



Boston Children's Hospital

Office of Faculty Development

Weekly Newsletter August 9, 2024

Our goal is to provide up-to-date information and helpful tips for faculty on topics which impact our daily work lives. Please contact us with any questions regarding program content.

You can 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

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.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Application deadline extended! **Laboratory Leadership Course for Lab-based Research Faculty**

*Certificates from the BCH Center for Educational Excellence and Innovation
will be awarded to course participants*

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.

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

Application deadline extended: now due Friday, August 23, by 5pm

[Apply here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

HMS Office for Diversity, Inclusion & Community Partnership (DICP) Annual Instructor, Trainee, & Family BBQ

The HMS Office for Diversity, Inclusion & Community Partnership (DICP) invites trainees, instructors, and their families to the annual HMS URiM Trainee, Instructor, & Family BBQ this summer. Connect with colleagues and enjoy free food and refreshments for an afternoon of summer fun.

If you will be able to attend, RSVP at the link below by August 9th.

Date: Sunday, August 18th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Larz Anderson Park, Brookline, MA

[RSVP](#)



Boston Children's Hospital Trust: Spotlight Series "Beyond the RFA: A Guide to Early Career Funding"

Friday, September 20, 11 AM - 12 Noon

Host: Boston Children's Trust Foundation Relations Team

Panel discussion with BCH investigators

See all details and register via the [event flyer!](#)

RSVP by 9/15

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.

Faculty Wellness

Boston Children's Faculty Parental Wellness Program

The [Parental Wellness Program](#) is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and Office for Women's Careers and supported by Boston Children's Health Affairs. Highlights include:

- **One-stop resource library** - 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
- **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](#).
- If you are interested in being a **Parental Wellness Advocate**, you can learn more [here](#). This role comes with a modest reimbursement for your time.
- If you'd like to stay informed and be notified when new resources and opportunities are added, please [join our mailing list](#).

The Parental Wellness Program now offers **FREE** back-up pump supplies for faculty!

Are you a parent who pumps at work and forgot a part?

The **MSO-sponsored** free back-up pump part soft launch is officially here!

Where: BCH Lactation office in the main hospital (across from the gift shop)

Please call **617-355-0005** to confirm they are available to grant you access to the closet where parts are stored.

Hours 7a-7p

In order to receive the free parts, you must complete a survey so we know what pumps to replace and how we can improve the program

Are we missing pump parts that you typically use?

Please email us to make a suggestion: [parental wellness](#)

Available supplies:

Pump parts:

Medela Symphony Breast Pump Kit
 Elvie Pump Breast Pump Valve and Spout Kit
 Elvie Pump Breast Pump Seals
 Elvie Stride Diaphragm
 Nenesupply Duckbill Valves
 Willow Go Breast Pump Diaphragm
 Willow Go Breast - Duckbill Valve Set

Pumping accessories:

Medela Quick Clean Breast Pump and Accessory Wipes
 Medela Quick Clean MicroSteam Bags



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.

Office of Faculty Development Apple-Picking Expedition 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:

Raindate: Sunday, 9/22

Medical Staff Organization Updates

"EPIC" Ice Cream Event was held 8/1/2024

It was so great to see colleagues and to socialize on the rooftop. Given the popularity of this event - the ice cream ran out - we will consider a reprise in the near future.

MSO heads to the Red Sox on September 6, 2024

Tickets sold out in the first 15 minutes!! - waitlist is available

Keep your eyes out for additional events this fall.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Medical Staff Organization!

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

The Longwood Chorus is holding auditions for Fall 2024!

Join Boston's science, healthcare, and medical choir for an exciting semester of singing! The Longwood Chorus is open to all members of the healthcare, medical, and science community, regardless of sub-field, level of training, and institutional affiliation. We proudly boast a diverse membership.

Auditions for the Fall 2024 season will take place on August 26th, 27th, and 28th from 7-9 PM at TMEC on the Harvard Medical School quad.

[Sign-up for an audition](#)

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](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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](#)

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!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Boston Children's Child Care Center

Boston Children's Child Care Centers are located at:
Brookline Place, Brookline
145 Wells Ave in Newton

Children's Hospital has an affiliated Child Care Center just a short walk from the hospital, and a second site not far away in Newton. Center staff are committed to providing the highest quality care for children. They seek to provide all children with a program that is developmentally appropriate and nurturing. They work toward fostering children's social, emotional, and cognitive growth while ensuring children's safety and security.

If you have any questions about the Child Care Center please contact:

By phone: Internal 56006 External: (617)355-6006

Fax: (617)730-0133

Email: [Donna Condon](#)

News from the BCH Archives

Boston Children's Founder, Dr. Francis Henry Brown

Happy Birthday, Dr. Francis Henry Brown!

Born in Boston on August 8, 1835, Dr. Brown attended Boston Public Latin School, Harvard College (class of 1857) and Harvard Medical School (class of 1861). By 1869, Brown had practiced surgery in Cambridge and worked at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Dispensary, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and Boston City Hospital. He also served during the Civil War as an Assistant Army Surgeon at the United States General Hospital in Readville for two years.



The idea for building a new hospital had brewed in Brown's mind for many years – his [thesis](#) for Harvard Medical School focused on the construction of European hospitals, particularly the importance of ventilation for patient health. After the war and the death of his first wife, he traveled across Europe to study this subject more closely. Upon his return, Brown brought together other physicians and championed the idea of a Boston Children's Hospital to both the medical community and the public. For more information, contact the [Archives Program](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Office of Faculty Development Orientation for New Faculty

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](#)

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](#)

Boston Area Summer Activities

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.
- The lovely Arnold Arboretum has events beyond the well-known and appreciated May Lilac Sunday, such as a [Morning Fitness Walk](#) on 8/21

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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