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MD/PhD Program News

MD/PhD program MS4’s Match!

Our three MS4 MD/PhD students crisscrossed the country with residency interviews and matched at exceptional residencies on March 20th. (L-R) Josephine Thinwa, will do her residency at UT Southwestern/ Internal Medicine Physician Scientist Training Program, Adam Rossano will be doing a post-doc at Mayo Clinic/Physiology, and Diana Villarreal will be doing her residency at Baylor College of Medicine in San Antonio / Pediatrics.

Tiffani Houston, GS3 was awarded the F31 grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and is titled, “The inflammatory consequence of arsenic-mediated urothelial endocrine disruption.” The award will fund Tiffani through the duration of her time in the MD/PhD program.

Curtis Clark, GS1 was awarded the 2014-2015 UTHSCSA Microbiology and Immunology Student Travel Award for $1500. and also won 2nd place in the Medical Student Division at Passport 2015, UTHSCSA which conveyed the Medical Alumni Merit Award for $600.

Raehannah Jamshidi, GS4 was awarded Best Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the Behavior, Biology, and Chemistry conference on March 14th. The title of her presentation was “Structural modifications to the kappa opio-
Graduation for the
GSBS will be held
Friday,
May 15, 2015
at 4:00PM in the
UTHSCSA Holly
Auditorium.

If you have any
questions, contact
the GSBS Dean's
Office at 567-
3709.

Student Publications

Callaway DA, Riquelme MA, Sharma R, Lopez-Cruz M, Herman BA, Jiang JX. Caspase-2 Modulates Osteoclastogenesis through Down-regulating Reactive Oxygen Species. Bone. Accepted. 2015

Callaway DA and Jiang JX. Reactive Oxygen Species and Oxidative Stress in Osteoclastogenesis, Skeletal Aging, and Bone Diseases. JBMM. Accepted. 2015


Karl Li, GS3 (pictured right) and mentor Peter Fox, PhD were invited to an honorarium by Dr. Li-Hai Tan from the University of Shenzhen in China. Karl gave two talks and led two workshop sessions for the BrainMap Workshop.

Vinh Dao, GS3, Justin Drerup, GS2, and Curtis Clark, GS1, all trainees from Dr. Tyler Curiel's lab were selected to give oral presentations at the annual American Association of Immunologists meeting in New Orleans from May 8-12. They all received travel awards.
6th Annual MD/PhD Retreat

Jeff Cooney, GS1 (Top right) won Best Poster presentation by peers. His presentation was titled “Combinational targeting of the B cell receptor in diffuse large B cell lymphoma.”

Justin Drerup, GS2 (Top left) won Best Oral presentation by peers. His presentation was on “Regulatory T-Cell Depletion by Anti-CD25 Antibodies Promotes T-Cell Cytotoxicity and Survival in Ovarian Cancer Model.”

David Melton, GS5 (Bottom left) won Best Oral presentation by Faculty award. His presentation was titled “microRNA-9: Mediator of Inflammation.”

Arpan Satsangi, MS2 (Bottom right) won Best Poster presentation by Faculty. His presentation was “Conception of a multi-directional deflection sensor for measurement of compressive deformation of stabilized artificial bones.”
MD/PhD Recruitment Fairs

Our very own MD/PhD students working really hard to recruit and answer all questions for interested UT Austin undergrad students. On February 26th Kristen Rogers, GS1 participated in the South Texas Swing event where she was able to recruit undergraduate students. Where as Brett Ipson, GS1 and Eithan Kotkowski, MS2 participated in the Undergraduate Research Forum also at UT Austin on April 17th where they were able to judge posters and recruit students as well. Thanks for all your help guys!

New addition to the MD/PhD Family

Congratulations to Curt Clark & family on their newest addition!

Greta Frances Clark was born on April 19, 2015, weighing 8lbs. 15oz. and 21 in. long.

Bench to Bedside Series 2014-2015

May 11th – Ralph DeBerardinis, MD,PhD
Associate Professor in Pediatrics
UT Southwestern

July 13th – Dr. Ralph DeFronzo, MD
Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism
Deputy Director
Texas Diabetes Institute

F-Troop Grant Writing workshops for Graduate students will begin
Wednesday, May 6th @ 5PM in MED 331.5B.

Information on time and location will be emailed to students soon.

MD/PhD Students

Vinh Dao, GS3 – May 6th @ 1:00PM in 409L.

Graduation Party for 2015 MD/PhD Program graduates!

Monday, May 18th @ 5:30PM

BBQ area outside Gold’s gym.

Please invite friends and family.

Attention MD/PhD Graduate students!
The program is able to provide four $750 Travel awards for this conference which requires a presentation of a poster at this conference.

Please ask Jackie for more info on this conference.
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