



Boston Children's Hospital

Office of Faculty Development

Weekly Newsletter August 2, 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

8/8/24 Boston Children's Book Club Special Event: Announcement from Dr. Eman Ansari:

Dear BCH community & friends,

On behalf of the Boston Children's Hospital Book Club (BBCH), it gives me tremendous pleasure to invite you to join us next **Thursday, August 8th, at 7 PM ET**, in a conversation with the molecular biologist and 2009 Nobel Prize laureate in chemistry and former president of the Royal Society, **Dr. Venki Ramakrishnan**. We will be discussing his thoughtful insights on life, health, the science of longevity, and his fascinating journey navigating the secrets of life that he shared in his March 19th, 2024, debuted book: **"Why We Die."**

RSVP: eman.ansari@childrens.harvard.edu

Time: Thursday, August 8th at 7-8 PM EST

Location: Zoom

Meeting ID: 916 7397 1943

Password: 136887

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](#)



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women in Medicine Month Grand Rounds:
"How to Thrive - Not Just Survive: Lessons Learned"**

**Speaker: Nicole Ullrich, MD, PhD, MMSci, FAAN
Department of Neurology, Boston Children's Hospital
Director, Office of Faculty Development
Director, Office for Women's Careers
Director, Neurologic NeuroOncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School**

Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Folkman Auditorium or by Zoom
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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](#).

Faculty Peer Support Virtual Kick-off Meeting

Monday, September 9, Noon – 1 PM, Zoom

Attend this introductory session to learn about the OFD sponsored faculty peer support groups and to chat with new and current participants. The peer support groups offer a comfortable environment to discuss challenges and solutions in areas of career, family, and personal development.

To register, please fill out this [short form](#)

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

Research Administration

Headed by **Gus Cervini**, the Research Administration departments manage the strategic planning challenges and growth of the research enterprise and its highly innovative researchers. They provide services to facilitate excellence in the conduct of research and ensure regulatory compliance, maintaining laboratory facilities and resource management, ensuring human and animal research compliance, managing technological and innovation development and grants management. Research Administration handles research governance committees for the research enterprise.

Web link for Research Administration [here](#)

For assistance in your grants and research projects, check [Department listings](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Office of Faculty Development Apple-Picking Expedition at Westward Orchards

178 Mass Ave., Harvard, Massachusetts
Saturday, September 21, 1 – 4 PM
Host: Alicia Casey, MD

Come spend a few hours apple-picking with colleagues and families in the Orchards and enjoy toddler/kid-antics, fresh air, and a countryside setting.

We will meet by the playground at 1:00 PM – just look for the pop-up tent.

To register, please fill out this [form](#)

There is no admission fee; each family is responsible for their own apple purchases. Directions: Click on the “[Get Directions](#)” link:

Potential raindate: Sunday, 9/22

Boston-area Summer Activities:

- [Downtown Boston Arts Market](#) Every Thursday and Friday from 11 am to 5 pm at the Summer Street Plaza through October
 - [Summer Flicks at the Prudential Center](#) on Saturdays in July and August, 6:00 p.m.
 - [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.
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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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