



# Boston Children's Hospital

## Office of Faculty Development

### Weekly Newsletter July 19, 2024

Our goal is to provide up-to-date information and helpful tips for faculty on topics which impact our daily work lives. Below you will find notifications and information about upcoming events with the associated links for online registration. We also have included BCH and local wellness opportunities which may be of interest. Please contact us with any questions regarding program content at [OFD](#).

Please find us on the internal BCH website using the quicklink on the [BCH homepage](#) or go directly to our [OFD Homepage](#)

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## BOSTON CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### The annual Office of Faculty Development Career Development Orientation for New Faculty was held on July 16 in Folkman Auditorium

Nicole Ullrich, MD, PhD, Director of the Office of Faculty Development and Office for Women's Careers, welcomed the attendees and introduced Kevin Churchwell, MD, President and CEO, who highlighted key elements of the BCH mission and how faculty contribute to the hospital's success.

Speakers from Boston Children's faculty support programs described their services:

**Research Resources:** August Cervini, MBA, Senior Vice-President of Research Administration; Tatiana Koretskaia, MBA, Vice-President, Clinical Research Operations

**Center for Educational Excellence and Innovation:** Alan Leichtner, MD, MSHPEd, Chief Education Officer and Associate Chief Medical Officer for Education; Co-Director, Center for Educational Excellence and Innovation

**Office of Health Equity and Inclusion:** Amanda Grice, MS, Program Director

**Ombuds Office:** Jennifer Mahony, JD, FAMINZ (Arb), Director

A video of the event can be accessed via [this link](#)

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Event materials can be downloaded via [this Dropbox Link](#)



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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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*BCH now offers 2 courses for faculty to improve leadership skills as Early Career laboratory or clinical researchers.*

### Laboratory Leadership Course for Lab-based Research Faculty

**Sponsors:** Boston Children's Research Administration and the OFD

**Course Director:** Carla Kim, PhD - Director, Basic Science Career

**Development**

**Eligibility:** Faculty who have started their own research lab in the last 5 years

**Goal:** Address aspects of running a lab with real-life scenarios and training support ready for implementation. Topics such as leadership skills, personnel management, and preparing for career advancement. Additionally, this series will serve as a networking platform to enhance a sense of community, support, and bidirectional mentorship.

**Testimonial from 2023-2024 Laboratory Leadership Course (LLC) participant**

"LLC has greatly helped me realize that I am not alone; many of us are in the same boat, figuring out little measures to launch our independent research careers. It helped me get connected with people at my stage, and knowing the tools and resources available was also beneficial"

**Application Requirements**

- Brief statement (250-500 words) of your interest in the course
- Letter of support from Division Chief/Department Chair to secure support for participation and commitment to contribute \$500 towards program costs.

**Questions?** Contact the Office of Faculty Development, [ofd@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:ofd@childrens.harvard.edu)

**Applications available [HERE](#) and due August 1st**

## Pilot Boston Children's Clinical Research Leadership Course

**Sponsors: Harvard Catalyst/Boston Children's Research Administration**

**Course Directors:** Boston Children's Hospital Harvard Catalyst mentors Richard Lee MD (Department of Urology), Maitreyi Mazumdar MD MPH (Department of Neurology), Lise Nigrovic MD MPH (Division of Emergency Medicine), and Greg Sawicki MD MPH (Division of Pulmonology)

**Eligibility: early-career clinical research faculty.**

**Goal:** The goal is to cultivate a close-knit, inclusive community of Boston Children's clinical research faculty and to nurture the next generation of clinical researchers. Topics will include leadership skills, personnel management, career advancement, and utilization of a clinical research toolkit. The course structure is curated to optimize engagement and meaningful interactions in order to build community

**Up to 12 faculty members will be selected. The course will kick off with a retreat on October 18, 2024.**

**Applications due August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm**

[Download](#) an information sheet about the program with all details and eligibility requirements.

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## Harvard Catalyst's Clinical and Translational Research Academy First Grant Bootcamp

**Learn more about the skills involved in writing successful research grants:**

This intensive 15-week program will support early-stage investigators as they write their first grant application, often an F32, foundation, or professional society grant. Ideal candidates are those who are approaching or just beyond the completion of research fellowship training.

The program will provide self-paced grant-writing instruction, live webinars, and individual feedback and support through faculty-led small groups. By the end of the program, participants will have a strong grant application, informed by program curriculum, as well as faculty and peer feedback.

