.C.

For more information, visit the website [here](#).



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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

20th Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium

The Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium showcases the basic and clinical science research of all trainees in the Emory Department of Surgery. Participation is open to medical students, residents, and both clinical and post-doctoral fellows; trainees in a dedicated research rotation are encouraged to submit their research and attend the Symposium. The format of the 2022 William C. Wood Research Symposium has not yet been determined.

Important Dates:

- **Friday, January 28, 2022: Submission Deadline (11:59 p.m. EDT)**
- Friday, February 25, 2022: Notification letters for oral or poster presentation will be distributed
- Thursday, April 14, 2022: William C. Wood Research Symposium, Dr. Allan Kirk, MD, PhD Visiting Professor

Submission Criteria:

- One abstract per trainee may be submitted.
- One table or figure allowed per abstract.
- Talks previously presented at a national or regional meeting are admissible (must not have been published before August of prior year).
- Presenting at this meeting is not a deterrent for presenting at future national/regional meetings.
- A complete submission must include the presenter's name, email address, cell number, position, and PI/Faculty Mentor's name.

For questions about the program or submission, please contact S. Ashley McCullough at Sharon.McCullough@emory.edu. Visit the website [here](#) for abstract guidelines and more information.

Submissions can be done [here](#).

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

University Research Committee 2022-2023 Proposals

The University Research Committee (URC) announces the annual Call for Proposals for funding to be used during 2022-2023 in the following categories:

- URC Regular Award
- URC Interdisciplinary Award
- URC-Halle Institute Global Research Award (specific criteria apply)

All regular, full-time Emory faculty, of all ranks, are welcome to submit an application. URC eligibility follows criteria for “full-time faculty” as defined within each school. Postdocs, Fellows, Adjuncts, and part-time faculty are not eligible.

Each applicant may submit one application selected from one of the following categories:

- Arts: Visual and Performing
- Biological and Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Interdisciplinary (1-PI, \$30,000 award; 2 or more-PIs, \$40,000 award)
- Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences

Each category, with the exception of Interdisciplinary, awards a maximum of \$30,000 per application. Most regular URC proposals will have one principal investigator.

Funding decisions will be made in late Spring 2022 with notifications to follow.

The Application Portal is open October 1, 2021 through 11:59 PM January 14, 2022

For more information and how to apply, visit the website [here](#).

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Emory SYNERGY II Nexus Call for Proposals 2022

Requirements for this year's pilot awards include:

- Being a regular, full-time faculty member (tenure-track or CRT-track are both eligible)
- Must be a collaboration between a Woodruff Health Sciences School and another Emory School (Emory College of Arts and Sciences, Law School, Candler School of Theology, Goizueta Business School, Oxford)
- Proposal cannot duplicate an existing funded project

In addition, the priority for awards this cycle will be those that:

- Involve Emory undergraduates in the research
- Lead to extramural funding that is federal but outside of NIH - so specifically National Science Foundation, Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Defense, NASA, DARPA, etc. So the work should consider the types of priorities those entities would

Applications will consist of:

1. A cover sheet
2. A research proposal (3 pages max)
3. A minimal, one-page budget
4. An NIH biosketch for each PI

Each proposal must be submitted with the above four items compiled into a single PDF. The PDF file name format must be: Last name of Corresponding PI dot First Name of Corresponding PI dot pdf. For example: Smith.John.pdf

Questions regarding this opportunity can be directed to Lanny Liebeskind, Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives, chemll1@emory.edu

Please send your proposals to Vice Provost Lanny S. Liebeskind at chemLL1@emory.edu (copy to Barbara Walsh at barbara.walsh@emory.edu) **not later than Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:59 am.**

Funding is anticipated to be released by Friday, April 1, 2022.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity

Evidence for Action prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. We are concerned both with the direct impacts of structural racism on the health and well-being of people and communities of color (e.g., Black, Latina/o/x, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander people, and other races and ethnicities)—as well as the ways in which racism intersects with other forms of marginalization, such as having low income, being an immigrant, having a disability, or identifying as LGBTQ+ or a gender minority.

