



### If You Don't Read Anything Else, Read This!

- ◆ Mae Stone Goode Proposals Due August 8.
- ◆ CTSI Pilot Proposals Due August 1.
- ◆ Send research interests to Wendy Roemer and she'll find funding opportunities!
- ◆ Please remember that **all** internal and external grants should visit Wendy for review before they fly out the door!

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# ORA FLASH...

## Quick Tidbits to Make Your Research Life Easier

### MAE STONE GOODE FOUNDATION GRANTS

Do you have a great idea for a research project in the basic, clinical or translational sciences? Would your idea make a spectacular ROI submission, but you need the pilot data to back it up? If you answered yes to either of these questions, ORA can help! Just apply for this year's Goode Foundation Grants!

The Ob/Gyn's Goode Foundation's Grant Program is designed to encourage and support the development of research projects with excellent potential for success for continued funding in the field of women's reproductive health and obstetrics. In the past, the Foundation has awarded grants to Ob/Gyn faculty in such diverse areas as autism, pre-eclampsia, urogynecology, chorioamnionitis, contraception, reproductive toxicology, gyn oncology, endometriosis and stem-cell research.

**Application Process:** The Principal Investigator for the project must be Ob/Gyn faculty at the University of Rochester. These grants can be used to test a hypothesis, to gather data for publication and to apply for future grant proposals to NIH or other sources of

funding. These research projects can be in the basic, clinical or translational sciences. Clinical care and training can not be considered. For discussion of possible research topics, please contact Dr. Rich Miller at 275-2520 or by email. The application process begins with a one page abstract due **Friday August 8 by 4 pm** in the ORA office. Please contact Rebecca Rowley at 275-9182 or by email for the application form and details about the process. A preliminary budget outlining the budget categories and the total costs you are requesting will also be required at the time of submission. The faculty will have the opportunity to apply for either a pilot project (up to \$15,000 total funding\*) or a research grant (up to \$45,000\*). It is anticipated that there will be only one research grant and multiple pilot grants possible per competition. This initial application will be reviewed by our Committee and several will be selected to submit the final detailed application to the Foundation.

*\*Funding amounts are different from past years and are contingent on the approval of the Mae Stone Goode Foundation.*

### PROPOSALS DUE AUGUST 1 FOR CTSI PILOT PROPOSALS

The Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute is seeking proposals for the next round of Pilot Awards, which aim to support clinical research among junior faculty who have not yet established independent NIH or comparable funding and will use the services of the Clinical Research Center. Proposals must include clinical and community-based research to be considered, and priority will be given to those that focus on the development of enabling technologies, new therapeutic, diagnostic, or outcomes assessment

approaches, and novel cross-disciplinary programs that will impact basic research, clinical practice and community outreach. Funding opportunities range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. To submit proposals, view the RFP, or for more information, please contact Kelly Garner (kellyc\_garner@urmc.rochester.edu) of the Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute. The proposals are due August 1.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

- ◆ **Beth Cooper** has been awarded the Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award for her work to bring midwifery to upstate New York and validate it as an excellent form of care through training, education and political action. The Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award recognizes an exceptional nurse-midwife who has been certified for at least 10 years and is a member of ACNM. Dr. Cooper has been with the University since 1977.
- ◆ **Chris Stodgell** was an author on a paper entitled, "Heterogeneous association between engrailed-2 and autism in the CPEA network" that was recently published in the American Journal of Medical Genetics.
- ◆ **Loralei Thornburg, Camille Barnes, Chris Glantz** and **Eva Pressman** published an article in the July issue of *Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology* about the GAP method of birth weight prediction in obese patients.
- ◆ The WRHR Scholars Symposium was a huge success with scholars, program directors, and principal investigators from around the country in attendance. There were over 40 scholar presentations throughout the 3 day conference. The attendees were also delighted with the excellent performance of **Eugene Toy** at Sunday night's reception.
- ◆ **Rich Miller** was an invited speaker at the Teratology Society Meeting in Monterey California and at the Third Annual Local Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Meeting in Albany.
- ◆ **Rob and Loralei Thornburg** welcomed Nathan Robert on June 4—he was 7 lbs, 14 oz.

*If you have something to share (an award, presentation, publication, grant, other exciting news, etc.) please send an email to Rebecca Rowley (rebecca\_rowley@urmc.rochester.edu) and we'll include you in our next issue!*

## THIS AND THAT

- ◆ We're exploring the possibility of contracting with an outside scientific grant writer to copy edit research proposals for style and clear communication of ideas. We believe this will make our applications more competitive in a tight funding market. We will need the text a month before it is due in ORPA to allow time for review and revisions. Please contact Wendy Roemer if you're interested in this opportunity to improve your chances of success.
- ◆ Research Workshop will resume Monday, September 22 and meet every other week in the Fall. If you're interested in presenting or have a topic you'd like to learn more about, please contact Rebecca Rowley with your ideas.
- ◆ If you need help with statistics, ORA is here for you! Contact Meena Elumalai for more information.



- ◆ **Why ORA Flash?** *ORA Flash* exists to educate the members of the OB/GYN department about grants and related issues, to keep us in touch with each other's research, and to offer resources to make the whole grant process easier. If there's something you'd like us to include in an upcoming issue, please let us know!

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