**Applications** due before **5:00pm EST on July 25, 2024.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### 2024 Disability Health Equity Symposium

**Thursday, July 25, 2024, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Location:** am - Folkman Auditorium; pm Karp 1st floor boardroom  
A virtual option is also available

**Featured speakers:** Dr. Bonnielin Swenor (Johns Hopkins University), Dr. Jennifer Arnold (Boston Children's Hospital), and Dr. Lisa I. Iezzoni (Harvard Medical School) and presentations from the Disability Health Equity Research Collaborative

**Networking luncheon** for first 40 registered attendees is sponsored by the Office of Health Equity and Inclusion

[Click here for more information/Registration](#)

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### **Register now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fenwick Institute's national Pediatric Health Equity and Policy Research Symposium (Sept 12 and 13)!**

This Pediatric Health Equity and Policy Research Symposium is a unique national forum for the discussion of research related to child health disparities, child health equity, and health policy.

For more information and to register for this hybrid Symposium (in-person or virtual attendance) click: [Registration for the Symposium](#)

This will also be a time of networking and building community among national child health researchers and advocates working to improve child health outcomes across the U.S. The Symposium will start with a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Wright, inaugural Chief Health Equity Officer of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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### **Boston Children's Faculty Parental Wellness Program**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the [Parental Wellness Program](#), designed to **promote well-being, build community, and enhance productivity** among faculty. This program is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and Office for Women's Careers and supported by Boston Children's Health Affairs.

You will find a **one-stop resource library**, available to all, offers a range of information, including navigating parental leave, lactation supports, the Boston Children's Childcare Center, backup childcare options, the Caregiver Travel Award, physician supports, wellness and more. We will be forming groups for faculty with children at every stage as well as for those with elder-care responsibilities.

Part of this initiative is the **Pilot Lactation Program**, led by **Drs. Carly Guss and Kelly Wills Adani**. This program is tailored to parent faculty who are currently pregnant or who are the lactating parent of an infant under six months of age. You **do not** need to be a first-time parent to participate. A stipend provides financial support up to \$500 to assist with the costs associated with feeding and lactation needs. Each participant will be paired with an experienced and trained Parental Wellness Advocate, who is also a colleague at Boston Children's, to provide guidance and support.

Learn more about how you can participate in the pilot lactation program, [here](#).

We are also seeking also seeking faculty interested in being a Parental Wellness Advocate, which is a role that comes with a modest reimbursement for your time. Learn more, [here](#).

If you'd like to stay informed and be notified as the Parental Wellness Program grows and when new resources and opportunities are added, please [join our mailing list](#).

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## HMS Promotion Workshop

### **Getting Promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor Monday, July 22, 2024, 3:30pm to 5:00pm, on Zoom**

Description: This 60-minute presentation, followed by a 30-minute Q&A, is a great introduction to the Associate Professor promotion process for faculty members at the rank of Assistant Professor contemplating or preparing for promotion. Topics include selecting an Area of Excellence and Significant Supporting Activities, evaluation criteria, and requirements for the dossier. We encourage attendees to review relevant sections of the Faculty of Medicine handbook and/or Promotion Profile Library before arriving to better facilitate engagement and allow more time to ask questions. Sessions are not recorded, please plan accordingly.

[Register Here](#)

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## **The Academy at Harvard Medical School: Medical Education Day 2024 Save the Date and Request for Abstracts**

**Harvard Medical Education Day** will be held on **Tuesday, October 29th, 2024**

**Location:** HMS Tosteson Medical Education Center (TMEC), **11:30AM-6:00 PM**. A full description of speakers and workshops will be announced in August 2024.

Abstract submissions are now accepted for the **Education Day poster session**. Please fill out a submission form and submit your abstract by clicking this [link](#).

**Due date: *Monday July 29th, 2024.***

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Medical Education Faculty Development team at [OME\\_FacultyDevelopment@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:OME_FacultyDevelopment@hms.harvard.edu)

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# Blood Donor Summer Challenge

Enjoy summer-themed gifts based on how many times you've donated, and help make a difference in the lives of children in need, when you **donate blood or platelets from June 1 through August 31!**



[Check Challenge Details Here](#)

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## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### Office of Sponsored Programs

The **Office of Sponsored Programs** handles governmental, foundation and other non-profit funding arrangements. Grant officers are assigned to the research community by department and division. They serve as the primary points of contact for grant application review, award acceptance and administration, sponsor relations and inter-institutional administrative arrangements related to governmental, foundation and other non-profit sources of funding. OSP is committed to facilitating and supporting the research mission of the institution.

