

Liver Digest

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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Poll on PLRC Virtual Seminar Series

PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY:

With many research activities now on hold, we are working to identify additional ways in which we can remain actively engaged with all of our members. We are interested in setting up a weekly PLRC Zoom research seminar series with presentations by PLRC members (45-minute talks plus a 15-minute Q&A) every Tuesday at 4:00 pm, ideally beginning within the next 1-2 weeks. In addition, we are also planning to do a PLRC Zoom Core Workshop once/twice a month on Thursday at 4:00 pm, also beginning in the next 1-2 weeks. In these core presentations, we will have one core director per session giving a talk on the services provided in their cores with some exciting examples. We would like to have the presentation for 30-45 minutes with 15 min of Q&A. **Please email Amanda Bytzura clicking here with a "yes" or "no" to the following two questions by Friday, April 10:**

- Would you be able to attend the weekly PLRC Zoom Research Seminar Series, which will be held every Tuesday at 4:00 pm?
- 2. Would you be interested in attending the PLRC Zoom Core Workshop, which will be held every other Thursday at 4:00 pm?"

Core Highlight: Advanced Cell Tissue and Imaging Center (ACTIC)

ACTIC offers imaging services in the following areas:

- Live cell and multiphoton microscopy
- Immunofluorescence and confocal microscopy
- Electron Microscopy
- Super-Resolution Imaging (SIM, STORM, and STED)
- Tissue clearing and 3D reconstruction of tissues

For a complete list of available resources and information on requesting them, please visit the CBI website by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the ACTIC Core Director, [Dr. Donna Stolz](#).

Faculty Highlights

- [Dr. Donghun Shin](#) and [Dr. Paul Monga](#) have been [awarded an R01](#) to study, "Elucidating the role of the FXR-PTEN-PI3K-AKT-mTOR axis in liver progenitor cell-driven liver regeneration." The award will begin in June 2020.
- [Dr. Juliane Beier](#) has been [awarded an R21](#) to study, "Vinyl chloride-induced changes to the epitranscriptome: interaction with diet." The award began on April 6, 2020.

Funding Opportunities

**Pilot and Feasibility Clinical and Translational Research Studies
in Digestive Diseases and Nutrition (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
(NIDDK)

**Small R01s for Clinical Trials Targeting Diseases within the
Mission of NIDDK (R01 Clinical Trial Required)**

(PAS-20-160)
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply.

**Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Short-
Term Institutional Research Training Grant (Parent T35)**

(PA-20-162)
National Institutes of Health
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health
National Eye Institute
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institute on Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic
Initiatives, Office of Research Infrastructure Programs
Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply The first
standard application due date for this FOA is May 25, 2020. All
applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant
organization. All types of non-AIDS applications allowed for this
funding opportunity announcement are due on the listed date(s).
Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to

make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.



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