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Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

UROLOGY RESEARCH FUNDING



CAIRIBU Interactions Core Collaboration Awards

The CAIRIBU Interactions Core announces the 2024 RFA for [CAIRIBU Collaboration Awards](#). Direct research costs of up to \$50,000 for 1 year are available. Basic science and translational projects are especially welcome. Priorities go to early-stage investigators or those new to urology AND to interdisciplinary research teams. Go [HERE](#) for list of recent award recipients and their research topics. Application deadline is May 28, 2024. Project dates: 8/01/2024-7/31/2025.



ATLAS-D2K Awards

New RFA supporting research in kidney and genitourinary research. Details available in RFA here: [ATLAS-D2K Opportunity Pool](#). Contact Eric Brunskill, PhD (eric.brunskill@nih.gov), Anna Sadusky, PhD (anna.sadusky@nih.gov), or Danny Gossett, PhD (daniel.gossett@nih.gov) for more information. Applications due March 15.



ISAC Awards

Next application deadline is April 15, 2024. The [Innovative Science Accelerator Program](#) accepts 3-page essays describing your research proposal. The program aims to provide seed funding for exceptionally innovative, disruptive (high-risk/high-reward) research relevant to KUH research communities. Applicants may request up to \$100,000 Total Costs (Directs + Indirects).

K12 SYMPOSIUM



Duke University KURe Program 9th Annual Benign Urology Symposium

Urologic Effects of Aging
Friday, April 19, 2024
Duke University - Trent Semans Great Hall

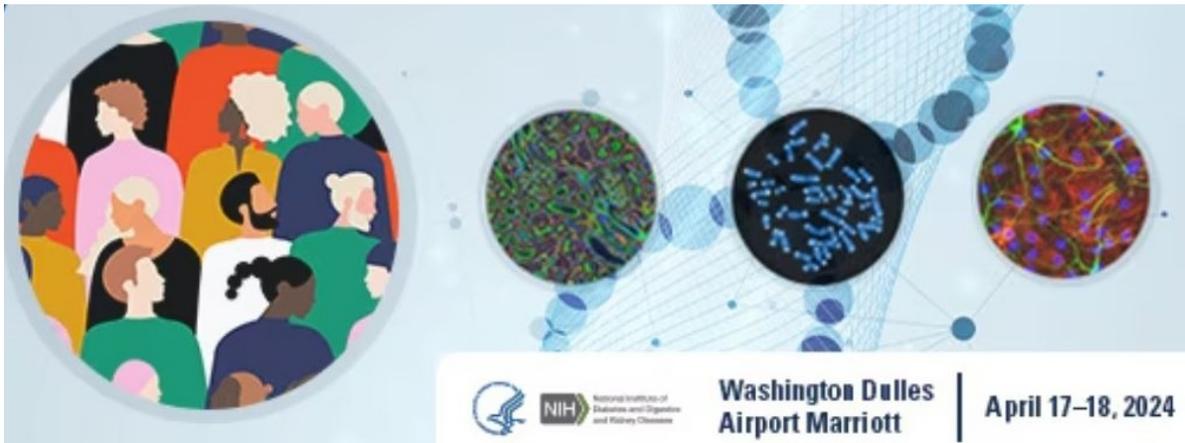
ABSTRACTS from trainees are accepted through March 14

Trainees who submit abstracts may apply for travel awards. Trainee abstract awards and trainee poster awards are available for top-scoring abstracts and posters. For more information and for links to register and submit abstracts, go [HERE](#).

The event will feature panel discussions, trainee platform presentations, poster sessions, lunch with experts, and trainee abstract awards. Full agenda [HERE](#) and includes several CAIRIBU-affiliated investigators: **Teresa Liu, PhD** (prior KURe Scholar at UW-Madison), **Scott Bauer, MD, MS** (prior KUroEpi Scholar at UCSF), **Alison Huang, MD** (PI of the KUroEpi Program at UCSF), **Anne-Catrin Uhlemann, MD, PhD** (one of the PIs of the Columbia University U54 Urology O'Brien Center), and **Nicole De Nisco, PhD** (CAIRIBU Urobiome Research Interest Group). The Duke KURe Program is led by PI Cindy Amundsen, MD.