This funding is focused on studies about upstream causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals' options and behaviors. Research should center on the needs and experiences of communities exhibiting the greatest health burdens and be motivated by real-world priorities. It should be able to inform a specific course of action and/or establish beneficial practices, not stop at characterizing or documenting the extent of a problem.

While they will consider research on various aspects of health equity, they prioritize studies of interventions that are designed to reduce race-based disparities (e.g., by confronting a root cause of disparities or targeting benefits to those experiencing the greatest burdens). RWJF is particularly interested in strategies focused on developing healthy and equitable communities; supporting the needs of children, families, and caregivers; and fostering alignment among health care, public health, and social service systems.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please contact your RAS unit and Nicole Dancz (nicole.dancz@emory.edu) to inform them of your intent to submit.

For more information and how to apply, please visit the [website here](#).

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SOM Imagine, Innovate and Impact (I3) Wow! Research Awards

Proposals with the potential to make a transformational impact in either fundamental biomedical knowledge or translational impact are being solicited. If successful, the project will provide new ways of thinking about a problem. Particularly creative ideas, even without preliminary data, will be considered provided feasibility is demonstrated. Collaborations are strongly encouraged but not required. Preference given to outside-the-box ideas.

Funding Availability:

- Awards will be made in \$25,000 increments, up to \$250,000 in total direct costs.
- The total of number of awards to be made is variable based on merit and funds requested; possibly up to \$800,000 will be awarded in this round.

Eligibility :

- Faculty PI with a primary appointment in the Emory SOM at the rank of Assistant Professor or above at an FTE of 0.5 or higher
- Cannot be duplicative of current funding at the time of award
- Faculty may participate in more than one proposal and may serve as PI on more than one proposal
- If the proposal includes a non-SOM entity, that second entity must agree to fund its share of the budget if awarded.

Due Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5PM

For more information about the award and to view the RFP, click [here](#).

View the online application [here](#).

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Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program (BMSF DCTCDP)

The BMSF in partnership with National Medical Fellowships (NMF) has developed the BMSF Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program (DCTCDP) to tackle low clinical trial recruitment of underrepresented groups by intentionally training clinical investigators interested in increasing diversity in clinical trials. The program provides early-stage clinical investigators with distinct training, skills, and support to initiate and conduct clinical trials that support the recruitment of underrepresented minority (URM) patients into clinical trial research.

The two-year, \$240k career development award (\$120k per year) supports early-stage clinical investigators in becoming world-class Community-Oriented Clinical Trialists—first-rate clinical researchers with additional competencies to foster active participation of diverse patient populations in clinical research.

Awardees participate in the active clinical trials of experienced Principal Investigators, receive world-class training in clinical research design and community engagement [including a 6-day BMSF-AACR (American Association for Cancer Research) intensive workshop], and are supported with mentored career development planning.

Letter of Intent Due: **Friday, January 14, 2022 @ 11:59 PM ET**

To learn more about BMSF DCTCDP, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to apply.

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Applications now open for the Program for Retaining, Supporting, and EleVating Early-career Researchers at Emory (PeRSEVERE)

Emory School of Medicine (SOM) has been awarded support from the [Doris Duke Charitable Foundation COVID-19 Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists](#) to implement PeRSEVERE. We are aware that clinician scientists, among others, have encountered multiple challenges to their research programs including family caregiving responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will allow SOM early career faculty to maximize the impact of research supplements, research and grant administrative support, institutional resources to offset caregiving expenses, and enhanced access to professional development, mentorship and sponsorship activities at this critical career stage.

Funding Availability:

- This program will offer 10-13 research supplement awards to eligible faculty.
- Awardees will be supported for one year and funded up to \$30,000. The total supplement fund may vary based on actual needs, not to exceed \$50,000 per individual.
- Awardees will have access to support and resources funded through SOM matching funds, including multiple forms of research support, professional development, and caregiving extra hands.

Application due date: January 18, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

For eligibility and application information, view the funding announcement [here](#).

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FAME Grant Program

The Department of Medicine (DOM) is accepting applications for the thirteenth round of the FAME (Fostering the Academic Mission in the Emory DOM) grant program, which is designed to provide support for clinical faculty to dedicate up to 20% of their professional time to scholarly activity, including research, education, quality improvement (QI) projects and mentoring. One FAME grant will be awarded by the Department of Medicine, with additional awards supported by the following divisions: Hospital Medicine (2), Renal Medicine (1), Digestive Diseases (1), General Internal Medicine (1), and Geriatrics (1). Grants will cover a 12-month period beginning September 1, 2022.

