FUELING OUR FUTURE.
The First Internal Funding Showcase

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Alumni Hall

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WELCOME

Welcome to the University of Pittsburgh’s inaugural Internal Funding Showcase. We are excited by the opportunity to bring resources and recognition to faculty who are brimming with innovative ideas in both research and the classroom. We congratulate all the awardees here today and hope that this showcase helps to spread their enthusiasm for interdisciplinary scholarship and teaching across our campus, into the community, and beyond.

Our new Pitt Momentum Funds restructured and extend a group of existing research development funds (the Central Research Development Fund, Social Science Research Initiative, and Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activities in the Humanities) into a tiered set of awards designed to offer support across multiple stages of large, ambitious projects.

The suite of funds consists of: Seeding Grants, which support significant and innovative scholarship by individual or small groups of faculty; Teaming Grants, which support the early stage planning and capacity building of large multidisciplinary projects; and Scaling Grants, which support the detailed project planning, gathering of proof-of-concept results, and reduction of technical risk so that teams can competively pursue large, complex, extramural funding.

Forge Your Own Path - Personalized Education Grants provide key support to the Pitt community to develop transformative ideas for how courses, advising, and extracurricular programming can be matched to the interests and goals of individual students. In addition, we are highlighting a suite of other internal funding programs such as Pitt Seed Grants, Innovation in Education Awards, and Course Incubator Grants.

As researchers know, funding agencies are increasingly looking for results-driven inquiries that can contribute meaningful insight, understanding, or solutions to societal challenges through an array of scientific, clinical, public policy, business, or technical considerations. Today you will learn how this year’s awardees are growing the already impressive work of individuals and small teams here at Pitt into large-scale inquiries.

We also extend our sincerest thanks to all the reviewers and members of the University Research Council. Without your dedication and hard work, these awards would not be possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Cudd
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor

Rob A. Rutenbar
Senior Vice Chancellor for Research
AGENDA

Seventh-floor Auditorium

1-1:10 p.m. Welcome
   Ann E. Cudd, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor and Rob A. Rutenbar, Senior Vice Chancellor for Research

   Brief Talks on Accomplishments of Prior Funding

1:15-1:45 p.m. Erin Anderson, Department of English
   “Dear Mr. President: A Podcast in Letters”
   2019 Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activities in the Humanities

1:50-2:20 p.m. Carla Ng, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
   “Can the Toxic Equivalency Approach Be Used for Perfluorinated Water Contaminants?”
   2018 Central Research Development Fund

2:25-2:55 p.m. Gina Garcia, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies
   “Faculty Development at One Hispanic-serving Community College: Exploring Relationships between Student Outcomes and Faculty Knowledge, Skills, and Behaviors”
   2019 Central Research Development Fund

3-3:15 p.m. Announcement of Teaming Grant Awardees
   Rob A. Rutenbar

3:15-3:30 p.m. Break

J. W. Connolly Ballroom

3:30-3:45 p.m. Announcement of Forge Your Own Path - Personalized Education Grant Awardees
   Ann E. Cudd

3:45-4:15 p.m. Panel Discussion: Academic Innovation
   Brian Galla, Department of Psychology in Education
   “Personalizing Undergraduate STEM Learning through Mobile Mindfulness Training”
   2018 Personalized Education Grant Award

   Lorna Kearns, University Center for Teaching and Learning
   “LMS Platform for Online Continuing Education”
   2018 Pitt Seed Grant Award

   Jane Wallace, Department of Economics
   “Micro- and Macroeconomics Theory Incubator”
   2018 Course Incubator Project

4:20-4:35 p.m. Announcement of Scaling Grant Awardees
   Patrick Gallagher, Chancellor

4:35-4:45 p.m. Recognition of University Research Council Coordinators and Reviewers
   Rob A. Rutenbar

4:45 p.m.-5 p.m. Break

5-6:30 p.m. Reception and Poster Session
SCALING GRANTS

Scaling Grants, which provide up to $400,000 over two years, support detailed project planning, gathering of proof-of-concept results, and reduction of technical risk so that teams can competitively pursue an identified large extramural funding opportunity. Scaling Grants are specifically designed to further the goal of the Plan for Pitt to engage in research of impact by positioning the University to participate in large research collaborations.

Attacking the Global Plastics Waste Problem

Eric Beckman, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering; Melissa Bilec, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Vikas Khanna, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Götz Veser, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering; Peng Liu, Department of Chemistry; Amy Wildermuth, School of Law; and Joshua Galperin, School of Law

Plastic waste is a growing problem on a global scale, with the annual global production of synthetic polymers standing at more than 500 million tons per year and predicted to triple by 2036. At present, large volumes of polymeric waste migrate directly into the environment, and less than 2% of polymeric waste is collected and reused in high-value applications. A key obstacle to effective recycling is the vast number of formulations, each tailored to address
a particular type of application, which is key to the commercial success of polymers. But that success creates a near-impossible separation problem during mechanical recycling and renders current approaches to chemical recycling inefficient. We are proposing to address this problem by creating a convergent academic center focused on the circular economy of synthetic polymers. This center will tightly integrate the science and engineering of plastics recycling—via a novel approach to the chemical recycling of polyolefins using liquid metal catalysts and the a priori design of recyclable thermoset plastics—into the framework of life cycle and techno-economic analyses. Moreover, existing environmental regulatory frameworks pose challenges to technical innovation in recycling, so we will develop new legal and governance frameworks to enable the deployment of our new circular economy for plastics. Toward this goal, the center will draw upon faculty from the Swanson School of Engineering, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, and School of Law with the required complementary expertise.

