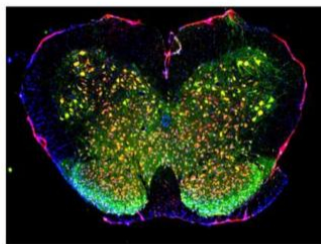


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Our students are prepared for the next step in their careers

On May 5 this year, 13 PhD and 2 MS students from the College were recognized during the UIC Commencement Ceremony and received their degrees. In job placement, our 2016 graduates were evenly split among positions in industry and academia (~ 40% each). The postdocs went to institutions such as MIT, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, etc. Industry placement included Abbvie, Radius Health and CSL Behring.



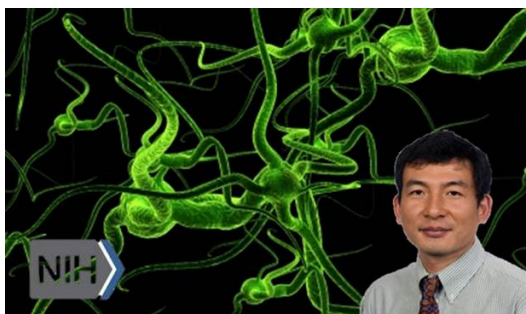
Congratulations on your graduation and we hope you will stay involved with the College!

[Visit our website for more information about graduate programs.](#)

Getting to know our faculty members

Jim Wang received 5 years of funding for his new NIH R01 grant

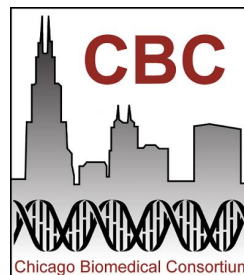
[Jim Wang](#) and his Co-PI Frank Porreca (University of Arizona) received \$567,508 for the first year of their National Institute on Drug Abuse R01 grant "Cortical Opioid Dysfunction in Chronic Pain".



[Read more.](#)

New CBC Awards in the College

[Young Jeong](#) received funding from the [Chicago Biomedical Consortium](#) (CBC) for her Catalyst application "Role of Gut Microbiota in Determining Drug Efficacy and Toxicity". She is collaborating with Eugene Chang at University of Chicago.



Co-PIs [Debra Tonetti](#) and [Gregory Thatcher](#) received funding from CBC for their project "Therapeutic Efficacy of Novel SEM and SERD Drugs in Breast Cancer PDXs". They are working with Northwestern University.

[View more funding news.](#)

Douglas Thomas is the new DGS for Medicinal Chemistry

[Douglas Thomas](#) (right) has become a Director of Graduate Studies for Medicinal Chemistry Graduate Program.



The other directors are:

[Karl Larsen](#) for Biopharmaceutical Sciences and Forensic Science program; [Jimmy Orjala](#) for Pharmacognosy; [Mike Federle](#) for Biotech Track; and [Simon Pickard](#) for Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes and Policy.

Research Issue of The Pharmacist is available online

Read about discoveries and research programs in the College, fighting the superbugs and marketing our research.

Featured in this issue are: [Scott Franzblau](#), [Mike Federle](#) and [Seungpyo Hong](#).



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Spotlight on our Trainees

Two out of only five 2016 AAPS Graduate Student Fellowships awarded to COP BPS Graduate Students

Jason Bugno (left, Seungpyo Hong's lab) and Miaoran Ning (Young Jeong's lab) were 2 out of only 5 nationwide recipients of the Graduate Student Fellowship awarded by the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Foundation. Each fellowship comes with a \$10K award and is renewable for second year.

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Lincoln Fellowships go to Vanessa Nepomuceno and Kayleigh Tovar in CBS

Vanessa Nepomuceno (left, Brian Murphy's lab) and Kayleigh Tovar (Mike Feders's Lab) were awarded the Lincoln Fellowship. The goal of the Abraham Lincoln Fellowship program at the University of Illinois at Chicago is to increase the excellence and diversity of the graduate student body by attracting applicants who have overcome obstacles to achieve academic success, like President Lincoln himself.



[Read more.](#)

Our Graduate Students Win Big at Joint Meeting

The COP students did very well at the Joint Meeting with 16th Annual International Conference on the Science of Botanicals (ICSB) & 5th Interim American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP). There were three poster awards and three honorable mentions. UIC got one of the poster awards (2nd place, Camila Crnkovich, Jimmy Orjala's lab) and two honorable mentions (Daniel May, Jimmy Orjala's lab and Tristesse Burton, Richard van Breemen's lab).



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The College has two new Dean's Scholars

BPS's Jason Bugno (left) and PSOP's Patrick Zeuger are the 2016 Graduate College Dean's Scholars. They will receive a fellowship stipend of \$22,000 for a twelve-month academic year and a tuition and fee waiver from the Graduate College.

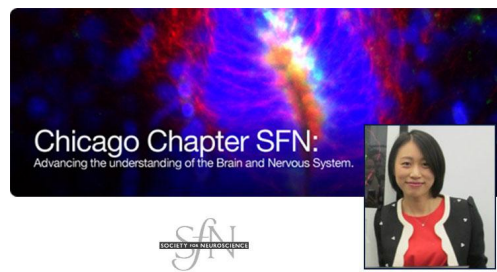


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Xiaoyu Hu received 3rd place poster award at the Society for Neuroscience Chicago Chapter 2016 Annual Meeting

Congratulations to Xiaoyu Hu (Jim Wang's lab) who won 3rd place in the poster competition at 2016 Annual Meeting of Society for Neuroscience Chicago Chapter. Xiaoyu's winning poster is entitled "CaMKII alpha mediates hyperalgesia in experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis as a downstream of IL-17".

[Read more.](#)



Rockford students give talks at a Midwest Symposium

Two Rockford students will be presenting platform talks at the Midwest DNA repair meeting at the James Cancer Center, Columbus OH May 25-May 26. Jing Li (Les Hanakahi's lab) will present a talk titled "Investigating Role of TDP1 in Non-Homologous End Joining", and Yilun Sun (John Nitis' lab) will present a talk titled "Investigating and Targeting the DNA Repair Pathways to Enhance the Anti- cancer Activity of Topoisomerase II Inhibitors".



[Read more.](#)

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Miscellaneous from around the Campus

[Richard Minshall, PhD](#) (right) is an Interim Director of Research Resources Center (RRC).



[OPRS Live](#), an online IRB submission system, will become available to COP in the next few months.

ORSWeb, new ORS document submission portal, will be live this summer.

[More OVCR news.](#)

Important Dates/Upcoming Events

[Industrial & Academic drug discovery efforts: presentation and recruitment event](#)

Tuesday, 6/7 at 4 PM
NU Feinberg School of Medicine

[Great Lakes Chapter ASPET Meeting](#)

Thursday, 7/7
NU Feinberg School of Medicine

[SURF/Riback Research Minisymposium](#)

Wednesday, 8/3 at 12 PM
2North Suite

[Rush Postdoc Symposium](#)

Wednesday, 8/17 at 1 PM
Rush Searle Conference Center

[Cancer Center Research Forum](#)

Tuesday, 10/18
Student Center West

[2016 NIH Regional Seminar](#)

10/26-28
Chicago Palmer House

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