

Successful Year: ITS Scholars and ITS Early-Career Faculty Receive Grant Awards



Watts



Pinchuk



Finnerty



Lyons



Starkey

Within the last year, there has been a surge of successful grant applications from ITS Scholars* and ITS early-career faculty.

In April 2015, Tammara L. Watts, MD, PhD, joined the ranks of funded ITS Scholars with the funding of her project “Targeting Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Head and Neck Cancer” (K08CA184915, 04/15 2015-03/312020, PI: Watts). Dr. Watts is an Assistant Professor in Otolaryngology. Just a few months earlier, Celeste C. Finnerty, PhD, Assistant Professor, Surgery, received a R01 grant to study “Effects of Catecholamine Exposure on Post-Burn Scarring” (R01GM112936, 01/15 2015-12/31 2019, PI: Finnerty).

These accomplishments in early 2015 followed successful grant awards in late 2014: Iryna Pinchuk, PhD, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, received R01 funding to study “Regulatory role of CD90+ stromal cells in Th1/Th17 activity in Crohn’s Disease” (R01DK103150, 07/01 2014-06/30 2018, PI: Pinchuk). Elizabeth J. Lyons, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Institute for Translational Sciences, received a K award to study “LEVEL UP: Video Games for Activity in Breast Cancer Survivors” (K07CA175141, 09/01 2014-08/31 2018, PI: Lyons). Additionally, Jonathan M. Starkey, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Institute for Translational Sciences, received a K award for his study titled, “Predictive Model of Chronic Kidney Disease in a Hispanic Population” (K22LM011869, 09/28 2014-09/27 2017). Hats off to all these successful translational investigators in obtaining individual NIH awards!

*ITS Translational Research Scholars Career Development (ITS Scholars) Program is supported in part by NIH-KL2TR00072 (PI: Brasier).