For more information, check this explanatory sheet: [What is a Sponsored Project?](#)

To contact your assigned department/division/program OSP officer check the **current roster**.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation - Young Investigator Award

**Mission:** Program provides support to early career faculty conducting innovative, high-risk research in the chemical and life sciences, particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will enable novel scientific research.

**Eligibility:** Applicants **MUST** be (1) **within the first four years of a tenure-track position**, (2) **have no more than 10 years post terminal degree and no more than five years of experience in a non-tenure track** (not including postdoc position), and (3) **have no more than \$225,000 in direct, annualized external funding** at time of application.

**Funding: \$600,000 over four years.** No indirect costs are allowed.

Deadline: Letters of intent are due **August 1, 2024**. If invited, full applications are due January 13, 2025.

[Apply Here](#)

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Emma Dunlap, Director, Foundation Relations at the Boston Children's Hospital Trust:

[Emmalee.Dunlap@chtrust.org](mailto:Emmalee.Dunlap@chtrust.org)

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**Looking for research funding outside the NIH?**  
The [BCH Trust's Foundation Relations](#) is the philanthropic resource for the hospital and can help you find options:

- Targeted prospect research
- Tailored cultivation approach
- Strategic communication to ensure successful solicitation strategy
- Planning and execution of key interactions with program officers including site visits, pre-application counseling, and more
- Direct support for writing, proofing, submission, and reporting requirements

Contact the [BCH Trust/Foundation Relations](#) to learn more!

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### **Sandra L. Fenwick Institute for Pediatric Health Equity and Inclusion 2024 - 2026 Request for Applications**

**Mission:** To be a driving force for the advancement of pediatric health equity and developing inclusive excellence in healthcare and research leadership nationally, and globally to improve health outcomes for all children

**Eligibility:** All Boston Children's Hospital employees, faculty, and staff including but not limited to: (i) clinical faculty or clinical staff (MD, RN/NP, PA, or any allied health clinical professional discipline); (ii) basic science and other research (nonclinical) faculty; and (iii) administrative or operational professionals. Trainees (residents/fellows) and post-docs are not eligible.

**Topic Areas:** "Diversity in Pediatric Clinical Research" and "Impact of Climate Change, Resiliency and Sustainability Interventions"

**Funding:** Each of the awards provides \$50,000/year for 2 years (i.e. \$100,000 per award).

**Application Process:** [Click Here](#)

**Application Deadline:** **August 15, 2024 at 12:00 pm**

If you have any questions, please email the [Fenwick Institute](#)

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**BCH Caregiver Travel Grants - No Deadline**

The [BCH Caregiver Travel Award](#) is a pilot program open to Boston Children's faculty to ease the financial burden associated with additional dependent care expenses while presenting at an academic/society meeting. Please note that you must apply **at least 4 weeks** prior to any anticipated trip and must be presenting at the meeting. Awards are capped at **\$500**.

The application link can be found [here](#). Questions should be addressed to Maxine Milstein, MBA, OFD Program Director. [Email Maxine](#).

This initiative is sponsored by the Boston Children's Offices of Faculty Development, Women's Careers, Health Affairs and the Medical Staff Organization.

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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### Building Your Academic Career: The Path to Promotion

**Speaker: Dr. Nicole Ullrich**

May 16 Research Engagement Committee Seminar

Recording available [here](#)

The Research Seminar Calendar, listing previous recordings and upcoming events, is accessible via [this link](#)

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### Negotiating Across Power Differentials

**Speaker: Jenn Mahony, JD, BCH Ombuds**

When we think of power, we often identify the power of position. But there are many different bases of power that can support effective collaboration and influence. Join us for this interactive workshop on power differentials in the workplace and how to influence others effectively.

[Video available!](#)

Passcode required: \*bH6&Zb@

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## NEED GUIDANCE ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT? CV REVIEW?