NIH EVENTS

Understanding the Biological Mechanisms Underlying the Health Consequences of Racism, Marginalization, and Discrimination



2-day NIDDK workshop in Washington DC; co-sponsors include: NIA, NHLBI, NICHD, NIMHD, NINDS, NINR, OBSSR, ODP, ONR, ORWH, SGMOR, and the *All of Us* Research Program. CAIRIBU K12 Scholar **Oluwaferanmi Okanlami, MD, MS** ([University of Michigan KUroEpi Program](#)) is part of the planning committee. The workshop will convene diverse populations of people living with diabetes and digestive and kidney diseases, researchers, and clinicians from across disciplines to understand the state of the science and identify opportunities for considering common biological pathways underlying consequences of racism, marginalization, and discrimination.

Register by April 16. Program and other event info [HERE](#). **Submit abstracts by March 22** to Allison Hurst (ahurst@scgcorp.com); abstract info [HERE](#). NIDDK Program Contact, Jenna Norton, PhD (jenna.norton@nih.gov).



2024 CAIRIBU MEETING
Mark your calendars now! Wednesday-Friday,
December 4-6; location TBD

CALLING CAIRIBU MEETING PLANNERS! Do you want to plan the 2024 CAIRIBU Meeting? We are assembling a cross-section of established investigators, early-stage investigators, and trainees to participate. Watch for an email soon with a link to provide your response. Virtual planning meetings will start at end of March. We anticipate 2-3 meetings total.

TRAINEES AND ESIs

CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community Forums



Monthly, January - May 2024
2nd WEDNESDAYS (virtual)
1:00 PM Eastern (12 PM Central | 10 AM Pacific)
Schedule available [HERE](#)

ARCTICS = Advancing the Research Capacity of Trainees and Investigators at Early-Career Stages



Since 2021, the CAIRIBU Interactions Core has engaged CAIRIBU trainees to plan and host nearly 30 ARCTICS Community Forums. Trainees at all career stages from a broad cross-section of the urology research community participate. Recordings are posted on the [CAIRIBU YouTube channel](#).



The next forum, Wednesday, March 13, features two University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health clinician-investigators: ***Walid Farhat, MD*** (Professor of Urology and Chief of the Division of Pediatric Urology) and ***Madelyn Esposito, LPC, NCC, CST*** (Mental Health Clinician and Certified Sex Therapist). Together, they will address clinical and surgical care for transgender and gender diverse patients, including hormonal interventions, and the integration of sex-positive and trauma-informed mental health considerations.

Wednesday, March 13
Transgender and Gender Diverse Clinical Care
Zoom link to join [HERE](#)

CAIRIBU K12 Scholar Seminars



Monthly, January - June 2024
2nd THURSDAYS (virtual)
5:00 PM Eastern (4 PM Central | 2 PM Pacific)
Schedule available [HERE](#)

Current and former CAIRIBU-affiliated K12 Scholars present their research to other investigators and trainees. Honoraria to scholars are provided by the [UW-Madison CAIRIBU Urology O'Brien Center](#). Since 2021, the CAIRIBU Interactions Core has hosted nearly 20 seminars representing K12 Scholars from CAIRIBU KURe and KUroEpi Programs.

Thursday, March 14

Giulia Ippolito Lane, MD, MS

University of Michigan, CAIRIBU KUroEpi Program



Shared Decision Making in Overactive Bladder Care

Zoom link to join [HERE](#)

Other K12 scholars lined up for 2024:

- [Maryellen Kelly, DNP, MHSc](#) (April 11), [Duke University KURe Program](#)
- [Scott Bauer, MS, MS](#) (May 9), [UCSF-Kaiser Permanente KUroEpi Program](#) (prior scholar)

CAIRIBU Graduate Student Seminars



Every Other Month
3rd WEDNESDAYS (virtual)

2:00 PM Eastern (1 PM Central | 11 AM Pacific)

Schedule available [HERE](#)

Graduate students from current and prior CAIRIBU-affiliated Centers and Programs and also from the broader urology research community practice their presentation skills and get valuable feedback about their research. Each seminar is moderated by a leader from one of the CAIRIBU Urology O'Brien Centers.

