

2007 American Liver Foundation Research Awards

Liver Scholars - \$225,000 over three years

2007 American Liver Foundation Jerome B. Zeldis, MD, PhD Liver Scholar
Jorge Allina, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY
Project Title: Progression of Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease and Air Pollution
Topic: Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
Mentor: Scott Friedman, MD

2007 American Liver Foundation New England Run for Research Liver Scholar
Ayman A. Koteish, MD, Johns Hopkins University, MD
Project Title: Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition: its Role in Hepatic Fibrogenesis
Topic: Cogential Hepatic Fibrosis, Cirrhosis
Mentor: Esteban Mezey, MD

2007 American Liver Foundation Friedman Liver Scholar
Ping Lam, PhD, Yale University, CT
Project Title: Molecular Determinants Controlling Liver Bile Salt Export Pimp (BSEP/ABCB11) Trafficking and Function
Topic: Cholestatic Liver Disease
Mentor: James L. Boyer, MD

Hep C Liver Scholar Special Research Initiative - \$225,000 over three years

2007 American Liver Foundation Herman Lopata Memorial Hepatitis C Liver Scholar Special Research Initiative
Glenn C. Randall, PhD, The University of Chicago, IL
Title: USP18 as a Target to Improve Interferon Therapy of HCV
Topic: Hepatitis C
Mentor: Bernard Roizman, PhD

PBC Seed Grant Special Research Initiative - \$200,000 over two years

2007 American Liver Foundation PBC Fund for the Cure Seed Grant Special Research Initiative
Shi-Ying Cai, PhD, Yale University School of Medicine, CT
Title: Ursodeoxycholic Acid and Retinoic Acid Combinational Treatment for Primary Biliary Cirrhosis
Topic: Primary Biliary Cirrhosis
Mentor: n/a

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships - \$12,500 one year

2007 American Liver Foundation Sunflowers for Holli Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Samuele De Minicis, MD, University of California San Diego, CA
Title: Role of Phagocytic and Non-phagocytic NADPH Oxidase in Hepatic Fibrogenesis
Topic: Liver Fibrosis and NADPH
Mentor: David A. Brenner, MD

2007 American Liver Foundation South Texas Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Christian Klotz, PhD, New York University School of Medicine, NY
Title: Modulation of Kupffer Cell Function by Malaria Sporozoites
Topic: Malaria
Mentor: Ute Frevert, PhD, DVM

2007 American Liver Foundation Fergie for Hepatitis C Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Hui Li, PhD, University of Washington School of Medicine, WA
Title: Mononuclear Cells in HCV Infected and HCV/HIV Coinfected Patients
Topic: Hepatitis C
Mentor: David Gretch, MD, PhD

2007 American Liver Foundation Elmer T. Gould Memorial Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Pallavi B. Limaye, PhD, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, PA
Title: Role of HGF and EGF Mediated Signaling in Transdifferentiation of Hepatocytes into Biliary Epithelium
Topic: Cholestatic Liver Disease
Mentor: George Michalopoulos, MD

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2007 American Liver Foundation Roger L. Jenkins, MD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Marta Martinez-Vicente, PhD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Marion Bessin Liver Center, NY
Title: Role of lysosomal m TOR in Regulation of Liver Autophagy
Topic: Liver Carcinoma and Aging
Mentor: Ana Maria Cuervo, MD, PhD

2007 American Liver Foundation Biliary Atresia Fund for the Cure Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Alexander G. Miethke, MD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, OH
Title: The Role of Regulatory T Cells in the Pathogenesis of Experimental Biliary Atresia
Topic: Biliary Atresia
Mentor: Jorge A. Bezerra, MD

2007 American Liver Foundation Congressman Stephen F. Lynch and Ellen M. Zane Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Philippa H. Newell, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY
Title: Targeting the Canonical WNT Pathway In Hepatocellular Carcinoma: The Effect Of Small Molecule ICG-001 In HCC Cell Lines And In Nude Mouse Xenografts
Topic: Hepatitis C
Mentor: Scott Friedman, MD

2007 American Liver Foundation Irwin M. Arias, MD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Christoph H. Oesterreicher, MD, University of California San Diego, CA
Title: Role of ACE2 and its Substrates in Liver Injury and Fibrogenesis
Topic: Liver Fibrosis
Mentor: David A. Brenner, MD

2007 American Liver Foundation Congressman John Joseph Moakley Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Alexander Weymann, MD, Washington University, MO
Title: Functional Analyses of PPAR Gamma Signaling During Liver Regeneration
Topic: Liver Regeneration
Mentor: David Rudnick, MD, PhD

2007 American Liver Foundation White Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Lauren A. Zenewicz, PhD, Yale University, CT
Title: IL-22-mediated Protection to T Cell-mediated Inflammation in the Liver
Topic: Chronic Liver Inflammation, Fibrosis and Hepatitis B
Mentor: Richard A. Flavell, PhD

Autoimmune Hepatitis Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Special Research Initiative \$12,500 one year

2007 American Liver Foundation Samuel A. Hamacher Autoimmune Hepatitis Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Special Research Initiative
Jing Wang, PhD, Dartmouth Medical School, NH
Title: Isolation and Analysis of Liver Antigen-specific T Helper Cell Clones in a Mouse Model of Autoimmune Hepatitis
Topic: Autoimmune Hepatitis
Mentor: James D. Gorham, MD, PhD