Deadlines:

Tuesday, January 18, 2022: Letter of intent (LOI)

Monday, February 28, 2022: Full application

Candidates wishing to apply for this award must submit an e-mail to DOMResearch@emory.edu stating the name of the candidate, the candidate's division, and the proposed title of the project by Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST. This e-mail serves as a "letter" of intent and is a required part of the application process.

2022 FAME Grant Writing Workshop Registration

Should you choose not to attend, you are still permitted to submit a FAME grant application. All workshops will be offered via Zoom.

Friday, January 14 : "Writing a compelling problem statement" from 8-9 a.m.

Friday, January 21: "Developing the background and significance" from 8-9 a.m. + coaching session from 9-10 a.m.

Friday, January 28: "Evaluation methods" from 8-9 a.m. + coaching session from 9-10 a.m.

For more information about this grant, visit the website [here](#).

Register for workshops [here](#).

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Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research Pilot Funding Program

The Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research (GCDTR) is seeking pilot grant proposals in the field of diabetes translation research that advances health equity. Two levels of funding are available:

- **Preliminary or formative research:** This opportunity is for exploratory, feasibility, and formative diabetes health equity studies to generate preliminary data to facilitate a subsequent submission of a research grant for external funding. Examples include, but are not limited to, qualitative field work, community-engaged research for development of research questions, instrument, or assay testing, and secondary data analyses that leverage existing databases for data science, analytics, and modeling. Budget: up to \$30,000 for one year.
- **Prospective clinical or community-based studies:** This opportunity is for pilot studies addressing diabetes health equity questions using prospective approaches in clinical or community-based settings to create or strengthen preliminary data to facilitate subsequent external grant submissions. A variety of methods may be used, including social, behavioral, clinical and community concepts, evaluations of clinical or innovative interventions, and dissemination and implementation studies. Budget: up to \$50,000/year

Important Dates:

- Letter of Intent: **January 21, 2022**
- Studio Consultations with Core Faculty; Core Webinars: February - March 2022
- Application Receipt: April 1, 2022
- Anticipated Start: June 1, 2022

Letters of Intent should be submitted as a single PDF via to Jeff Mills jeff.mills@emory.edu no later than Friday, January 21, 2022. GCDTR will invite individuals to submit full applications. Should you have any questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Jeff Mills at jeff.mills@emory.edu.

For more information and guidelines, visit the GCDTR website [here](#).

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Department of Surgery HSR Pilot Grant Funding Opportunity

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: Pilot grant funding/seed funding for the Department of Surgery health services research related projects for a one year period, with potential for competitive renewal for a second year. Funding will not exceed \$30,000 per year in direct costs only. Depending on merit, we may award up to 2-3 grants annually.

PURPOSE: Seed grants will fund projects to gather preliminary data which can later be converted to an R-series application or other sponsored funding opportunity with a secondary goal of encouraging collaboration across disciplines

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A proposal related to health services research that ideally would involve multiple disciplines (e.g., clinical expert + methodologist) examining innovative solutions for issues such as healthcare quality, costs, equity/access to care or dissemination research in surgical patients. The focus can be local, regional, national, or international, but must include coinvestigators with primary appointments from a minimum of two schools.

Salary for faculty or clinical staff would not be an eligible expense for this RFA. Recommended expenses could include fees related to data acquisition, biostatistics support, effort for a research coordinator, student/trainee support, travel expenses, or publication expenses.

Applicants should email their completed application to Larissa Teunis (larissa.j.teunis@emory.edu) with the subject line: HSR Center Pilot Grant Application **by January 30, 2022.**

For more information and what to include in the application for this pilot grant, visit the HSR Center website [here](#).

