

Faculty Matters

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Plan to Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments!



Get your Flu Shot by November 15

Flu is the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S., resulting in approximately 36,000 deaths and 226,000 hospitalizations annually. Health care workers infected with influenza have been the cause of outbreaks of the disease in hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

Because of the responsibility health care workers bear to protect patients, UF Health is introducing mandatory flu vaccination or a formal opt-out/mask process in patient care areas. The mandatory flu vaccination or formal opt-out/mask process applies to individuals who provide service in any UF Health Shands, UF College of Medicine and UF Health Physicians facilities, and UF College of Dentistry facilities and programs. This includes UF Health Science Center college and institute physicians; residents and clinical providers; UF Health Shands employees; UF Health Physicians employees; credentialed medical staff and allied health staff; students; trainees; and volunteers.

These UF Health individuals are expected to be vaccinated against the flu by **November 15**. For employees of UF Health Shands and UF Health Physicians, and UF College of Medicine physicians and allied health providers on our medical staffs, vaccination is available through UF Health Shands Occupational Health Services at no cost. All other UF Health faculty, staff and students can obtain the vaccination for free from the UF Student Health Care Center during on-site vaccination events at UF Health.

Visit Flu Central at bridge.UFHealth.org/flu for full details and to view an updated schedule of flu vaccination events across UF Health.

Celebrate **Today** with the VA Brain Rehabilitation Research Center of Excellence

The National VA Brain Rehabilitation Research Center of Excellence (BRRC) at the Gainesville VA Medical Center has received a new award of \$4.5 million for the next five years (2014 – 2019) from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service. The mission of the BRRC is to discover mechanisms of brain plasticity and apply these discoveries to the development and testing of innovative interventions for recovery of cognitive, motor, and emotion function for those with neural injury or disease, such as TBI, stroke, spinal cord injury, and Parkinson's disease.

To celebrate this prestigious award, the BRRC is holding a Celebration Open House to showcase the work of its 28 VA-funded investigators and 16 affiliate investigators. This event will be **Tuesday, September 16, 2014 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on the first floor of the Community Living Center building on the campus of the Gainesville VAMC**. There will be scientific posters and presentations from multiple BRRC scientists, who will describe their ongoing research. Tours of the BRRC Labs will be conducted and refreshments will be served. Dr. Janis Daly, Director of the BRRC, will welcome everyone at 4:45pm with brief remarks about the BRRC's future work.

The BRRC is a consortium that includes the Gainesville VA Medical Center, University of Florida, UF Health Shands and Rehabilitation Hospitals, and Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital, and all are welcome to attend this celebration.

Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Grants: Apply NOW

Faculty Enhancement Opportunity (FEO) Award applications are now being accepted for award in Spring 2014. This project is part of President Machen's efforts to support and enhance professional development opportunities for the faculty. Details of the FEO program and the application form are available at <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/FEO>. If you are interested in applying, please read the information carefully and make sure you meet the eligibility requirements before applying. The College must review all application prior to submission. David Quillen, MD chairs the COM FEO-Review Committee and requests that you **submit a letter of intent** to him prior to submitting a full packet. A simple one line email to quillen@ufl.edu is sufficient.

Note that **September 19, 2014 @5:00pm** is the deadline to have your applications submitted to the COM-FEO review committee. You must submit your application to the COM-FEO review committee for review and support.

Other Funding Opportunities

UF Health Cancer Center Bridge Grants

The intent of this grant mechanism is to provide interim support for existing investigator-initiated, cancer-related, research projects that have been highly rated by national panels of peer reviewers in recent federal competitions but were not funded. Allowable federal competitions include but are not limited to those conducted by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, etc. The applicant must have received a peer review summary statement indicating high scientific merit. Applications for bridge funding on proposals that were not scored will not be accepted for funding.

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 1, 2014.

Applications should be submitted to both:

- Cancer Preeminence Coordinating Committee, P.O. Box 100014, Gainesville, FL 32610-0014 or email to mtrapani@ufl.edu and
- Dr. Paul Okunieff, PO Box 103633, Gainesville, FL 32610 or email to pokunieff@ufl.edu

UF Seed Fund Competition

The UF Office of Research has announced the [2015 Research Opportunity Seed Fund competition](#).

This program targets interdisciplinary, collaborative research initiatives that have potential for extramural support. Opportunity Fund awards are intended to support new projects (not a supplement to current research). Proposals must involve faculty from at least two departments/units/colleges. Awards will be limited to \$100,000 for the entire project period (two years).

The **College of Medicine** can submit a maximum of 10 proposals for this campus-wide competition. As such, the College of Medicine Office of Research Affairs is conducting an internal selection via a two stage process:

Stage 1. Letters of Intent – due Monday, October 27, 2014

- Include project title, submitting investigator, submitting investigator department, and names of all co-investigators and their departments
- One page technical summary inclusive of a description of the interdisciplinary, collaborative nature of the project
- Current NIH biosketch for each investigator
- Submit electronically as a single PDF to our website (see below)

Applicants will be notified of the Stage 1 review results on or around November 12th, 2014. Approximately 20 selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal for Stage 2 of the College of Medicine's internal selection process.

