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About the Institute

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), through its colleges, research and education centers, and county extension offices, serves the people of Tennessee and beyond through the discovery, communication, and application of knowledge. UTIA, working with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is committed to providing undergraduate, graduate, and professional education programs in a diverse learning environment that prepares students to be leaders in a global society. The institute's delivery of education, discovery, and outreach contributes to the economic, social, and environmental well-being of all Tennesseans and focuses on contemporary problems faced by Tennessee, the nation, and the world.

AgResearch is an integral partner in teaching programs throughout the Institute. AgResearch faculty conduct world-class research programs in a variety of areas including crop breeding and genetics, soil conservation, no-till crop production, cattle reproduction, wood product development, and many others. AgResearch is also a key funding source for graduate assistantships and research that graduate students undertake in their degree programs. The internship program of AgResearch offers undergraduates unparalleled field experience. The unit's 10 branch research facilities serve as field laboratories for faculty and students, while allowing the public to evaluate research trials and experience gardens and arboretums. Technologies developed by UTIA's researchers benefit producers and consumers alike.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) welcomes students from across Tennessee, the nation, and the world. It offers academic programs in a variety of natural and social science based disciplines that apply to the food, fiber, and natural resources systems. For students in the college, learning is personal and often hands on. Student teams provide opportunities for self-directed study, leadership development, and a lot of fun. A new honors research and creative achievements program challenges students to excel. International study tours give graduates an edge in the increasingly connected world of global markets.

The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is one of only 30 veterinary colleges in the nation. The central mission of the College is in education of professional DVM students seeking a career in some aspect of veterinary medicine ranging from clinical practice to research. The college also serves the public in providing referral medical services to pet owners, zoos and the livestock industry through our veterinary medical center; protects public health; enhances medical knowledge through research and education of graduate students; and generates economic benefits to the state and nation. Outreach programs engage an array of citizens and their animals in learning programs that explore the animal-human bond and promote wellbeing.

UT Extension has an office in every county of Tennessee. Educational programs offered by University of Tennessee Extension touch the life of every citizen in Tennessee every day. UT Extension delivers research-based programs that improve lives, build stronger families, and strengthen communities. As a partner with local, state, and national agencies and through its statewide presence, extension provides educational programming and assistance in areas of agriculture, natural resources and resource development, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H youth development.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Michael McEntee

Associate Dean for Research

Dr. James P. Thompson

Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Tim Cross

Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture

Our Mission

- 1. To promote interdisciplinary activities designed to improve the quality of human life through better animal health
- 2. To expand livestock disease research capabilities
- 3. To identify and characterize animal diseases that are similar to human disease
- 4. To develop new strategies for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.

Letter from the Dean

We are pleased to present the 2018 annual report for the Center of Excellence in Livestock Disease and Human Health.

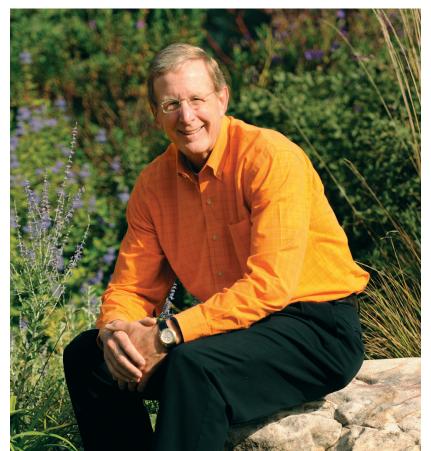
Within this report, you will see highlights of 11 faculty research projects funded by the center in fiscal year 2018. These faculty members have made significant advancements in infectious diseases and host defenses, tissue regeneration, genetics, and carcinogenesis. Center faculty also made significant advancements in the prevention and treatment of infectious and non-infectious livestock diseases that affect agricultural productivity.

The 2018 return on investment, as the ratio of research expenditures to the state appropriation for the center was 3.3:1. Benchmark data can be found on pages 23-24 and include fiscal years 2014-2018.

Center faculty continue to garner national and international recognition for their research and scholarship. During the 2017 calendar year, center faculty published 41 peer-reviewed articles, 2 book chapters, and gave 32 presentations at regional, national, and international meetings.

Despite increased fiscal challenges faced by our center faculty, we are incredibly proud of their efforts and continued successes. We hope you enjoy this summary presentation of

center activities and accomplishments.



Dr. James P. Thompson, *Dean*UT College of Veterinary Medicine

James P. Thompson

Summary of Accomplishments

espite the persisting, sluggish funding environment, center faculty continue to make excellent progress in ongoing projects, gaining national and international recognition for their expertise and accomplishments. The details of current center faculty research are provided in the Faculty Reports section (pp. 26-36).

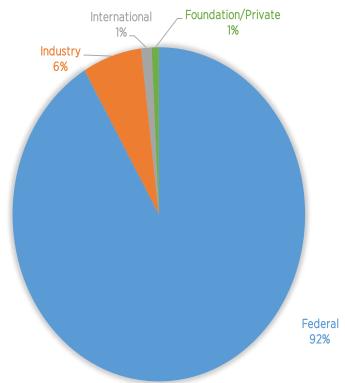
During the 2017 calendar year, the 11 center faculty averaged 3.7 peer-reviewed publications (41 total), 2.9 presentations at prestigious national and international meetings (32 total), and wrote 2 book chapters.

