Career Development Program

- Main purpose is to help junior faculty develop careers in dystonia research
- Focus is clinical & translational research in dystonia
- Plan is for 1-2 awards each year
- Each award is about \$50,000

17 awards have been made so far Several were co-funded by the DMRF or NSDA

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Review criteria

- Candidate: prior record, potential, and career goals
- Research plan: relevance to primary dystonia, impact, feasibility
- Career development: will the award really help?
- Mentor: experience, ability, track record
- Environment: local or collaborative
- Use of projects exploiting data/resources already collected by DC

Review committee

- Cindy Comella (Chair)
- Committee members (rotating): Chuck Adler, Alberto Albanese, Mark Hallett, Tony Lang, Codrin Lungu, Kathleen Shannon, Jan Teller, Marina Tijssen, Marie Vidailhet

















Career Development Awards

- Carbon-Corell (2009); Feinstein Institute, New York, USA
- Zurowski (2010); Toronto Western Hosp, Canada
- Espay 2010); Univ Cincinnati, Cincinnati, USA
- Karimi (2011); Washington Univ, St Louis, USA
- Kimberley (2011); Univ Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA
- Berman (2012); Univ Colorado, Denver, USA
- Wagle-Shukla (2012); Univ Florida, Gainesville, USA
- Pirio Richardson (2013); Univ NM, Albuquerque, USA
- Peterson (2013); Univ Calif San Diego, USA
- Bologna (2013); Univ of Rome, Italy
- Arkadir (2013); Hadassah Univ, Israel
- Shaikh (2016); Case Western, Cleveland OH, USA
- Udupa (2016); Toronto Western Hospital, Canada
- Hammer (2016); Univ Wisconsin, Madison, USA
- Rocchi (2020); Univ Rome, Italy
- Parlakturk (2020); Duke Univ, Durham NC, USA
- Scorr (2021); Emory Univ, USA

Three Most Recent Awards



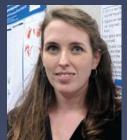
Lorenzo Rocchi, Sapienza Univ, Rome

Repetitive somatosensory stimulation in focal hand dystonia: A study of inhibitory circuitry plasticity of the somatosensory system and primary motor cortex



Noreen Bukhari-Parlakturk, Duke University

Non-invasive neuromodulation to study long-term plasticity mechanisms in task-specific dystonia



Laura Scorr, Emory University
Immune mechanisms in cervical dystonia

Career Development Program

- Can I apply?
 - Any junior investigator interested in dystonia
 - USA citizenship is not required
 - Dystonia Coalition membership is not required
- When is the next opportunity?
 - Announcements are made once yearly
 - Next announcement expected Jan-Feb 2022

Recent CDA Recipient

Lorenzo Rocchi, MD Rome, Italy

Presentation

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