Stage 2. Invited full proposals will be due **Monday, December 15, 2014**. These proposals will be internally reviewed, and 10 will be chosen and submitted to the UF Office of Research to compete in the campus-wide competition.

Resources:

- [2015 Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)
- [Review Criteria \(PDF\)](#)

Submission website: <http://researchaffairs.med.ufl.edu/research-opportunity-seed-fund/>

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Barnash (barnash@ufl.edu).

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now inviting applications to Grand Challenges

Explorations, which has awarded over 1070 grants in over 58 countries to date.

Grand Challenges Explorations seeks innovative global health and development solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations as well as for-profit companies.

Two-page proposals are being accepted online from September 4, 2014 until November 12, 2014 on the following topics:

- Surveillance Tools, Diagnostics and an Artificial Diet to Support New Approaches to Vector Control.
- New Approaches for Addressing Outdoor/Residual Malaria Transmission
- New Ways to Reduce Pneumonia Fatalities through Timely, Effective Treatment of Children
- Enable Universal Acceptance of Mobile Money Payments to Create an Economic Ecosystem that Will Help Lift the Poorest Out of Poverty
- Explore New Ways to Measure Brain Development and Gestational Age
- New Ways of Working Together: Integrating Community-Based Interventions

Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at: www.grandchallenges.org/explorations

UF Campaign for Charities



This year's goal is to surpass the \$1,000,463.00 donated by generous UF employees in 2013 to benefit our agencies. The agency you designate will receive not only your gift, but also a proportionate share of the non-agency-specific contributions. Last year, the undesignated contributions increased donors' gifts by approximately 25%.

If you have never given through the UFCC - please consider giving. If you are already a supporter - please consider even a small increase in your gift this year. A few dollars more - multiplied by all our donors - could provide much more support for our agencies.

To make your donation now, simply go to ufcc.ufl.edu and click the "Pledge Now" link. Or go to the myUFL secure sign on, My Self Service and then "UFCC Sign On," which will direct you to the UFCC pledging site

Faculty Updates and Honors

New Director of International Medical Education Programs

Dr. Liz Devos, an Emergency Medicine faculty member from Jacksonville will officially take over the role as Director of International Medical Education Programs for UFCOM in January. She is currently working with us from Rwanda this semester. We are also pleased to announce that Dr. James Grigg, from the Department of Medicine in Gainesville, will be the Assistant Director and will take the lead on the seminar series that has been developed for the global/local health equity track. Also this year Kavita Patel, class of 2016 (originally class of 2015) is taking a year to assist in the global health initiatives. What a team we have to work with and build on what Dr. David Wood built.

Master Clinicians

The Department of Medicine has announced the recipients of the Golden Master Clinician Award for 2013-14:

- Dr. C. Richard Conti (Cardiology)
- Dr. James Hill (Cardiology)
- Dr. Richard Lottenberg (Hematology/Oncology).

Recipients of the Master Clinician Awards are:

- Dr. Ahsan Ejaz (Nephrology)
- Dr. Umar Ghaffar (Hospital Medicine)
- Dr. Paulette Hahn (Rheumatology)
- Dr. Heather Harrell (General Internal Medicine)

- Dr. Hiren Mehta (Pulmonary Medicine)
- Dr. Irfan Nasir (Hospital Medicine)
- Dr. John Petersen (Cardiology)
- Dr. Juan Salgado (Pulmonary Medicine)
- Dr. Denise Schain (Infectious Diseases)
- Dr. JogiRajuTantravahi (Nephrology).

Congratulations!

Introducing: Blueprints for Progress

As construction, relocation and renovation projects continue for the UF Health facilities, “Blueprints for Progress” will serve as a tool to communicate key project updates. Featuring construction live-feeds, photo galleries, videos and project announcements, blueprints.ufhealth.org is a dynamic website that will house current and future clinical, administrative and academic construction updates.

You will also receive periodic emails from blueprints@shands.ufl.edu with need-to-know information about key projects.

Did You Know?

Key information and resources presented at this fall’s UF New Faculty Orientation are available at <http://hr.ufl.edu/working-at-uf/new-employees/nfo/>. Check it out.

The minutes from the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting are distributed and also posted on the [College of Medicine Faculty Council website](#).

Be Safe!

As a reminder to everyone, follow these simple steps to keep safe on and around campus:

- Be alert

- Don't walk alone
 - Remain in well-lit areas
 - Yell or call attention to yourself if you feel threatened
 - Call 911 to report any suspicious activity
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Contact

Let us know about news, awards and activities of our faculty so we can share the good news. Contact us for additional information about any items in the newsletter or any other issues:

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Next meeting, Tuesday,
October 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm in
the Hugh Hall Conference Room

Check the website for information about
meetings and activities:

<http://facultycouncil.med.ufl.edu/>



Upcoming Educational &
Professional Development
Seminars:

Faculty as Teachers

Eric Black, PhD and Casey White, PhD

September 18, 2014

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Communicore Room C2-33

Appreciative Inquiry: A Leadership &

Managment Tool

Zareen Zaidi, MD

October 16, 2014

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Communicore Room C2-33

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