The publications of the 2018 center faculty have been cited by others an average of 10.17 times. These numbers tell us that scientists worldwide have positively evaluated center faculty work and used it to stimulate, validate, and/or support their own work in similar fields. Therefore, citations are indicators of the quality of faculty work. The average h-index for 2018 faculty is 9.8. The h-index is a metric to measure productivity and citation impact of the publications of a scientist. The index is based on the set of the investigator's most cited papers and the number of citations that the investigator has received in other publications. Therefore, this h-index means that center faculty, on average, have publications that have been cited at least 9.8 times.

Particularly noteworthy articles in 2017 were by Drs. Anderson, Dhar, Cui, and Rajasagi. These journals have an average impact factor of 5.42. The impact factor is frequently used as a measure of a journal's importance in its field. The higher the number, the more times articles published in the journal have been cited in a particular year. See Publications and Presentations (pp. 37-42) for more details. In addition, Dr. Kania and his research team have also produced intellectual property and were awarded two new provisional patents in 2017: Patent Number 62550996 Small Molecule Inhibitors of Staphylococcus pseudintermedius Sortase and Patent Number 62543676–Staphylococcus pseudintermedius Virulence Factor Vaccine.

The return on the state's investment in the center was 3.3:1, calculated as a ratio of expenditures from external funding to center appropriation. This calculation means that for every \$1 of center funds spent, center faculty returned \$3.30 in external funding. External funding totaled \$1,907,070 this year, while expenditures for the year were \$1,647,768. The funding includes a multi-year award for Dr. Naveen Rajasagi, totaling \$448,710, and an award for Dr. Anderson to help finance his work on bone regeneration, totaling \$462,563. Dr. Cui also received an award for \$644,717. Finally, Dr. Kania's study in bacterial mechanisms involved in antimicrobial resistance was recognized by the UT Research Foundation (UTRF), which awarded Dr. Kania \$15,000 in maturation funding to further develop this work. UTFR awards are competitive, and this work is expected to result in federal funding for Dr Kania and his team. See Research Funded Externally and Research Expenditures on page 11 for the fiscal year 2018 data summary.





Benchmark	2018	2017		
	(11 Faculty)	(12 Faculty)		
	N^1	N^2		
Publications	43	42		
Peer-Reviewed Articles	41	37		
Books/Chapters/Other	2	5		
Presentations	32	30		
International	1	5		
National	21	16		
State or Local	10	9		
Research Monies				
External Funding	\$1,907,070	\$630,580		
Research Expenditures	\$1,647,768	\$1,667,760		
Return on Investment	3.3:1	3.1:1		

¹ Publications and presentations based on the 2017 calendar year; research monies based on the 2018 fiscal year. ² Publications and presentations based on the 2016 calendar year; research monies based on the 2017 fiscal year.

Program Report

Introduction

Since 1984, the center has developed successful programs that affect the understanding, treatment, and prevention of livestock and human diseases. These programs predominately focus on molecular and cellular approaches to research in infectious diseases and host defenses, tissue responses to insult and regeneration, genetics, and carcinogenesis.

The center has developed investigative strengths along innovative, sophisticated, and contemporary lines in two general areas:

- 1) Animal Models and Comparative Medicine, and
- 2) Mechanisms of Disease, Pathogenesis, and Immunity

These two areas are highly interrelated, and the center plays a critical and unique role in developing these focused areas of strength in both the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UTCVM) and the Institute of Agriculture. These areas also encompass the "One Health" concept, wherein the interrelated disciplines of animal, human, and environmental health are combined for the betterment of all three.

Personnel



Dr. Michael McEntee has served as the director of the center since October 12, 2012.



Dr. Stephen Kania chaired the Research Advisory Committee responsible for selecting the 2018 funded proposals.

Ms. Kim Rutherford oversees submissions of faculty proposals for funds.



Ms. Amanda Hand produces the annual report.



Funding and Expenditures

Research Funded Externally, Fiscal Year 2018

Investigator	Federal	Industry	International	Foundation/ Private	TOTAL
Anderson, David	\$462,563				\$462,563
Caldwell, Marc	\$14,600				\$14,600
Cekanova, Maria	\$91,126	\$13,612			\$104,738
Cui, Mei-Zhen	\$644,717				\$644,717
Kania, Stephen		\$5,000	\$22,057	\$15,000	\$42,057
Mulon, Pierre-Yves		\$3,169			\$3,169
Myer, Phillip		\$102,649			\$102,649
Rajasagi, Naveen	\$448,710				\$448,710
Whitlock, Brian	\$83,867				\$83,867
TOTALS	\$1,745,583	\$124,430	\$22,057	\$15,000	\$1,907,070

Research Expenditures, Fiscal Year 2018

Investigator	Federal	Industry	International	University	Foundation/ Private	TOTAL
Anderson, David	\$681,704					\$681,704
Caldwell, Marc	\$13,688					\$13,688
Cekanova, Maria	\$61,744	\$8,399				\$70,143
Cui, Mei-Zhen	\$307,060					\$307,060
Kania, Stephen		\$1,890	\$21,703	\$1,833	\$24,315	\$49,741
Mulon, Pierre- Yves		\$3,846				\$3,846
Myer, Phillip		\$74,756			\$5,266	\$80,022
Rajasagi, Naveen	\$362,610					\$362,610
Whitlock, Brian	\$78,950					\$78,950
TOTALS	\$1,505,756	\$88,891	\$21,703	\$1,833	\$29,581	\$1,647,768

Allocation of Funding

The Center of Excellence in Livestock Diseases and Human Health supports investigators and promotes research through a variety of mechanisms. Although it is not a primary source of research funding, the center facilitates established investigators' efforts to maintain and expand their research programs, promotes new investigators' potential to develop competitive research programs, and fosters new collaborative ventures.

