The OSD News Bulletin is an evolving platform that may include other features in the future. If you have any items that you would like to submit for our Congrats and Kudos section or if you would like to request specific items to be included in the bulletin, please contact Dr. Triesta Fowler at fowlerlt@nih.gov.

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NIH-Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Intramural Fellowship Program

The NIH-JSPS Intramural Fellowship was created in 1995 to promote bilateral cooperation between NIH and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) foundation. It is the largest government-supported foundation in Japan that provides fellowships to about 10 postdoc Japanese scientists. This partnership-based program is primarily funded by the JSPS Foundation with NIH host IC co-funding. It provides a two-year stipend to Japanese postdocs to work at NIH intramural labs. The NIH-JSPS Kaitoku Program application forms (English and Japanese) can be downloaded from JSPS website at http://jspsusa.org/wp/fellowship/kaitoku-nih.

Eligibility (Must meet ALL requirements)

• Must be a Japanese citizen or permanent resident of Japan. Dual Japanese-US citizens eligible to apply.
• Must have obtained their doctoral degree, equivalent to a Ph.D. on or after April 2, 2015.

Applicants must complete both forms and submit an application package (Japanese and English) with the following: (1) research proposal, (2) statement on previous research, and (3) statement on the significance of working in the sponsoring NIH lab. Candidates must also submit the certificate of a PhD degree with the original seal and signature. NIH sponsors must provide a Letter of Invitation (see website for details regarding the letter) for their candidate and submit the NIH Lab Host’s biographical sketch to the application. See the full announcement for additional information on the website. Please submit the following application package both as an original paper application to:

NIH Campus Building 31, Floor/Room B2/C31 and also electronically to the following e-mail address:

• ficjpsintramural@mail.nih.gov

Application due date: 5:00 PM ET on Tuesday, May 31, 2020.

For more information:

• http://jspsusa.org/wp/fellowship/kaitoku-nih/ or
• Email Mili Ferreira if you have questions at ficjpsintramural@mail.nih.gov

2020 Bench-to-Bedside (B+B)

Dr. John Gallin, NIH Associate Director for Clinical Research & Chief Scientific Officer, CC has announced the call for 2020 Bench-to-Bedside (B+B) and Back proposals. This is the 22nd cycle of funding for these two-year awards designed to seed new projects that propose to translate basic science to clinical research. Bench-to-Bedside proposals can fall into one of seven categories: AIDS, behavioral and social sciences, dietary supplements, minority health, rare diseases, women's health, and general projects.

While projects can be exclusively among intramural investigators, collaborations between intramural and extramural investigators are encouraged. The extramural investigator must have a current NIH grant related closely to the general subject of the B+B proposal in order to receive B+B funds.

The Bench-to-Bedside Program uses an electronic venue (ProposalCentral) to aid investigators in submitting letters of intent and in collaborating online with the project leader to develop proposals for submission. Reviewers also will have access to online features to augment the review process. For this cycle of awards, a letter of intent must be submitted by May 18, 2020.
If you have general questions about the Bench-to-Bedside Program, please email program administrators at BedsidetoBench@mail.nih.gov. Additional program details including a timeline and deadlines for submission this cycle are available at https://ocr.od.nih.gov/btb/deadlines.html. There is an informational video about funding opportunities for Collaborative Research at the NIH Clinical Center (U01) and the Bench-to-Bedside and Back Program (BiB) here: https://ocr.od.nih.gov/funding_opportunities.html

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=Pertinent Notes & Dates=


✅ NICHD Scientific Director position vacancy announcement has been posted at https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/jobs.

A Photographic Trip Down Memory Lane
For our May issue of *The NICHD Connection*, the fellows’ newsletter, the NICHD Office of Education would like to include a picture collage of PIs as young scientists—in college, in lab as a grad or medical student, as a postdoc, or during other moments in their training. Any picture related to your career as a scientist can be submitted for the collage.

If you would like to participate, please email your photos to shana.spindler@nih.gov with a short caption. **We need all submissions by Friday April 24th.** We appreciate your time and hope this will be a fun endeavor that will provide a nice morale boost to our trainees as we navigate this challenging time.

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**= NICHD Director’s Newsletter =**

Current Edition of the NICHD Director’s Newsletter (April 2020)

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**= DDIR Web Board =**

Current Edition of the Deputy Director for Intramural Research’s Web Board

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**= Trainee Highlights =**

2020 NIH Intramural Summer Internship Program (SIP)

Dr. Michael M. Gottesman, Deputy Director for Intramural Research announced that NIH will not host students this year in consideration of the health and safety of summer program participants and our community in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rather than hosting students, the Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE) will work together with the ICs to sponsor a robust series of on-line offerings for students at all educational levels. There will be more information about these efforts at a later date.

This will apply to all SIP applicants, even those that might be able to accomplish their work remotely. In addition, no student may be appointed as a Special Volunteer or student IRTA/CRTA, effective immediately and continuing at least through August 15, 2020.

OITE will notify all accepted SIP students of this decision via the central application portal. The SIP2020 portal will be closed and applicants will be notified that they should stop seeking positions. Dr. Gottesman mentioned that any student accepted this year will be offered a position at NIH in 2021 without having to recompete. He will be working with the IC training directors and summer coordinators to determine how to put this in place.

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**= Congrats and Kudos! =**

*Kudos!* To Dr. Amir H. Gandjbakhche, Dr. Constantine Stratakis and Dr. Afrouz Anderson for their article “Evaluation of neurocognitive function of prefrontal cortex in ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency” making the cover of *Molecular Genetics and Metabolism* volume 129 issue 3.