Pittsburgh Center for Artificial Intelligence Innovation in Medical Imaging

Shandong Wu, Department of Radiology; David Vorp, Department of Bioengineering; Ashok Panigrahy, Department of Radiology; John Gilbertson, Department of Biomedical Informatics; Seong Jae Hwang, Department of Computer Science; Wendie Berg, Department of Radiology; Kayhan Batmanghelich, Department of Biomedical Informatics; Rivka Coien, Department of Radiology; Michael Becich, Department of Biomedical Informatics; Jules Sumkin, Department of Radiology; and Robert Nishikawa, Department of Radiology

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the new revolutionary technique for medical research and is at the forefront of reshaping tomorrow’s clinical practice of medical imaging in radiology and pathology. Our long-term vision is to build a center for innovative AI in clinical translational medical imaging by combining computational expertise and clinical resources across Pitt, UPMC, and Carnegie Mellon University. The overarching research goal of the center is to build advanced and trustworthy imaging AI that is clinically useful, accurate, explainable, and safe. The research will focus on multidisciplinary and cutting-edge AI imaging methodology and translational applications centered on three key components that are essential to bringing new AI imaging tools to clinical practice: clinical need-driven medical imaging AI development and the evaluation of tools, models, systems, and informatics; core imaging AI theory, methodology, and algorithm investigation; and linking imaging phenotypes to the biological (genomics and proteomics) underpinnings.
TEAMING GRANTS

Teaming Grants, which provide up to $60,000 per year, support the formation of new multidisciplinary collaborations to successfully pursue large-scale extramural funding. Team- and community-building activities may include, but are not limited to, inviting external speakers, creating a working paper series, and organizing a workshop. Teaming Grants, like Scaling Grants, are specifically designed to further the goal of the Plan for Pitt to engage in research of impact by positioning the University to participate in large research collaborations.

A Black Women’s Health Agenda: Applying an Intersectional Systems Approach and Reproductive Justice Lens

Dara Mendez, Department of Epidemiology; Tiffany Gary-Webb, Department of Epidemiology; Esa Davis, Department of Medicine; Abi Fapohunda, Department of Africana Studies; Tomar Pierson-Brown, School of Law; Jada Shirriel, Healthy Start, Inc.; Alysia Tucker, Allegheny County Health Department; Dannai Wilson, Allegheny County Health Department; and La’Tasha Mayes, New Voices for Reproductive Justice

While Black women and femmes carry the disproportionate burden of health inequities in Allegheny County, their lives and experiences are not centered in the development and execution of solutions. This project will develop a Black Women’s Health Agenda for Allegheny County based on an environmental scan of existing programs, policies and local funding to assess whether the health and well-being of Black women and femmes are being addressed. The strategic plan, developed through continuous community engagement, will define an agenda spanning research, practice and policy.
Deciphering Redox Free Radical Mechanisms of 15LOX/PEBP1-driven Ferroptosis in Skin

Yuri Bunimovich, Department of Dermatology; Valerian Kagan, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health; and Sunil Saxena, Department of Chemistry

Understanding the mechanisms and regulation of ferroptosis in the skin will be critical for the prevention and treatment of radiation- and drug-induced skin injury as well as of inflammatory, autoimmune and neoplastic cutaneous diseases such as psoriasis, lupus and melanoma.

Developing University Infrastructure to Foster Equity and Inclusion in College Classrooms

Kevin Binning, Department of Psychology; Lorna Kearns, University Center for Teaching and Learning; Linda DeAngelo, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies; Christian Schunn, Department of Psychology; and Erica McGreevy, Department of Biological Sciences

In our increasingly diverse society, it is imperative to understand how higher education can serve as an engine for equity and success for all students. This project seeks to build the infrastructure to change university culture in ways that foster equity by building a collaboration with Indiana University Bloomington, whose expertise in learning analytics for faculty complements Pitt’s expertise in developing classroom interventions that provide students with a narrative to see adversity as normal and temporary.