Wednesday, March 20

Wongsakorn Kiattiburut & Rachel Penney

Graduate students from University of Western Ontario in the laboratory of [Jeremy Burton, PhD](#)

Zoom link to join [HERE](#)

UROBIOME RESEARCH

Urobiome Research Interest Group Monthly Research Hours



The [CAIRIBU Urobiome Research Interest Group](#) (U-RIG) engages collaborative-minded investigators and clinicians from a variety of disciplines to discuss and develop strategies to advance urobiome science and urinary tract health. Summaries from U-RIG meetings and discussions are available on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#). Join our monthly CAIRIBU U-RIG virtual "research hours." Each hour features 1-2 investigators who describe their work followed by Q&A and discussion. All are recorded and archived on the [CAIRIBU YouTube page](#).

Thanks to [Nicole De Nisco, PhD](#) (UT Dallas) and [Michael Neugent, PhD](#) for organizing these

Next CAIRIBU U-RIG

Featuring:

Research Hour

Friday, April 19 (virtual)
3:00 PM Eastern
(2:00 PM Central | 12:00 PM Pacific)

Zoom link to join [HERE](#)

Henry Schreiber,
PhD, Instructor in
Molecular
Microbiology,
Washington
University



CAIRIBU Urobiome Research at Annual Microbiome Meeting



Join CAIRIBU Urobiome Research Interest Group (U-RIG) investigators and collaborators at the annual meeting of the [Center for Microbiome Innovation](#), March 12-14. The event brings together experts and trainees from all areas of microbiome research. CAIRIBU-affiliated urobiome investigators speaking at the meeting include:

Naz Siddiqui, MD, MHS (Duke University)
Nicole De Nisco, PhD (University of Texas Dallas)
Aaron Miller, PhD (Cleveland Clinic)
Alan Wolfe, PhD (Loyola University Chicago)
Linda Brubaker, MD (UC San Diego)

A CAIRIBU get-together is being planned for Tuesday evening, March 12. Contact CAIRIBU@urology.wisc.edu to find out more.



National Institute of
Diabetes and Digestive
and Kidney Diseases

NIDDK Microbiome Workshop

Gut Microbiota and Kidney Diseases: From Basic Research to Translational Science

May 28-29, 2024 (virtual)

The GI microbiome is a new and underexplored frontier in medicine. Harnessing its therapeutic potential could revolutionize the way we prevent and treat kidney diseases. **The primary purpose of this workshop is to address the overall impact of GI microbiota on kidney diseases** specifically focusing on their role as markers, mediators or amplifiers of kidney function or dysfunction. NIDDK will bring together experts in the gut microbiome and kidney disease to discuss knowledge gaps and challenges and to identify future directions that will help the kidney research community and benefit patients. The CAIRIBU Interactions Core will disseminate more information as it is available. NIDDK contact: **Deepak Nihalani, PhD**, Program Director, Division of Kidney, Urologic and Hematologic Diseases (deepak.nihalani@nih.gov).

CAIRIBU AT AUA 2024



Many CAIRIBU-affiliated investigators and trainees participate in the annual American Urological Association meeting. Watch for a list of presenters, panelists, moderators, and poster presenters at the 2024 AUA meeting (May 3-6) to be posted on the CAIRIBU website.

Applications for AUA Office of Research Symposia Are Accepted Through Friday, March 8

Submit an abstract application to present your research during the AUA meeting, May 3-6 in San Antonio, TX. Applicants will be notified no later than Monday, April 1. If your abstract is selected, and depending on your research topic, you will present it as a poster during one of the following symposia:

- Basic Science Research Symposium
- Independent Practice Research Symposium
- Urologic Oncology Symposium

To be considered, applicants must be within 8 years of their terminal degree. Go [HERE](#) for more information about applying.