Center faculty consist of senior and junior members. Senior members, who are featured in Faculty Reports (pp. 26-36), have research interests in line with center objectives and a history of securing external funding using center funds. Junior members are those who have received seed money, bridge funding, or are new faculty who have received start-up funds. Junior members are expected to actively pursue and eventually secure external funding.

Start-Up Funds

The center provided \$22,500 in start-up funds for 5 junior faculty members to secure additional funding in 2018. Their research areas are described below:



Pierre-Yves Mulon Large Animal Surgery \$5,000



Connie Fazio Small Animal Radiology \$5.000



Adrien Hespel Veterinary Radiology \$5,000



Kyle SnowdenSmall Animal Surgery
and Radiology
\$5,000



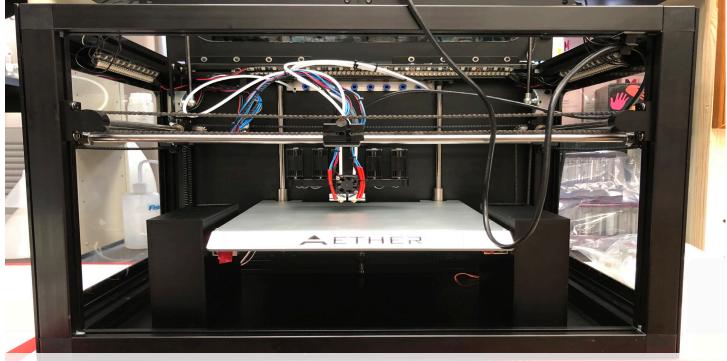
Chika Okafor
Epidemiology of antimicrobials in animals
\$2,500

Infrastructure and Supplies

The center promotes the research infrastructure of both the UTCVM and the Institute of Agriculture through the purchase and maintenance of essential research equipment. The Research Advisory Committee reviews requests based on three criteria: justification of need, current availability of equipment, and number of investigators who may benefit.

Equipment

n fiscal year 2018, the center funded several purchases to enhance research projects here at UTCVM. For example, a **Tekscan VH4 Walkway System** (\$7,178.50) was purchased for the Large Animal Clinical Sciences Department. The department intends to use the walkway system to collect data for a nerve defect scaffold study. The results of this study will hopefully produce outside federal funding. Moreover, an **Aether 1 Bioprinter** (\$11,788, pictured below) was purchased for Dr. Madhu Dhar's lab, located in the Large Animal Clinical Sciences. This bioprinter will enable Dr. Dhar to produce biomaterial scaffolds to conduct research on regenerative tissue and bone. See a full summary of Dr. Dhar's regenerative medicine research on page 30. Several **Qiagen QIAxcel High Resolution DNA Kits** (\$8,945.26) were purchased. Finally, a **Waters ACQUITY Arc System** (\$14,750) was purchased. The Arc System will allow researchers to get quick test results in an easy-to-read format, enabling them to get their research published in a timely manner.



The Aether 1 Bioprinter located in Dr. Dhar's lab.

Travel

This year, the center sponsored several faculty to travel and present their research both nationally and internationally. In particular, the center funded **Dr. Chika Okafor** (\$1,091.27) and his graduate research assistant, **John Ekakoro** (\$609.17), to present their research on antimicrobial resistance at the **Research Workers in Animal Diseases Conference** in Chicago, Illinois. **Dr. Okafor** (\$1,560.30) also participated in the **5th International One Health Congress** held in Saskatoon, Canada. This congress is design to tackle international issues related to antimicrobial resistance, climate change, food and water safety, and science policy.



The UTCVM Regenerative Medicine team, including two center faculty, Drs. Madhu Dhar and David Anderson.

UT CVM Research Day

The center was a major sponsor of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine Research Day (formerly known as the Comparative and Experimental Medicine and Public Health Research Symposium). This year, thirty-four CEM students and DVM students gave oral presentations. The research day was designed to share research results via a 12-minute presentation, with 3-minutes for questions from the audience. Six faculty members also gave 25-minute talks about their current research endeavors, with 5-mintes for questions from the audience. The faculty members who presented their research are as follows: Dr. Melissa Kennedy, Dr. Pierre-Yves Mulon, Dr. Madhu Dhar, Dr. Naveen Rajasagi, and Dr. Reza Seddighi. The student presenters were scored based on their performance, and the award winners are highlighted below.

2018 UTCVM Research Day Awards

Presentation Award Winners

Graduate Student Category

1st Place - Steven Newby, Comparative & Experimental Medicine Mentor: Dr. Madhu Dhar Travel award of \$500.00



" In the Tickle Seminar Room.