History and Future of the “Neglected Tropical Diseases”: Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Research to Improve Public Health Outcomes

Mari Webel, Department of History; Sarah Krier, Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology; Thuy Bui, Department of Medicine; Matiangai Sirleaf, School of Law; Michael R. Dietrich, Department of History and Philosophy of Science; and Wilbert Van Panhuis, Department of Epidemiology

This new multidisciplinary research team will explore the historical and ongoing dynamics that have influenced the scientific priorities, funding resources, and research capacities focused on the high-morbidity, low-mortality neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) that generally affect impoverished populations. Specifically, the team will investigate how the designation of an illness as an NTD has impacted the development of new knowledge, diagnostic tools, vaccines, treatments, or laws and policies.
Identification of Factors Associated with Subsequent Alzheimer’s Disease Diagnosis Using Machine Learning over Complex Large-scale Longitudinal Health Data

Richard Boyce, Department of Biomedical Informatics; Steven Albert, Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences; and Paul Munro, Department Informatics and Networked Systems

Because Alzheimer’s pathogenesis begins a decade or more before the onset of clinical symptoms, we seek to identify in electronic health records the antecedents of disease that warrant additional scrutiny as possible contributors to or protectors against disease onset. Initial results can then be used to plan larger-scale studies that incorporate neuroimaging, genetics, neuropathology, lifestyle, and other types of data (including longitudinal causal time series modeling) combined with natural language processing and literature-based discovery to develop causal models of disease predictors, onset and progression.
Pittsburgh Phage Project

John Williams, Department of Pediatrics; Jennifer Bomberger, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics; Vaughn Cooper, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics; Tim Corcoran, Department of Medicine; Yohei Doi, Department of Medicine; Balasubramani Goundappa, Department of Epidemiology; Graham Hatfull, Department of Biological Sciences; Ghady Haidar, Department of Medicine; Alina Iovleva, Department of Medicine; Geoff Kurland, Pediatrics; Seema Lakdawala, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics; Marian Michaels, Department of Pediatrics; Stephanie Mitchell, Department of Pathology; Lisa Parker, Department of Human Genetics; Joe Pilewski, Department of Medicine; Jim Pipas, Department of Biological Sciences; Doug Reed, Department of Immunology; Ryan Shields, Department of Medicine; Fernanda Silveira, Department of Medicine; Daria Van Tyne, Department of Medicine; Anna Wang-Erickson, Department of Pediatrics; and Steve Wisniewski, Department of Epidemiology

Antimicrobial resistance is a serious public health problem causing millions of infections and thousands of deaths in children and adults annually. An increasing number of infections are due to multidrug-resistant organisms that are resistant to most or even all antibiotics. With few new antibiotics in development, an emerging approach is phage therapy. Phages are naturally occurring viruses that infect and kill specific bacterial species or strains. However, the field is nascent, much remains undiscovered, and more basic and clinical research is needed to discover whether phage therapy is a broadly applicable treatment approach.

Transnational Dialogues in Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies

Michele Reid-Vazquez, Department of Africana Studies; Shawn Alfonso-Wells, Dietrich School Advising Center; George Reid Andrews, Department of History; Jerome Branche, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures; Gina Garcia, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies; Martha Mantilla, Hillman Library; and Luis Van Fossen Bravo, Center for Latin American Studies

Throughout the Americas, a range of societal shifts have advanced the need for a more transnational framework for studying the hemisphere, particularly the population of African descent in Latin America and its diasporic communities. Notably, contemporary Latin America has witnessed an expansion of social movements and policies addressing race, gender, and citizenship. In the United States, the Midwest has experienced a dramatic increase in Spanish Caribbean populations—from 33% in Pennsylvania to 229% in Ohio. Transnational Dialogues seeks to expand transnational, transregional, and interdisciplinary research, education, and programming with the goal of developing broad-scale and global research alliances.
SEEDING GRANTS

Seeding Grants, which provide up to $16,000 per year, support significant and innovative scholarship by individual or small groups of faculty at all ranks at the University of Pittsburgh. In constructing each year’s portfolio of awards, attention is given to supporting early career faculty and areas where opportunities for extramural funding are extremely limited. Proposals are reviewed in four tracks: Creative Arts, Performing Arts and Humanities; Engineering, Technology, Natural Sciences, and Mathematical Sciences; Health and Life Sciences; and Social Sciences, which includes business, policy, law, education, and social work. This year, an additional track was included as one of the dedicated funding streams made available to energize grassroots solutions for preventing sexual misconduct at the University.

A Vile, Filthy Book: The Sensational Trial Prosecuting Birth Control in Victorian England
Michael Meyer, Department of English

Achieve Real-time Object Detection for 4K and 8K Endoscopes with FPGA
Jingtong Hu, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Alzheimer’s Disease and the Axon Initial Segment: A Powerful New Disease Model
Karl Herrup, Department of Neurobiology, and Benjamin Benosman, Department of Ophthalmology

Building Workplace Democracy
Trevor Young-Hyman, College of Business Administration
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Transatlantic Dialogues: Sectarian Violence and Popular Performance in 19th-century Belfast
Michelle Granshaw, Department of Theatre Arts

Using Environmental Scans to Guide Campus Sexual Misconduct Prevention
Elizabeth Miller and Janine Talis, Department of Pediatrics