**Schedule A One-on-One Appointment with  
Dr. Nicole Ullrich or Dr. Carla Kim**

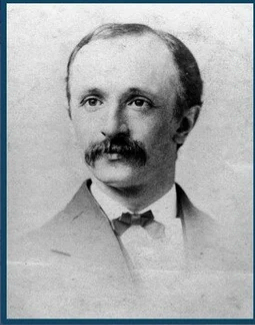
Are you looking for guidance on your professional development, career trajectory, or readiness for promotion? Dr. Nicole Ullrich and Dr. Carla Kim can meet with you to discuss these concerns. To make an appointment, email [OFD](#)

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## News from the BCH Archives

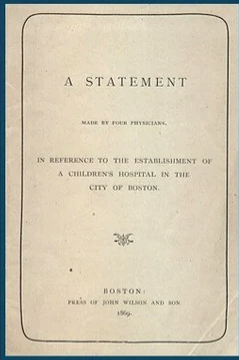
Happy Birthday, Boston Children's Hospital! For more information, contact the [Archives Program](#)



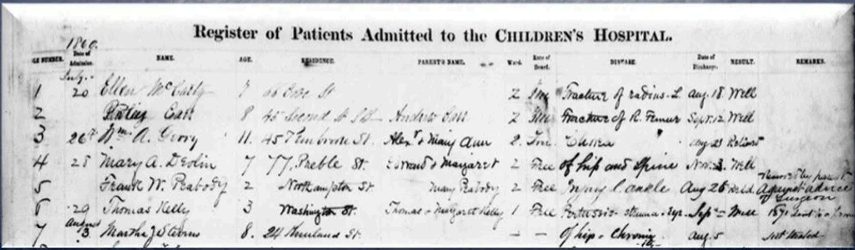
Founder, Dr. Francis  
Henry Brown

### Happy Birthday!

Boston Children's  
Hospital accepted  
it's first patients  
on  
July 20, 1869



Founding Document



NO. PATIENT	DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	FATHER'S NAME	Wt.	Sex of Child	DISEASE	Result	REMARKS
1	July 20	Ellen McCarty	8	25 Cove St.			F	2 Infr. Fracture of radius - Aug 18 1869		
2		Katie East	8	45 School St. S. W. Boston	Mr. East		F	2 Infr. Fracture of R. Femur - Sept 12 1869		
3	26	M <sup>rs</sup> A. Gerry	11	45 Temple St.	Mr. Gerry		F	2 Infr. Fracture of R. Femur - Sept 12 1869		
4	28	Mary A. Doherty	7	77 Peble St.	Mr. Doherty		F	2 Infr. Fracture of R. Femur - Sept 12 1869		
5		Frank W. Peabody	2	Northampton St.	Mr. Peabody		M	2 Infr. Fracture of R. Femur - Sept 12 1869		
6	29	Thomas Hilde	3	Washington St.	Mr. Hilde		M	2 Infr. Fracture of R. Femur - Sept 12 1869		
7	Aug 3	Martha J. Adams	8	20 Mullica St.	Mr. Adams		F	2 Infr. Fracture of R. Femur - Sept 12 1869		

## WELLNESS AND FAMILY FUN

### Boston-area Summer Activities:

- [Free Story Time](#) at Hummingbird Books in Chestnut Hill on Sundays in July, 11:00 a.m.
- [Downtown Boston Arts Market](#) at the Summer Street Plaza on Thursdays and Fridays in July, 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m
- [Summer Flicks at the Prudential Center](#) on Saturdays in July and August, 6:00 p.m.
- [Explore fitness activities](#) via the BCH-sponsored July free fitness classes at The Green/401 Park Drive (Landmark Center)
- [Boston Walking City Trail](#) is available every day of the year; trail founder Miles Howard will lead guided hikes later in the summer. Visit the website for updates on these events.

## HELPFUL LINKS

[Office of Faculty Development](#)

[Parental Wellness Program site](#)

[BCH Health Affairs Site](#)

[Medical Staff Wellness Resources](#)

[Office of Postdoctoral Affairs](#)

[Office of Clinician Support](#)

[BCH Ombuds Office](#)

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## CONTACT US

### **OFD Mission Statement:**

The Office of Faculty Development (OFD) is dedicated to facilitating the career advancement and satisfaction of Boston Children's Hospital faculty, fostering careers particularly of early-stage faculty, and increasing leadership opportunities for women and faculty underrepresented in medicine (UiM).

The [Office of Faculty Development](#) is always interested in your suggestions regarding our program content and communications. Please connect with us via the email address listed above or by visiting the [OFD Website](#).

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