2nd Place - Dr. Jane Woodrow, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Lennon Travel award of \$300.00

3rd Place - Dr. BreeAnna Dell, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

Mentor: Dr. Marcy Souza Travel award of \$200.00

Veterinary Student Category

1st Place - Kristen Maxwell, Class of 2021

Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Lennon Travel award of \$500.00

2nd Place - Katherine Hedges, Class of 2020

Mentor: Drs. Adesola Odunayo and Katherine Tolbert

Travel award of \$300.00

3rd Place - Calvin Kidd, Class of 2021

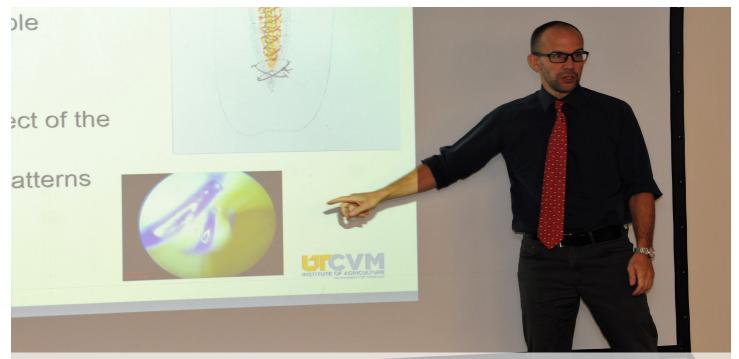
Mentor: Drs. Pierre-Yves Mulon and Karen Tobias

Travel award of \$200.00

Phi Zeta Award for Excellence in Animal Health Research

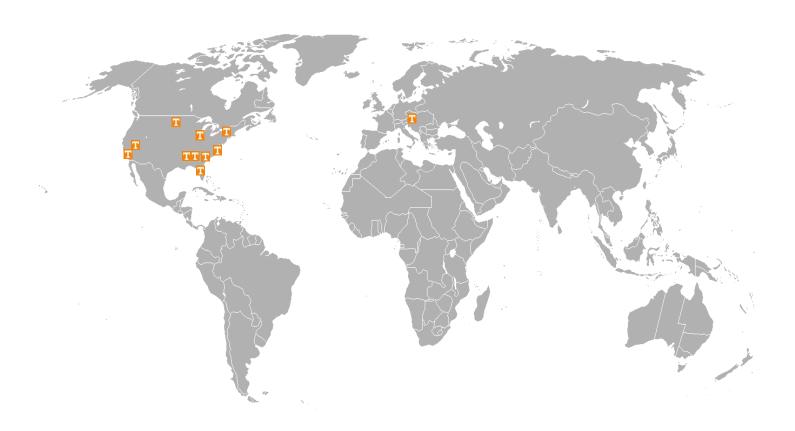
Megan Miller, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

Mentor: Dr. Richard Gerhold Cash award for \$250.00



Dr. Pierre-Yves Mulon gives a Research Day presentation, titled "A Comparison Between Barbed and Non-barbed Aborbable Sutures for Longitudinal Theliotomy Closure in an Ex-Vivo Bovine Model," in Room A335.

Dissemination of Research



aculty are encouraged to share their research through speaking engagements for professional groups, community groups, and civic groups. A complete list of faculty publications and presentations for the 2017 calendar year can be found in the Publications and Presentations section (pp. 37-42).

Through scientific conferences, Center of Excellence faculty share their research with a worldwide audience. The map above highlights where center faculty research was presented in 2017.

Popular Press and Media

n addition to faculty speaking engagements, the UTCVM issues press releases to state, regional, and national media, resulting in numerous television and print features, many of which relate directly to research conducted through the center.

The UTCVM has a recurring, biweekly spot on the local NBC affiliate WBIR Channel 10's "Live at Five at Four" news show. "Live at Five at Four" has an average of 70,000 viewers each day. The college also manages a Facebook page, a VolVet Connect alumni e-newsletter, and a quarterly referring DVM newsletter. As of September 2018, the Facebook page had 11,609 "likes" from individuals. Page administrators post clinical and research information for users. VolVet Connect contains items of note aimed at DVM alumni, including UTCVM research news and continuing education and network opportunities. In each issue of the newsletter for referring veterinarians, a Comparative and Experimental Medicine graduate student's research focus is presented. UTCVM is also on Twitter (2,379 followers), has a YouTube channel with 545 subscribers, and has a Pinterest presence with 285 followers. The Instagram account has 1,439 followers.

VolVet Vision is a yearly magazine that explores the research, teaching, and outreach services of UTCVM. This year, the magazine featured a story about Patches, a turtle at the Knoxville Zoo with a 3D mask to help alleviate infection due to a puncture wound. Patches was treated at UTCVM by Drs. Snowden and Cushing. Interestingly, the story of Patches gained national recognition by being featured in *People Magazine*.



Patches, treated at UTCVM, gained national attention after her 3D mask was featured in People Magazine.

Summer Student Research Program

n an effort to foster interest in careers in biomedical research and enhance appreciation for scientific investigation, inquiry, and the acquisition of new knowledge, the center once again helped provide opportunities for veterinary students to do research at UTCVM. Twenty-four students participated in laboratory and field research and attended weekly professional development seminars, during which guest speakers addressed topics, such as career opportunities in research, compliance issues in laboratory animal care, science writing, and the grant proposal process. They also participated in the UTCVM Research Day. Near the end of the 10-week program, the students presented their research findings to their colleagues and to UTCVM faculty and staff.

The center fully funded 22 student stipends for the Summer Student Research Program. A grant from Boehringer Ingelheim funded two students (Nicole Szafranski and Kellie Wood). Dr. Stephen Kania, a center faculty member, coordinated the program, along with Dr. Linda Frank.

