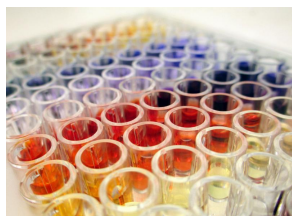




February 2018

Getting to know our faculty members

Have Research-Related News?



If you or a lab member have research-related news or awards you would like to see highlighted in the monthly newsletter, please email the details to Lindsey at lmcquade@uic.edu by the 26th of March for the next edition of the Research Newsletter!

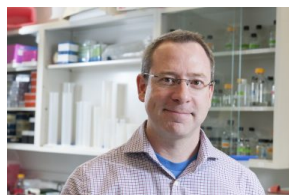
Laura Sanchez wins Vahlteich Research Award



[Laura Sanchez](#) was awarded the 2018 [Vahlteich Research Award](#) during [Research Day](#) on Friday, February 9, 2018. The Hans W. Vahlteich Research Awards are funded by the income generated by the Hans and Ella McCollum Vahlteich Endowment Fund. They are intended to provide seed money to support junior faculty in their efforts to receive external funding for their research programs. The award will help fund Laura's project "Dissecting host-microbe chemical communication in pathogenic relationships".

Faculty in the News

Research from [Mike Federle](#)'s lab was highlighted in a UIC News [story](#) this month. The group's *Journal of Biological Chemistry* (JBC) [article](#) identifies a small-molecule inducer of the Rgg2/3 quorum sensing (QS) signalling pathway, P516-0475, which allows researchers to easily monitor specific gene activities and whether chemicals or other conditions affect gene expression in the human pathogen *Streptococcus pyogenes*.



Spotlight on our Trainees

CoP Trainees win BIG on Research Day



This year's [Research Day](#) saw the College award the most prizes ever for posters, with 19 total recipients. Prizes were sponsored by: [Takeda](#), [AbbVie](#), [Horizon](#), the [UI Health Cancer Center](#), the Office of Technology Management ([OTM](#)) Innovate@UIC, the Center for Clinical and Translational Science ([CCTS](#)), and four [Student Organizations](#) (AAPS, CRS, ISPOR, and ISPE). Congratulations to ALL of our students & postdocs who presented their work this year. For a full list of poster winners see [here](#).

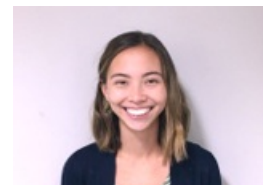
Congrats to our 2017 Graduate Award Recipients



The 2017 Graduate Student awards were presented on [Research Day](#), honoring students from all of the research programs in the College. Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and efforts! For a full list of graduate award winners see [here](#).

Laura Hardy Awarded F30 NRSA

MSTP student Laura Hardy ([Burdette lab](#)) received an F30 [Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award \(NRSA\) Fellowship for MD/PhD students](#) from the NIH/NCI for her project "Role of PAX8 in High Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer".



Kayleigh Tovar Earns F31 NRSA



Microbiology & Immunology student Kayleigh Tovar ([Federle lab](#)) received a n [F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award \(NRSA\) Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-related Research](#) from the NIH for her project "Elucidating Rgg-mediated quorum sensing networks in *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and their contributions in pathogenesis."

Alanna Condren Wins Presenter Award

MCP student Alanna Condren ([Sanchez lab](#)) received a Graduate College [Student Presenter Award](#) to help fund her talk at the [ASM Vibrio](#) conference last year.



Melissa Galey Receives Travel Fellowship



MCP student Melissa Galey ([Sanchez lab](#)) was accepted to and awarded a travel fellowship to attend the [May Institute](#) for Computation and Statistics for Mass Spectrometry and Proteomics at Northeastern University in Boston.

More Research News

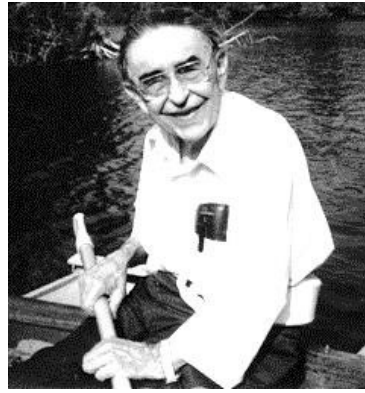
Research Day a Success!



Despite the weather's best efforts, the 9th Annual [Research Day](#) was a success, with ~85 posters presented, a fantastic keynote seminar by [Dr. Steven D. Pearson](#), and great participation from our alumni and external colleagues from industry. We would like to [thank](#) our corporate sponsors (Takeda, AbbVie, and Horizon), along with our University supporters (UI Health Cancer Center, OTM Innovate@UIC, CCTS, AAPS, CRS, ISPOR, and ISPE) that provided funds for the event and the poster awards. Award winners and pictures from the event can be found on the Research Day [website](#).

Vahlteich Bridge Funding

[Vahlteich Bridge Funding](#) has been announced for Spring 2018. This award provides short term relief to established investigators to cover funding gaps and allow for stronger grant resubmissions to regain extramural funding.



Eligibility:

1. Tenured and tenure track College of Pharmacy faculty members are eligible to apply
2. Only research projects are eligible.
3. Must have given or scheduled a [specific aims meeting](#) prior to application.
4. The strongest consideration will be given to those with little or no external funding and evidence of positively reviewed grant submissions in the last two years.
5. Proposals that include collaborations within the college are encouraged. 90% of the awarded funds must be used by the PI in the College of Pharmacy.
6. Preference will be given to faculty who demonstrate need for graduate student support.

Application Deadline:

- Letter of Intent (LOI): 04/27/2018 (download from the website)
- Full Application: TBD, by invitation
- Award Notification: TBD Read more about the program [here](#).

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Important Dates/Upcoming Events

[Riback PharmD Summer Research Fellowship](#)

Monday, 03/05/2018 (LOI deadline)

Monday, 03/19/2018 (application deadline)

[Dean Schumock Welcome Party](#)

Tuesday, 03/13/2018

Michele M. Thompson Rooms, Student Center West

[Responsible Conduct of Research Seminar - TBD](#)

Wednesday, 03/14/2018

Room 307C, AOB

[SPH Office of Research Grantsmanship Workshops - What you need to know about data security and protecting your research data](#)

Thursday, 03/15/2018

Room 932 SPH-PI

[Norman R. Farnsworth Lectureship](#)

Friday, 03/23/2018 @ 12:30 pm

PHARM 134-1

[MIKI Annual Meeting](#)

Friday, 04/06/2018 - Sunday, 04/08/2018

College of Pharmacy

[AACR Annual Meeting](#)

Saturday, 04/14/2018 - Wednesday, 04/18/2018

McCormick Place

[7th Annual Clinical Cancer Genetics and Genomics Conference](#)

Friday, 04/20/2018 - Saturday, 04/21/2018

The Gwen, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Chicago

[ASPET Experimental Biology Meeting](#)

Saturday, 04/21/2018 - Wednesday, 04/25/2018

San Diego, CA

[Vahlteich Bridge Funding](#)

Friday, 04/27/2018 (LOI Deadline)

[UIC Commencement](#)

Thursday, 05/10/2018 @ 10 am

UIC Pavillion

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