We Crossed the River
Eric Moe, Department of Music, and Angie Cruz, Department of English

Ecological Consequences of the Physiological Responses of Gray Treefrogs, Hyla Versicolor, to Acid Mine Drainage
Luis Alberto Bonachea, Division of Natural Sciences, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Design and Scale-up of Photobioreactor – Experimental and Numerical Study
Shivkumar Bale and Ramesh Singh, Division of Engineering, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Pitt Seed Grant Special Cycle: Prevention of Sexual Misconduct, 2020

Adrian Ballard, School of Social Work
Mary Besterfield-Sacre, Swanson School of Engineering
Eddie Buggie, Office of the President, Pitt-Bradford
Carla Chugani, Department of Pediatrics
Christy Clark, Office of the President, Pitt-Bradford
Ronna Colland, Administrative Services, Pitt-Greensburg
Matthew Comito, Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management
Sheila Confer, Student Services and Humanities, Pitt-Greensburg
Ann Emmerling, Blackburn Center
Laura Fink, Department of Athletics
Rachel Gartner, School of Social Work
Ashley Hill, Department of Pediatrics
Tim Holler, Division of Behavioral Sciences, Pitt-Greensburg
Holger Hoock, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
Jackie Horrall, Academic Affairs, Pitt-Greensburg
Ron Idoko, Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Adam Lee, School of Computing and Information
Mandi Mahramas, Department of Athletics
Chase McIntyre, Department of Athletics
Elizabeth Miller, Department of Pediatrics
Michele Montag, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
Lauren Risser, Department of Pediatrics
Penny Semaia, Department of Athletics
Briar Somerville, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Lynissa R. Stokes, Department of Pediatrics
Katie Stumpp, Department of Athletics
Janine Talis, Department of Pediatrics
Michelle Therminy, Office of the President, Pitt-Bradford
Anthony Verardi, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Organization
Darren Whitfield, Department of Psychiatry
FORGE YOUR OWN PATH GRANTS

When students are empowered to engage in educational experiences and activities tailored around their individual needs and interests, they learn more. Forge Your Own Path Grants, which provide up to $25,000, support projects that integrate the rich expertise and network of the Pitt community with new and emerging technologies to provide customized, meaningful collaborations, connections, and experiences that will prepare and empower our students to lead lives of self-determined impact.

Biology Transfer Students: Building Personalized Connections
Jessica Wandelt, Christine Berliner, and Kevin Wu, Department of Biological Sciences

Changing the Narrative of Student Success
Mary Napoli and Rebecca Farabaugh, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences

Developing Self-care and Personal Wellness in Graduate Students in Health Professions
Jamie Kulzer and Laura Dietz, Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology

Expanding and Refining First-year Learning Communities at Pitt-Greensburg
Kayla Heffernan, Division of Natural Sciences, and Frank Wilson, Social Sciences, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

Expanding STEAM Education Pathways: Opportunities for Deeply Personalized Education
Cassie Quigley, Department of Instruction and Learning

Persistence, Performance, and Law School: Implementing Interventions to Encourage Growth Mindset, Maximize Education, and Ensure Practice-ready Professionals
Ann Sinsheimer and Leigh Coogan, School of Law
INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AWARDS

Innovation in Education Awards support projects by faculty members for the development of enhanced and innovative teaching techniques and materials that will strengthen the teaching mission of the University. The program seeks ideas that focus on experiential or active learning; innovative, discipline-based approaches to teaching and learning; technology-enhanced learning; and data-driven approaches to the design or assessment of curricular innovation.

A Flexible and Scalable Approach to Multidisciplinary Introductory Computer Science
Nicholas Farnan and William Garrison, Department of Computer Science

An Augmented Reality Platform for Clinical Procedure Training
Dmitriy Babichenko, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems
Course Incubator Grants support projects to radically redesign large-enrollment classes—enrollment of more than 100—to increase the success of students. Projects focus on transformative design of an entire course, including revising syllabi, designing learning activities, developing assessment strategies, and reimagining classroom teaching.

Department of Biological Sciences - BIOSC 0150

Department of Chemistry - CHEM 0110
Sean Garrett-Roe, Tara Meyer, Tamika Madison, and Jill Millstone

Department of Economics - ECON 0100
Jane Caldwell Wallace, Katherine Wiley Wolfe, David Hewitt, Svitlana Maksymenko, James Maloy, Kevin Shaver, and Margarita Zabelina
### Awardees Since 2017