To maximize student participation, the program is open to both center and non-center faculty. During fiscal year 2018, six senior center faculty and three junior members participated in the program. The center will continue to encourage the participation of its faculty interested in mentoring DVM students.



Summer Students get a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the Knoxville Zoo.

Summer Student Research Program

Nicole Corder

Los Angeles, CA • 2nd year BS in Biological Sciences, University of California, Merced

Faculty Mentor: Elizabeth Lennon Summer Project: Inflammatory stimuli trigger BMP7 signaling via smad1/5/8 in mast cells

Career Interests: She wants to work for the government in research on infectious diseases, disease surveillance, and vaccine development.

Naomi Falconnier

Knoxville, TN • 1st year BS Animal Science, Pre-Vet, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Faculty Mentor: David Anderson
Summer Project: Elution Characteristics,
Antimicrobial Activity, and Biodegradation

of Hydrophilic Polyurethanes

Career Interests: She would like to become

an anatomic pathologist.

India Gill

Knoxville, TN • 2nd year BS in Biology; BA in History, Elon University

Faculty Mentor: Jacqueline Whittemore &

Diane Mawby

Summer Project: Doppler flow ultrasonic radial blood pressure measurement in privately-owned, conscious dogs.

Career Interests: She wants to become a

small animal veterinarian.

Ashley Hand

Chattanooga, TN • 1st year BS in Animal Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Faculty Mentors: Dan Su & Angela

Witzel-Rollins

Summer Project: Impact of feeder toys on

the activity level of dogs

Career Interests: She wants to become either a small animal veterinarian or to work in academia.

Connor Hayes

Knoxville, TN • 1st year BS in Animal Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Faculty Mentors: Genevieve Bussieres **Summer Project:** Complications of Anesthesia in Pot-Bellied Pigs

Career Interests: He would like to work with large animal medicine, exotics, or theriogenology.

Chinyere A McKoy-Nwachukwu

Dumfries, VA • 2nd year BS, Argriculture, University of Maryland- Eastern Shore

Faculty Mentor: Richard Gerhold Summer Project: Examining the fecal parasites of wild turkeys (Meleagris gallapavo silvestris) in middle Tennessee Career Interests: Parasitology research

Katherine Hedges

Nashville, TN • 2nd year BS in Biology, Lipscomb University

Faculty Mentor: Katie Tolbert & Adesola

Odunayo

Summer Project: Investigation of

Continuous Rate Infusion of Famotidine in

Doas

Career Interests: She would like to work in small animal emergency and critical care.

Caroline Johnson

Nashville, TN • 1st year BS in Animal Science, Auburn University Faculty Mentors: Karen McCormick Summer Project: Determination of the effectiveness of the use of an equine rectal palpation simulation model for improving the confidence of veterinary students when palpating live horses

Career Interests: She would like to work in either small animal practice or equine care.

Elizabeth Jones

Memphis, TN • 2nd year BS Organismal Biology, Auburn University

Faculty Mentor: Reza Seddighi

Summer Project: Sevoflurane Sparing Effects of Midazolam in Domestic Cats

Career Interests: She would like to pursue a career in veterinary neurology and organized medicine.

Calvin Kidd

Fayetteville, TN • 1st year BS Pre-Professional Biology, University of Tennessee Chattanooga

Faculty Mentor: Karen Tobias & Pierre-Yves Mulon

Summer Project: Comparison of Suture Tensile Properties

Career Interests: He would like to work in mixed animal practice and food animal

Colby Kiefer

medicine.

New Orleans, LA • 2nd year BS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Tulane University

Faculty Mentor: Zenithson Ng

Summer Project: Hair Cortisol Levels In

Working Dogs

Career Interests: She would like to pursue small animal general practice with a special interest in surgery and dermatology.

Kristen Maxwell

Nashville, TN • 1st year BS in Biology, Trinity College

Faculty Mentor: Elizabeth Lennon

Summer Project: Evaluation of fat-soluble vitamin status in dogs and cats with chronic

enteropathies

Career Interests: She wants to pursue either an internship or residency.

Kelly Mayfield

Monroeville, NJ • 2nd year BS in Biology, Rowan University Faculty Mentor: Steven Adair

Summer Project: Effects of whole body vibration on bone density of horses within a

cast

Career Interests: She would like to pursue small animal sports medicine and rehabilitation.

Jeremy McKeever

Ringgold, GA • 2nd year BA General Education, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Faculty Mentor: Debra Miller

Summer Project: Effects of Incubation Temperature on the Gross and Histologic Appearances of the Gastrointestinal Tract, Heart, Liver, Kidneys, and Lungs of Loggerhead (Caretta caretta) Sea Turtle Hatchlings from Boca Raton, Florida Career Interests: He wants to work in non-mammal medicine and physiology.

Regan Nebenhaus

Manhasset, NY • 1st year BS in Pre-Veterinary Medicine & Animal Bio-science, University of Delaware

Faculty Mentor: Linda Frank & Stephen

Kania

Summer Project: A transcriptomic approach to determine of the cause of Alopecia X in Pomeranian Dogs

Career Interests: She wants to pursue a career in research and pharmacology.