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Georgia CTSA KL2 Program: Clinical and Translational Research Career Development Program for Junior Faculty Members

The goal of the Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA, the NIHfunded Clinical and Translational Science Award) KL2 Scholars program is to support and enhance career development for junior faculty (MD, PhD, MD/PhD) committed to a career in clinical and/or translational research. The Georgia CTSA program is committed to assisting junior faculty at partner institutions to become independent, established, and ethical clinical and/or translational research investigators.

KL2 scholars accepted into the KL2 Scholars program will receive salary support to enable them to spend at least 75% of their professional time (50% is allowed for trainees from surgery or surgical subspecialties) on clinical and/or translational research and research training, a \$25,000 technical budget for research-related expenses and tuition for the Master of Science in Clinical Research (MSCR) degree or Certificate Program in Translational Research (CPTR).

Application deadline: February 1, 2022 at 5PM

To check eligibility requirements and application instructions, click [here](#).

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Building Interdisciplinary Research Career in Women's Health Applications Open

The Emory BIRCWH program, short for Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health, is a highly selective career development program for junior investigators interested in women's health research. BIRCWH connects junior faculty to senior faculty with shared research interests in advancing women's health research, improving sex/gender science, and promoting health and well being among women.

Each year, BIRCWH scholars receive salary support to enable them to spend at least 75% of their professional time (50% is allowed for trainees from surgery or surgical subspecialties) on research training and a \$25,000 technical budget for research-related expenses and career development activities. The maximum support is \$100,000 per year plus fringe benefits. Support in the program is provided for two years and is based on program performance.

To learn more about BIRCWH, visit the website [here](#).

Application deadline: February 1, 2022

To check eligibility requirements and application instructions, click [here](#).

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Diabetes Research Centers (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)

Applications for Diabetes Research Centers are designed to support and enhance the national research effort in diabetes, its complications, and related endocrine and metabolic diseases. Diabetes Research Centers support two primary research-related activities: Research Core services and a Pilot and Feasibility (P and F) program. All activities pursued by Diabetes Research Centers are designed to enhance the efficiency, productivity, effectiveness, and multidisciplinary nature of research in Diabetes Research Center topic areas.

Successful Diabetes Research Center applications require an existing program of excellence in biomedical research in diabetes, its complications, and in related research in endocrine and metabolic diseases. To justify Center support, the Diabetes Research Center must serve a large research base of NIDDK-funded investigators pursuing research activities in Center topic areas, as well as diabetes investigators with other sources of peer-reviewed support. The research base for the Center, including any affiliated hospitals or proposed partners, must consist of at least \$3,000,000 per year in direct costs of peer-reviewed research projects.

Deadlines:

- Letter of Intent: **February 8, 2022**
- Full Applications: **March 8, 2022**

For more information and how to apply, view the Funding Opportunity Announcement [here](#).

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Accepting Applications for Georgia CTSA TL1 (T32-like) Training Grant

Clinical and Translational Research Training

The Georgia CTSA TL1 Program provides outstanding opportunities for clinical and translational research (CTR) training for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees at the Georgia CTSA partner institutions: Emory University (Emory), Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), and University of Georgia (UGA). The program is focused on providing didactic and mentored research training for predoctoral (medical students, PhD students, PharmD students) and postdoctoral (resident and fellow physicians, PhD postdocs, PharmD residents) trainees interested in a career focused on clinical and/or translational research relevant to human health.

Applicants admitted into the TL1 program receive the following:

- Stipend: One year of predoctoral or postdoctoral stipend support and health insurance based on the NIH NRSA scale.
- Tuition: Tuition support for the Emory or Morehouse School of Medicine MSCR program or Emory CPTR). (MSCR/CPTR coursework begins August 2022).
- Travel: A total of \$1,000 is provided to each TL1 awardee for travel to the Georgia CTSA Southeastern Regional Conference in Feb-March 2022 and the Translational Science Scientific Meeting in April 2022 to present their research in progress or research findings

Predoctoral TL1 application deadline: February 15, 2022

Postdoctoral TL1 application deadline: March 15, 2022

For more information on how to apply to the TL1 program and the application requirements, please see the program's [website](#).

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The Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project 2.0

In June and July 2022, the Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project, based at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, will host new, thoroughly updated and revised FREE 4-day virtual trainings on why & how to analyze population health and health inequities in relation to census tract, county, and other georeferenced societal and environmental data.