EVENTS & DEADLINES

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March 6: [UW-Madison Urology O'Brien Center I3: Innovative Idea Incubator](#) (virtual, 3 PM Eastern)

March 12-14: [CMI International Microbiome Meeting 2024](#) (La Jolla, CA)

March 13: [CAIRIBU ARCTICS Forum](#), Transgender and gender diverse care (virtual, 1 PM Eastern)

March 14: CAIRIBU Community Leaders Meeting (virtual, 5 PM Eastern)

March 14: [CAIRIBU K12 Scholar Seminar](#), Shared decision making in OAB (virtual, 5 PM Eastern)

March 20: [CAIRIBU Grad Student Seminar](#), students in Dr. Jeremy Burton's lab (virtual, 2 PM Eastern)

UPCOMING APPLICATION AND ABSTRACT DEADLINES

March 14: **DUE DATE** - Abstracts for [Duke University KURe Symposium](#)

March 15: **DUE DATE** - Applications for [ATLAS-D2K opportunity pool program](#)

March 22: **DEADLINE** - Abstracts for [NIDDK workshop on bio effects of racism and marginalization](#)

Check the [EVENTS LISTING](#) on the CAIRIBU website for updates and other announcements

Openings! Postdocs, Scholars, and More

Check the [CAIRIBU Kiosk](#) frequently for updates. Are you looking for a postdoc or fellow? Let the CAIRIBU Interactions Core know. We will post it on the website and use CAIRIBU social media to promote it.



HAVE YOU READ?

Are you reading the newest publications from investigators and trainees in the CAIRIBU Community? We update this monthly; it's available on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#).



HAVE YOU WATCHED?

The [CAIRIBU YouTube Channel](#) features videos from CAIRIBU K12 Scholar seminars, CAIRIBU Catalyst Conversations, CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community forums, and MORE.



Email the CAIRIBU Interactions Core

George M. O'Brien (U54) Urology Cooperative Research Centers Program

- University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014-2019 and 2019-2024)
- Columbia University (2014-2019 and 2020-

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FORWARD P20 Urology Centers

- Mayo Clinic Rochester (2022-2025)
- Duke University (2022-2025)

Exploratory Centers (P20) for Interdisciplinary

2025)

- Stanford University (2021-2026)

Multidisciplinary Urologic Research (KURe)

Career Development Programs (K12)

- Duke University
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Stanford University

Urological Epidemiology (KUroEpi) Institutional Research Career Development Programs (K12)

- University of California San Francisco-Kaiser Permanente
- University of Michigan

Tracy Rankin, PhD, MPH, NIDDK KUH Deputy Director and Program Director oversees CAIRIBU-affiliated K12 Institutional Career Development Programs

Research in Benign Urology

- Michigan Interdisciplinary Center for Urology Research and Education (MI-CURE) (2021-2023)

CAIRIBU Interactions Core (U24)

- PI, **Kristina Penniston, PhD, RDN**
- Research Program Manager, **Jennifer Allmaras, MPH**
- Research Communications & Outreach, **Mariana Coughlin, MS**
- Researcher, **Muen Wang, BS**
- Research Administrative Specialist, **Lori Uttech-Hanson, MA Ed**
- Student researcher, **Anna Barrett**

NIDDK Program Officers who oversee the CAIRIBU Interactions Core and the U54 Urology O'Brien Centers are **Chris Mullins, PhD** and **Deepak Nihalani, PhD**

Links to websites for CAIRIBU Centers and Programs are on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#)

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CAIRIBU is a community of NIDDK-funded U54 and P20 Centers and K12 Career Development Programs whose overarching objectives are to address the gaps in knowledge related to epidemiology, etiology, development, progression, and expression of benign urologic conditions and to train the next generation of leaders in benign urology research. The CAIRIBU Interactions Core is the central coordinating body for the CAIRIBU Community.

[Learn More Here](#)