Ellery Pennington

Fairview, TN • 1st year BS in Agriculture-Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee Martin

Faculty Mentor: Aude Castel

Summer Project: Establishment of reliable measurements of post-operative pain in dogs following surgery (hemilaminectomy) for acute intervertebral disc herniation

Career Interests: She wants to work in either equine rehab, small animal emergency, or theriology.

Owen Schumacher

Seymour, TN • 2nd year

BS Animal Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Faculty Mentor: Carla Sommardahl

Summer Project: Validation of point of care blood ammonia meter, PocketChem BA

meter, in large animal species

Career Interests: He wants to work in large

animal medicine and theriogenology.

Nicole Szafranski

Reston, VA • 2nd vear

BS in Zoology, North Carolina State University

Faculty Mentor: Richard Gerhold Summer Project: Investigation of

Haemosporida parasites of Wild Turkeys

Career Interests: She wants to work in either BS Biology, Furman University mixed animal medicine or parasitology

research.

Alexis Tolbert

Memphis, TN • 1st year

BS Animal Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Faculty Mentor: Marc Caldwell & Samantha

Collins

Summer Project: The Impact of Three Weaning Methods on the Microbial Diversity

of the Nasopharyngeal Cavity in Beef Calves Career Interests: He would like to pursue

work in eurology and surgery.

Anastasia Towe

Jacksonville, FL • 2nd year

BS Biological Science; BA English Writing, University

of Pittsburgh

Faculty Mentor: Debra Miller

Summer Project: Investigating pathology of

Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans in

salamanders

Career Interests: She would like to work in

zoological medicine.

Alex Turner

Germantown, TN • 1st year

BS Animal Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Faculty Mentor: Richard Gerhold

Summer Project: Fecal parasites from wild

turkevs from middle TN

Career Interests: He wants to work in mixed animal practice and surgery.

Ashley Tuttle

Bethpage, TN • 1st year

BS in Agriculture-Animal Science, University of

Tennessee Martin

Faculty Mentor: Robert Donnell & Stephen

Kania

Summer Project: Malignant catarrhal fever

incidence in ruminants in Tennessee Career Interests: She wants to work in

research in food animal health

Alex Viere

Dallas, TX • 2nd year

Faculty Mentor: Andrew Cushing & Linden

Summer Project: A Retrospective Study of

Brain Disease in Non-Domestic Felids Career Interests: He would like to work in conservation, wildlife, and zoo medicine with

non-domestic felids.

Kellie Wood

Placentia. CA • 1st vear

BS Animal Science, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Faculty Mentor: Stephen Kania & David

Bemis

Summer Project: Non-immune binding of Staphylococus pseudintermedius and

Staphylococcus schleiferi to IgG of various

species

Career Interests: She wishes to work in small animal general practice or shelter medicine.

Ellis Wright

New Rochelle, NY • 1st year

BS in Biology, CUNY Queens College

Faculty Mentor: Pierre-Yves Mulon

Summer Project: The Effect of Plate to Bone

Length on Mechanical Properties Using

Locking Plate Constructs

Career Interests: He wants to either

specialize in surgery or ophthomology in

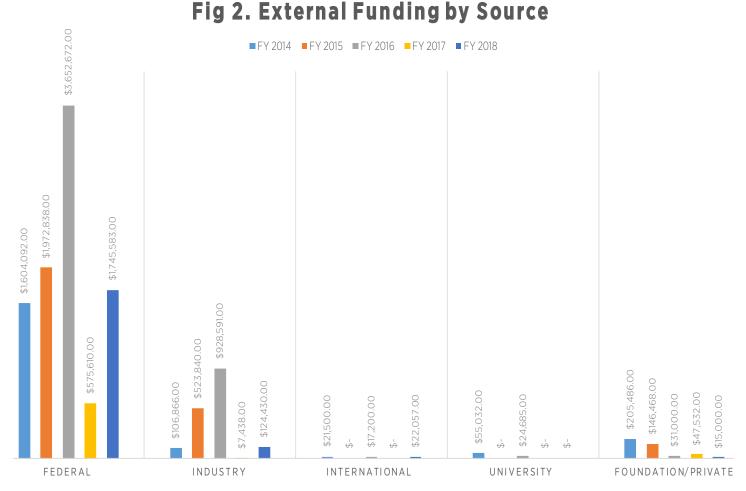
food animals.

Five-Year Benchmark Data (2014-2018)

Productivity among center faculty has been stable during the last 5-year period. From 2014-2018, center faculty have published 285 articles in peer-reviewed journals and gave 245 presentations at national and international meetings.

Total research funding was down from \$1,992,976 in 2014 to \$1,907,070 in 2018 (Fig. 2). Figure 3 shows the three top grossing external funding categories—federal, industry, and foundation and private organizations—from 2014-2018.

Expenditures per faculty member averaged \$183,085 in fiscal year 2018. Over the past 5 years, the mean expenditure amount per faculty member has been \$142,470. The 5-year average return on the state's investment in the center is 3.7, the ratio of external funding to the state's appropriation. For comparison, benchmark data from 2014-2018 are summarized in Fig 2.



Benchmark Summary (2014-2018)

Center faculty members have worked hard to maintain external funding as biomedical research support has stagnated in recent years. The 2009 economic downturn had a significant impact on federal sponsorship as available funds were directed elsewhere over this period. Our center faculty members have experienced this drop in available funds, which has been further exacerbated by increased competition for fewer dollars; this has been true for all universities.