**Central Research Development Fund**

- **Raja Adal**, Department of History, 2018
- **Gustavo Almeida**, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2018
- **Salah Al-Zait**, Department of Acute/Tertiary Care, 2017
- **Elizabeth Arkush**, Department of Anthropology, 2020
- **Shalini Ayyagari**, Department of Music, 2018
- **Tarun Banerjee**, Department of Sociology, 2018
- **Mostafa Bedewy**, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2018
- **Andrea Berman**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2017
- **Kyle Bibby**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2017
- **Hoda Bidkhori**, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2017
- **Ryan Bird**, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
- **Joshua Bloom**, Department of Sociology, 2018
- **Ioannis Bourmpakis**, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 2017 and 2020
- **Bryan Brown**, Department of Bioengineering, 2020
- **Christopher Brown**, Department of Communication Science and Disorders, 2017
- **Caitlin Bruce**, Department of Communication, 2017
- **Jeanine Buchanich**, Department of Biostatistics, 2019
- **Andrew Bunger**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2018
- **Gerard Campbell**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019
- **Rosemary Capo**, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, 2017
- **Anne Carlson**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019
- **Deborah Chapman**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2017, 2019
- **Markus Chmielus**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, 2017
- **Sung Kwon Cho**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, 2017
- **Sophia Choukas-Bradley**, Department of Psychology, 2019
- **Youngjae Chun**, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2017, 2020
- **Nicole Coleman**, Pitt Business, 2020
- **Christopher Coughenour**, Department of Energy and Earth Resources, Pitt-Johnstown, 2020
- **Marc Coutanche**, Department of Psychology, 2017
- **Elizabeth Crago**, Department of Acute/Tertiary Care, 2018
- **Jason DeBlois**, Department of Mathematics, 2017
- **Sabina Deitrick**, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2018
- **Jill Demirici**, Department of Health Promotion and Development, 2018
- **Dawna Duff**, Department of Communication Science and Disorders, 2018
- **Jacob Durrant**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2018
- **Müge Finkel**, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2018
- **Gina Garcia**, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, 2019
- **Hayley Germack**, Department of Acute/Tertiary Care, 2020
- **Bethany Gibbs**, Department of Health and Physical Activity, 2017
- **Leanne Gilbertson**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2018 and 2019
- **Andres Gomez Escobar**, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2019
- **Brandon Grainger**, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2020
- **Marsha Grimminger**, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
- **Joshua Groffman**, Division of Communication and the Arts, Pitt-Bradford, 2017 and 2020
- **Sarah Haig**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2020
- **Sarah Hainer**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2020
- **Lauren Hallion**, Department of Psychology, 2018
- **Marquis Hawkins**, Department of Epidemiology, 2020
- **Jill Henning**, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
- **Raúl Hernández Sánchez**, Department of Chemistry, 2020
- **Tina Hershey**, Department of Health Policy and Management, 2020
- **Katherine Hornbostel**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, 2020
- **Jingtong Hu**, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2019
- **Geoffrey Hutchison**, Department of Chemistry, 2019
- **Tristen Inagaki**, Department of Psychology, 2017
- **Katharine Jacobs**, Department of Instruction and Learning, 2020
- **Leah Jacobs**, School of Social Work, 2019
- **Tevis Jacobs**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, 2017 and 2020
- **Daniel Jiang**, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2018
- **Paul Johnson**, Department of Communication, 2019
- **Shirin Fozi Jones**, Department of History of Art and Architecture, 2019
- **Margaret Judd**, Department of Anthropology, 2018
- **Sungkyu Jung**, Department of Statistics, 2017
- **Chae Ryon Kang**, Department of Biostatistics, 2019
- **Jacob Kariuki**, Department of Health and Community Systems, 2018
- **Samannaaz Khoja**, Department of Physical Therapy, 2020
- **Tuangkan Klinubpha-Neff**, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Johnstown, 2017
- **Christopher Kline**, Department of Health and Physical Activity, 2018
- **Kevin Kohl**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019 and 2020
- **Adriana Kovashka**, Department of Computer Science, 2017, 2019
- **Mangesh Kulkarni**, Department of Bioengineering, 2020
- **Jennifer Laaser**, Department of Chemistry, 2018
- **Daniel Lambrecht**, Department of Chemistry, 2019
- **Miler Lee**, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019
- **Sangyeop Lee**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, 2017 and 2018
Young Ji Lee, Department of Health and Community Systems, 2020
Dan Li, Department of Health and Community Systems, 2017
Lei Li, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 2017 and 2019
Klaus Libertus, Department of Psychology, 2018
Melissa Libertus, Department of Psychology, 2018
Sera Linardi, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2018
Steven Little, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 2020
Tomas Matza, Department of Anthropology, 2017
Tessa McCarthy, Department of Instruction and Learning, 2018
Lee McDermott, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, 2017
Rebecca McHugh, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Pitt-Bradford, 2019
Patrick McKelvey, Department of Theatre Arts, 2020
James McKone, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 2019
Nadine McQuarrie, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, 2018
Stephen Meriney, Department of Neuroscience, 2018
Iva Miljkovic, Department of Epidemiology, 2018
Rachel Miller, Department of Epidemiology, 2019
Kevin Mollen, Department of Surgery, 2020
Carla Ng, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2018 and 2019
Tagbo Niepa, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 2020
Shyamal Peddada, Department of Biostatistics, 2019
Barbara Petrosky, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Louis Picard, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2019
Oleg Prokopyev, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2018
Shanti Rabindran, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Michele Reid, Department of Africana Studies, 2019
Zhao Ren, Department of Statistics, 2020
Piervincenzo Rizzo, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2017
Rachel Robertson, Department of Instruction and Learning, 2017
Margaret Rosenzweig, Department of Acute/Tertiary Care, 2020
Sharon Ross, Department of Health and Physical Activity, 2017
Vinayak Sant, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, 2018
Armin Schikorra, Department of Mathematics, 2019
Karina Schumann, Department of Psychology, 2017
Yogita Shamdasani, Department of Economics, 2020
Eitan Shelef, Department of Geology and Environmental Sciences, 2017
Kay Shimizu, Department of Political Science, 2019
Michelle Sobolak, Department of Instruction and Learning, 2020
Jason Shoemaker, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 2019
Max Stephens, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2019
Jessica Stephenson, Department of Biological Sciences, 2020
Heather Szabo Rogers, Department of Oral Biology, 2017
Susheng Tan, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2018
Brian Thomas, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, 2019
Teresa Thomas, Department of Health Promotion and Development, 2019
Yiming Wang, Department of Chemistry, 2019
Rebecca Webb, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2017
Josef Werner, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, 2020
Emily West, Department of Political Science, 2019
Darren Whitfield, School of Social Work, 2018
Christopher Wilmer, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 2017
Jonathan Woon, Department of Political Science, 2018
Eugenia Wu, Pitt Business, 2017, 2020
Feng Xiong, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2018 and 2019
Wei Xiong, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, 2019
Corinne Zawacki, Department of Biological Sciences, 2020
Bo Zeng, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2017

