



Boston Children's Hospital

Office of Faculty Development

Weekly Newsletter July 26, 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](#)

BOSTON CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](#)

Passcode: **A8@B8zPK**

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



MSO "EPIC" Event
Come see your colleagues!

ICE CREAM ON THE ROOF

Sponsored by:
BCH Medical Staff Organization

August 1, 2024, 4 - 6pm
Main 11 Rooftop Garden

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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 Office of Faculty Development**Course Director: Carla Kim, PhD - Director, Basic Science Career Development****Eligibility:** Faculty starting their own research lab in the last 5 years**Goal:** Address aspects of running a lab with real-life scenarios and training support. 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**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 1st at 5pm****[Download](#)** an information sheet about the program with all details and eligibility requirements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boston Children's Book Club *The Paris Novel* by Ruth Reichl

Our next book is a light summer reading and an escape to 1980s Paris. *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER A “mouthwatering” (*The New York Times*) adventure through the food, art, and fashion scenes of 1980s Paris—from the bestselling author of *Save Me the Plums* and *Delicious!*

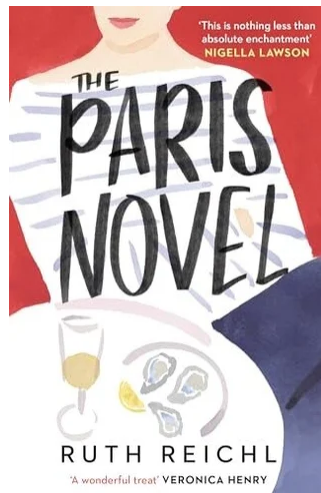
“An enchanting and irresistible feast . . . As with a perfect meal in the world’s most magical city, I never wanted this sublime novel to end.”—Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney, author of *Good Company*

Next meeting on 8/1, 12 noon - 1pm

RECURRING LINK

Password: 620827

Meeting ID: **987 4512 2024**



Register now for the 3rd 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.

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](#).

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

BCH Staff Art Show - "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

Are you a photographer? Submit your work to the Boston Children's Staff Art Show

Jurors will select 45 photos to be displayed in the Mini Art Museum in the fall and become part of the permanent art collection.

Deadline for submissions: September 6

How to submit:

- Visit Boston Children's Today
- Search "Staff Art Show"
- Download and fill out the form titled "Staff Art Show Submission Form"
- Prepare one JPG image (must be 300 dpi at 16x20", not to exceed 10 MB)
- [Email the submission form](#) and jpg

Check [Flyer](#) for all details

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](#)

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Office of Clinician Support

The Office of Clinician Support (OCS) is a safe place to talk. Even a few minutes can help reduce your level of stress.

Hospitals are complex environments. Taking care of sick patients, especially children, can be demanding and emotionally draining. Academic pressure, hospital regulations, and differences among staff can also contribute to workplace stress.

The OCS typically hears concerns about situations that interfere with productive work and/or home life. Concerns may involve a colleague, supervisor, co-worker, a family member, or a friend.

The OCS can help with the following: Patient and Family Concerns; Work Setting Concerns; Personal Concerns

Download the [OCS Flyer](#) for details and contact information

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation - Young Investigator Award

Mission: 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.

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

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!

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](#)

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.

News from the BCH Archives

The Fegan Building

Ambulatory care was at the forefront when the Fannie Hall Fegan Memorial Outpatient Center, or Fegan Outpatient Clinical Building, opened in September 1967. Named in honor of Fannie Hall Fegan, a shipping heiress who donated the bulk of her estate to Children's Hospital, the new building was created specifically for outpatient care. It contained over 50 clinics, had spacious waiting areas that

replaced the old, crowded spaces, and included play areas for children. **Photo of Fegan Patio, 1967**

For more information, contact the [Archives Program](#)



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Building Your Academic Career: The Path to Promotion

Speaker: Dr. Nicole Ullrich

Research Engagement Committee Seminar

Recording available [here](#)

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

Negotiating Across Power Differentials

Speaker: Jenn Mahony, JD, BCH Ombuds

Interactive workshop on power differentials in the workplace and how to influence others effectively.

[Recording here](#)

Passcode required: *bH6&Zb@

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](#)

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](#)

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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