We do have some cause for hope as the government now appears to be more willing to redirect funds to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other federal sponsors of university researchers. Importantly, the NIH has also revised some of their funding models in the last few years to help ensure a greater proportion of their dollars fund more junior investigators. The UTCVM and UTIA will continue to look for new ways to support faculty in obtaining the external sponsorships needed to grow discoveries in the center's mission areas by enhancing opportunities for collaboration, focused investment in research equipment and facilities, and continued technical grant writing assistance.

Fig 3. Top 3 Grossing External Funding Categories (Fiscal Years 2014-2018)



Future Plans: Looking Forward

The Center of Excellence in Livestock Diseases and Human Health (COE) will continue to foster research programs in 2019 through investments in facilities, equipment and faculty support.

This past year saw renewed efforts and investments to renovate and grow research at the Institute of Agriculture and College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). This includes ongoing searches designed to attract faculty with established research credentials that will sustain federal funding in the areas of infectious disease, host responses and cattle genomics. We have been successful in attracting a new faculty member to CVM with expertise and current funding in equine endocrinology. This individual joins us with a commitment to additional research and collaboration in this rather unique area of study relevant to our COE and synergistic with existing UT faculty interests. He brings with him a treasure trove of biologic samples and established ties to another important research institute that offers significant additional capacity for animal studies. The addition of new faculty focused on achieving a better understanding of infectious organisms and diseases relevant to livestock and/or human medicine will be important to both our research and educational missions in the CVM going forward. The establishment of a genomics center that will focus on health, productivity, and disease resistance in beef cattle will also have the capacity to investigate heritable traits in other species. Building on infectious disease and genomic research that addresses animal production and human health are expected to present significant collaborative opportunities for existing COE faculty and programs, and increased efforts to address critical problems as diverse as climate change and antibiotic resistance. With these new hires we will be offering research startup support packages, to include equipment needs, to accommodate their programs and help ensure their continued success. As new faculty are recruited we have also enlisted the expertise of facility administration, engineers and architects to help us plan for necessary facility renovations in laboratory and other research spaces. As these individuals and programs are established over the next year, we will be considering additional faculty hires that will either further enhance synergistic capacity in these areas or build on existing COE faculty expertise in other areas of research. Center faculty and administration are excited about the future, as we recruit new researchers and expand programs that will address current and future health concerns and increase prosperity for Tennesseans and the world.

Dr. David Anderson

PROFESSOR AND DEPARTMENT HEAD LARGE ANIMAL CLINICAL SCIENCES

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Collaborators: Dr.
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Publications: 7 in 2017

Presentations: 5 in 2017



Polymers to Alleviate Pain Post-Surgery

An intestinal anastomosis is a surgical procedure, where an injured or diseased segment of the intestine is removed, and the two remaining ends of the intestine are reconnected by being sewn together. Through this procedure, the injured or diseased area is removed and proper flow of fluids is reestablished. Anastomosis is often performed on animals suffering from a twisted bowel, an obstructed intestinal flow, or a strangulated bowel. These intestinal issues are often life threatening if left untreated. However, complications from the surgery can also arise, including leakage, obstruction, and abscesses. There have been other techniques developed in lieu of an anastomosis procedure; however, these techniques are often extremely costly. Dr. Anderson and his team have invented a rapidly degradable polymer stent to be inserted during the surgery in order to keep costs down and to alleviate patient complications post-surgery. This polymer will enable the sewn intestine to heal, while still allowing fluids to freely pass through. Because the polymer is biodegradable, it will not have to be removed from the patient later. Dr. Anderson intends to prove the functionality of the polymer stent in order to accrue external funding for clinical trials.

Dr. Marc Caldwell

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR LARGE ANIMAL CLINICAL SCIENCES



About Dr. Caldwell

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Agriculture (USDA) and
BioMerieux Hormone in
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Collaborators: Drs. Ky G. Pohler and Andrea S. Lear

Publications: 2 in 2017

Presentations: 2 in 2017

Zapping Out Zika

Deginning in 2016, the Zika virus began ravaging the United States, with at least one positive Zika virus case in all fifty states except Alaska. Of the 1,432 pregnant women infected with Zika, 58 infants developed birth defects after birth; moreover, 7 pregnancies were lost due to birth defects. Zika is able to affect a developing fetus by creating placental inflammation, which inhibits nutrient exchanges between mother and fetus, and by damaging fetal tissues. In order to understand the complications of this virus, animal models are essential, especially in observing the maternal-fetal infection. However, the only animal models currently in use are mice and non-human primates, which are difficult to use and are costly. Dr. Caldwell and his team are using sheep as an animal model to replicate the maternal-fetal Zika infection. He intends to inoculate the pregnant sheep with Zika virus and observe how the virus affects the fetus. Because of the severity of the disease and risk to US citizens, Congress approved 1.1 billion in funding for research investigating the Zika virus. Dr. Caldwell and his team intend to use their findings to garner external funding through the National Institutes of Health or the Center for Disease Control.