Innovation in Education Award 2018
Sara Baumann, Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, 2018
Renee Clark, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2018
Samuel Dickerson, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2018
Gianni Downs, Department of Theatre Arts, 2018
Annmarie Duggan, Department of Theatre Arts, 2018
Elizabeth Felter, Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, 2018
Ashley Firm, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics, 2018
Leah Jacobs, School of Social Work, 2018
Paul Lucas, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Johnstown, 2018
Tommy Mayberry, Division of Biological and Health Sciences, Pitt-Bradford, 2018
Emily Murphy, Department of Physician Assistant Studies, 2018
Diane Nicodemus, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Johnstown, 2018
Helen Petracchi, School of Social Work, 2018
Sarah Ruffell, Division of Biological and Health Sciences, Pitt-Bradford, 2018
Zuzana Swigonova, Department of Biological Sciences, 2018
Patty Wharton-Michael, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Johnstown, 2018
Personalized Education Grant

Andrea Abt, Pitt Interprofessional Center for Health Careers, 2019
Liz Adams, College of Business Administration, 2019
Ryan Alvarado, Department of Mathematics, 2019
Dmitriy Babichenko, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2020
Jordan Ariel Barria Pineda, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2019
Paul Barto, Department of Athletics, 2019 and 2020
Christine Berliner, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019
Peter Brusilovsky, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2019 and 2020
Kim Hung Chau, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2019
Susie Chen, Department of Psychology, 2019
Kar Hai Chu, Department of Medicine, 2019 and 2020
Denise Chisholm, Department of Occupational Therapy, 2020
Leigh A. Coogan, School of Law, 2020
Shelby Dawkins-Law, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, 2020
Linda DeAngelo, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, 2019 and 2020
Samuel Dickerson, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2019
Lina Dostilio, Office of Community and Governmental Relations, 2019 and 2020
Gianni Downs, Department of Theatre Arts, 2020
Dawn Drahnak, Division of Nursing and Health Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2020
Annmarie Duggan, Department of Theatre Arts, 2020
Benjamin Espinoza, Mathematics, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Mallory Ferguson, Division of Nursing and Health Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2020
Kenrick Fernandes, Department of Computer Science, 2019
Beth Fields, Department of Occupational Therapy, 2020
Julie Fiez, Department of Psychology, 2019
Cassidy Fischer, Department of Film Studies (Alumna), 2019
Derek Fisher, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 2019
Omid Fotuhi, Learning Research and Development Center, 2019 and 2020
Brian Galla, Department of Psychology in Education, 2019
Casey Garrow, Department of Athletics, 2019 and 2020
Lorin Grieve, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics, 2019
Kelly Hammonds, Department of Athletics, 2019 and 2020
Kent Harries, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2020
Daqing He, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2020
Kayla A. Heffernan, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Erin Higgins, Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, 2019
Daniel Hitt, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Elizabeth D. Katrancha, Division of Nursing and Health Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2020
Ellen Kelsey, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019
Robert Kerestes, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2019
Katherine Kinsinger, Academic Success Center, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Martha Koehler, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Emily Koren, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, 2020
Eliza Beth Littleton, Department of Surgery, 2019 and 2020
Derek McDonald, College of Business Administration, 2019
Rebecca McHugh, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Pitt-Bradford, 2020
Rami Melhem, Department of Computer Science, 2019
Dana Miller-Cotto, Learning Research and Development Center, 2019
Janelle Moody, Department of Occupational Therapy, 2020
Tim Nokes-Malach, Department of Psychology, 2019
Marie Norman, Department of Medicine, 2020
Sam Orlowski, Film Studies, 2020
William Pamerleau, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Ravi Patel, School of Pharmacy, 2019 and 2020
Cheryl Paul, Swanson School of Engineering, 2020
Anita Persaud, Swanson School of Engineering, 2019
Jenette Phillips, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, 2020
Caleb Porto, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science (Alumnus), 2019
Chelsea N. Proulx, Institute for Clinical Research Education, 2020
Cassie Quigley, Department of Instruction and Learning, 2020
Stephen F. Robar, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Pitt-Bradford, 2020
Juleen Rodakowski, Department of Occupational Therapy, 2020
Ben Rottman, Department of Psychology, 2019
Joseph Samosky, Department of Bioengineering, 2020
Jake Savitz, Departments of Communication and Film Studies (Alumnus), 2019
Armin Schikorra, Department of Mathematics, 2019
Ann Sinsheimer, School of Law, 2020
Liam Sporrer, Department of Athletics, 2019 and 2020
Sybil Streeter, Department of Psychology, 2019
Pamela Toto, Department of Occupational Therapy, 2020
Chun-Hua Tsai, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2019
Natalie Vazquez, Department of Medicine, 2020
Jessica Wandelt, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019
Kevin Wheeler, Department of Athletics, 2019 and 2020
Frank Wilson, Office of Academic Affairs, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Eben Witherspoon, Learning Research and Development Center, 2019
Kevin Wu, Department of Biological Sciences, 2019
Lauren Yaich, Division of Biological and Health Sciences, Pitt-Bradford, 2020
Michelle Zuckerman-Parker, Department of Medicine, 2020
Pitt Seed Grant