Registration for both trainings is NOW OPEN and will close Thursday, Feb 10 at 12 noon EST. Register [here](#) for one of the 150 available slots.

Duke University School of Medicine Summer Institute 2022

Build your foundational knowledge in population health sciences; approach your research from different perspectives; better understand your context; and be more innovative in your proposals, design, and analysis. The Department of Population Health Services faculty will teach these skills and more at the Department of Population Health Sciences Virtual Summer Institute, June 13-17 and June 20-24.

Register and learn more information [here](#).

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Access to the COVID-19 Data Analytics Platform

Researchers studying COVID-19 can now access an innovative new analytics platform that contains clinical data from the electronic health records of people who were tested for coronavirus or who have had related symptoms. As part of NCATS National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Data Enclave, the data within this source will help scientists study COVID 19 and answer clinically important questions about COVID-19 that they could not have answered previously, including potential risk factors, protective factors, and long-term health consequences.

More information and how to submit access requests can be found here:

<https://ncats.nih.gov/news/releases/2020/access-to-N3C-COVID-19-data-analytics-platform-now-open>

Grant Support

The new Georgia CTSA Grant Wise service offers the opportunity for one to receive one-on-one feedback and support with grant writing from experienced senior faculty. This resource is available to faculty of institutions within the Georgia CTSA (Emory University, Georgia Tech, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia). All grant types are welcome to submit a request for guidance.

Receive support with:

- Developing a timeline
- Reviewing Specific Aims
- Writing/editing the text
- Responding to reviewers

Requests can be submitted to the [online form](#).

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Advancing Collaborative Biostatistics at Emory (ACBE)

Are you interested in joining an informal community for collaborative biostatisticians/data analysts to share ideas, information, and advice and to facilitate professional development? If so, please complete this interest form to join Advancing Collaborative Biostatistics at Emory (ACBE) [here](#). ACBE meets monthly on the third Thursday at noon via Zoom and we would love to have you join us! Contact Christina Mehta (christina.mehta@emory.edu) for more information.

Network for Evaluation and Implementation Sciences at Emory (NEISE)

NEISE is a network that encourages interdisciplinary research opportunities to harness the intellectual resources of Emory University and Greater Atlanta to create solutions for sustainable and resilient communities, while enriching the faculty and student experience. The mission of NEISE is to improve population health by conducting rigorous, evidence-based, and actionable research on implementing programs and informing policies in the US and abroad.

Check out their website [here](#) to get involved and access resources.

Healthcare Innovation Program

The Healthcare Innovation Program (HIP) supports and enhances the activities of faculty, staff, and units throughout the region to create, disseminate, and apply knowledge about healthcare service and delivery in order to benefit society. Explore existing health services research projects, news and events from partner organizations [here](#).



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Surgical Outcomes Club

The Surgical Outcomes Club is a consortium of surgeons and scientists interested in advancing health services and outcomes research in surgery. Officially launched at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in 2005, SOC provides a virtual and real meeting place for investigators addressing some of the most pressing clinical and policy issues facing the surgical profession today.

SOC aims to facilitate networking with established surgical outcome researchers and provide a platform for fostering collaborations. It will also serve as a clearinghouse for educational materials and other resources for surgeons wishing to learn more about the field.

Check out their website [here](#) and become a member.

Episheet

Spreadsheets for the Analysis of Epidemiologic Data: <https://rtihs.org/episheet>

Episheet is a spreadsheet workbook that evolved from a collection of programs for first-generation programmable calculators (Epidemiologic Analysis with a Programmable Calculator, by Kenneth J. Rothman and John D. Boice, Jr.) It comprises various analyses for epidemiologic data, including confounding control by stratification of rate data, risk data, and case-control data, study size and power computation, standardization, analysis of matched case-control data, analysis of seasonal trends, computation of exact confidence limits for selected measures, meta-analysis, and more. The file is free to download and share.

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[Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 Infection and Hospitalization in the Active Component US Military](#)



[Closing Evidence Gaps in Clinical Prevention](#)



[Expanding the boundaries of health services research](#)



[Trends in US Surgical Procedures and Health Care System Response to Policies Curtailing Elective Surgical Operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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