Alaine Allen, Swanson School of Engineering, 2020
Christopher Drew Armstrong, Department of History of Art and Architecture, 2019
Angela Athanas, Department of Mathematics, 2020
Dmitriy Babichenko, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2019
Mackenzie Ball, Department of Computer Science, 2020
Paul Barto, Department of Athletics, 2020
Nehal Bhojak, Department of Otolaryngology, 2020
Alex Bittner, Office of Admissions, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Christopher Bonneau, Department of Political Science, 2019
David Boone, Department of Biomedical Informatics, 2020
Ronald Brand, School of Law, 2019
Melissa Brandes, Department of Athletics, 2020
Aaron Brenner, University Library System, 2020
Zachary Brodt, University Library System, 2020
Judy L. Cameron, Department of Psychiatry, 2020
John Camillus, Pitt Business, 2020
Babs Carryer, Innovation Institute, 2020
Rakie Cham, Department of Bioengineering, 2019
Jeremiah Coldsmith, Division of Social Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Nancy Condee, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 2019
Christine Dahlin-Schuster, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Lori Delale-O’Connor, School of Education, 2020
George Dougherty, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Ervin Dyer, Office of University Communications and Marketing, 2020
Stephen Emery, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, 2019
Kerry Empey, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics, 2020
Max Fedor, Department of Otolaryngology, 2020
Goeran Fiedler, Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, 2020
Müge Finkel, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Ann Gleason, Center for Military Medicine Research, 2020
Becky Gonda, Department of Biological Sciences, 2020
Benjamin Gordon, Department of Religious Studies, 2020
Aaron Graham, University Center for Teaching and Learning, 2019
Kelly Hammonds, Department of Athletics, 2020
Jill Henning, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Zach Horton, Department of English, 2020
Melanie Hughes, Department of Sociology, 2020
Jennifer Iriti, Learning Research and Development Center, 2020
Stephanie Jimenez, Division of Natural Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Lorna Kearns, University Center for Teaching and Learning, 2019
Ross Kleinstuber, Division of Social Sciences, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Rachel Kranston, Department of Religious Studies, 2020
Krista Kutina, Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, 2020
Maureen Lazar, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 2020
Alison Slinskey Legg, Department of Biological Sciences, 2020
Brianna Lombardi, School of Social Work, 2020
Jared Magnani, Department of Medicine, 2020
Jessica Malandro, Innovation Institute, 2020
Amber McAllister, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Greensburg, 2019
David Y. Miller, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Ann Mitchell, Department of Health and Community Systems, 2020
Michele Montag, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 2020
Scott Morgenstern, Department of Political Science, 2020
Clark Muenzer, Department of German, 2019
Tim Nokes-Malach, Department of Psychology, 2020
Esohe Osai, Department of Psychology in Education, 2020
Leigh Patel, School of Education, 2019
Ravi Patel, School of Pharmacy, 2020
Elizabeth Pitts, Department of English, 2020
Sandra Prigg-Montevedere, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Lisa Reffner, Office of the Registrar, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Michele Reid-Vazquez, Department of Africana Studies, 2019
Sylvia Rhor Samaniego, Department of History of Art and Architecture, 2020
Daniel Rosen, School of Social Work, 2020
Margaret Rosenzweig, Department of Acute/Tertiary Care, 2020
Julia Santucci, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Jennifer Silk, Department of Psychology, 2020
Abdesalam Soudi, Department of Linguistics, 2019
Natasha Tokowicz, Department of Psychology, 2020
Luis Vargas, Pitt Business, 2019
David Vorp, Department of Bioengineering, 2020
David Wallace, Department of Critical Care Medicine, 2019
Y. Ken Wang, Division of Management and Education, Pitt-Bradford, 2020
Karin Warner, Department of Nurse Anesthesia, 2020
Kurt Weiss, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, 2019
Geoffrey Wood, Division of Social Sciences, Pitt-Greensburg, 2020
Jennifer Woodward, Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, 2019
Gerald Zahorchak, Division of Education, Pitt-Johnstown, 2019
Haihui Zhang, University Library System, 2019
Social Sciences Research Initiative

Raja Adal, Department of History, 2020
Chris Belasco, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2019
Paola Buitrago, Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, 2020
Heath Cabot, Department of Anthropology, 2019
Michael Colaresi, Department of Political Science, 2020
Michael R. Dietrich, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, 2019
Yue Ding, Department of Political Science, 2018
Rosta Farzan, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2018
Müge Finkel, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2019
Michael Goodhart, Department of Political Science, 2019
Bryan Hanks, Department of Anthropology, 2018
Jamie Hanson, Department of Psychology, 2019
Melanie Hughes, Department of Sociology, 2019
Prashant Krishnamurthy, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2020
Carrie Leana, Pitt Business, 2020
Yu-Ru Lin, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, 2020
Sera Linardi, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Ravindranath Madhavan, Pitt Business, 2018
Elizabeth Miller, Department of Pediatrics, 2020
Scott Morgenstern, Department of Political Science, 2020
Maureen Porter, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, 2019
Cassie Quigley, Department of Instruction and Learning, 2020
Jeffrey Shook, School of Social Work, 2018
Jennifer Silk, Department of Psychology, 2020
Matiangai Sirleaf, School of Law, 2019
Lu-in Wang, School of Law, 2020
Ming-Te Wang, Department of Psychology in Education, 2019
Mari Webel, Department of History, 2019
Philip Williams, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2020
Jonathan Woon, Department of Political Science, 2020

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Raja Adal, Department of History, 2020
Erin Anderson, Department of English, 2019
Mark Lynn Anderson, Department of English, 2018, 2019 and 2020
Shalini Ayyagari, Department of Music, 2017
Elisa Beshero-Bondar, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Greensburg, 2018
David Birmbaum, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 2019
Jerome Branche, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, 2020
Caitlin Bruce, Department of Communication, 2019
Paola Buitrago, Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, 2020
Peter Campbell, Department of English, 2020
Mazviita Chirimuuta, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, 2017
Angie Cruz, Department of English, 2017 and 2019
Charles Exley, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, 2019
Jules Gill-Peterson, Department of English, 2018, 2019 and 2020
Laura Gotkowitz, Department of History, 2019
Joshua Groffman, Division of Communication and the Arts, Pitt-Bradford, 2020
Randall Halley, Department of German, 2018 and 2019
Cory Holding, Department of English, 2020
Zachary Horton, Department of English, 2020
Tracee Howell, Division of Communication and the Arts, Pitt-Bradford, 2019
Aaron Johnson, Department of Music, 2019
Shirin Fozi Jones, Department of History of Art and Architecture, 2018
Jeanette Jouili, Department of Religious Studies, 2018
Tuangtip Klinbubpa-Neff, Division of Humanities, Pitt-Johnstown, 2017
Neepa Majumdar, Department of English, 2019
Dawn Lundy Martin, Department of English, 2018
Ryan McDermott, Department of English, 2019
Patrick McKelvey, Department of Theatre Arts, 2020
Michael Meyer, Department of English, 2017 and 2020
Benjamin Miller, Department of English, 2017
Elizabeth Monasterios, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, 2019 and 2020
Michael Morrill, Department of Studio Arts, 2018
Christopher Nygren, Department of History of Art and Architecture, 2019
David Pettersen, Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures, 2019
James Pickett, Department of History, 2019 and 2020
Elizabeth Pitts, Department of English, 2019 and 2020
Mrinalini Rajagopalan, Department of History of Art and Architecture, 2019
Todd Reeser, Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures, 2019
Pernille Roøe, Department of History, 2019
Gayle Rogers, Department of English, 2019
Mathew Rosenblum, Department of Music, 2017 and 2019
Shalini Puri, Department of English, 2020
Alexander Taylor, Department of History of Art and Architecture, 2019
David Tenorio, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, 2020
Molly Warsh, Department of History, 2020
Courtney Weikle-Mills, Department of English, 2018
Amy Williams, Department of Music, 2017