Dr. Maria Cekanova

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Publications: 1 in 2017

Presentations: 3 in 2017



A Collaboration to Curtail Bladder Cancer

he American Cancer Society has named bladder cancer as the fourth most common cancer among men in the United States. An estimated 77,000 new cases of bladder cancer are expected to be diagnosed, with 16,000 of those diagnosed dying from the disease. In order to increase the survival rate, early detection is essential. Bladder cancer can be diagnosed using two methods: undergoing a cytological examination of the cells through a urine sample or by using white light during cystoscopy to observe the bladder wall. Although these diagnostic techniques are somewhat effective, they are unable to detect the early stages of bladder cancer. Because 70-80% of non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer patients will develop cancer recurrence, it is pivotal that the cancer can be seen and fought in the early stages. Therefore, Dr. Cekanova and her team are working to increase the sensitivity of cystoscopy by improving the uptake of optical probes used to visualize the bladder wall and spot tumors. Working in collaboration with Vanderbilt University, Dr. Cekanova, with the help of Dr. Jashim Uddin, has been able to uncover the J1001 compound, an anti-cancer imaging agent, to use in cystoscopy to uncover potential cancer recurrence. In the past, Dr. Cekanova has successfully been able to acquire funding through the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She intends to use the preliminary data obtained through the funds provided by Center of Excellence to procure a NIH grant.

Dr. Mei-Zhen Cui

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Presentations: 3 in 2017

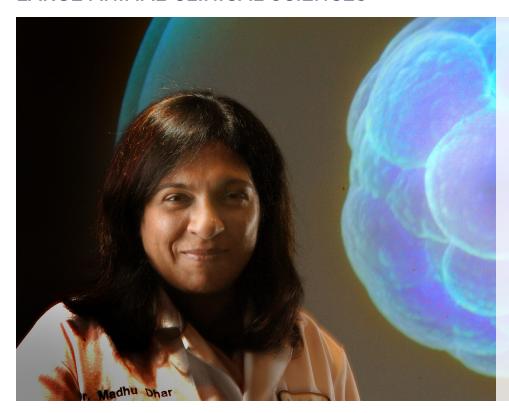


Annialating Atherosclerosis

n fiscal year 2017, Dr. Cui was able to obtain a grant from the National Institutes of Health based on her work, highlighting how Lysophosphatidic acid (LPA) alters the responses in smooth muscle cells. She has taken her work further by identifying specific LPA receptors and exploring LPA-induced signaling pathways in order to identity ways to treat atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis develops by accumulating modified lipoproteins in the arterial wall, thus forming foam cells, or lipid-laded macrophages. Dr. Cui and her team have uncovered that LPA prevents bone marrow macrophage migration in mice models. This is significant because macrophage retention in vascular plaques worsen atherosclerotic lesions. Dr. Cui believes that LPA triggers different pathways, which prevent macrophage migration. Ultimately, Dr. Cui intends to use the findings in this current study to submit a new grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Madhu Dhar

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LARGE ANIMAL CLINICAL SCIENCES



About Dr. Dhar

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Publications: 2 in 2017

Presentations: 4 in 2017

Creating Bones from Bioprinters

D technology has exploded in the arena of bone regeneration, with the creation of biodegradable scaffolds infused with mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs). Conventional methods of using 3D technology for bone regeneration implant a combination of MSCs and osteoinductive and osteoconductive scaffolds. However, these techniques fail to account for the complex shapes of the skeletal structure and to address cell adhesion, migration, proliferation, and vascularization. Dr. Dhar and her team, in collaboration with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, have developed a specific type of 3D bioprinting, which deposits living cells and biomaterials together to control the modeling of the scaffold. By combining the cells and biomaterials, it allows the scaffold to mirror the shape of the skeletal structure and, thus, securely attach to the injured or damaged bone. Ultimately, Dr. Dhar hopes her research will be incorporated in both veterinary and human medical clinics. She will use the data obtained from the Center of Eexcellence funding as preliminary funding for a National Institutes of Health grant proposal.

Dr. Stephen Kania

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Boehringer, and
Egyptian Cultural &
Education Bureau

Collaborators: Dr. David

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Publications: 9 in 2017

Presentations: 4 in 2017

Preventing Canine Pyoderma

Many dogs are infected with Staphylococcus pseudintermedius (*S. pseudintermedius*), which is the primary cause of pyoderma, a painful infection that creates lesions and pustules on the skin and can cause hair loss. Unfortunately, *S. pseudintermedius* is difficult to treat because of its resistance to many antimicrobial drugs. In fact, approximately 30% of *S. pseudintermedius* cases tested in the lab were resistant to antimicrobial drugs. To combat this problem, Dr. Kania is creating a new vaccine, combining non-toxic properties found within the virus, such as *S. pseudintermedius* Protein A, staphylococcal immunoglobulin binding protein, adenosine synthase A, coagulase, and leukotoxin S. The vaccine stimulates the canine immune system with pathogen associated molecular patterns, elicits antibodies against *S. pseudintermedius*, and fights off the toxic and immunosuppresive effects of the virus. The proteins within the vaccine have been tested for toxicity to canine B cells. This is a huge step towards alleviating an infected dog's pain and suffering due to pyoderma.

Dr. Oudessa Kerro Dego

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ANIMAL SCIENCES



About Dr. Kerro Dego

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Collaborators: Drs.
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Publications: 4 in 2017

Presentations: 7 in 2017

Outsmarting Antibiotic Resistance

n a 2007 United States Department of Agriculture study, investigators found that 80% of dairy cow farms regularly treated their cows with antibiotics. Although antibiotics are important for treating illnesses in cows, specifically mastitis, these drugs can lead to antibiotic resistance. Specific pathogens, like E. coli, Salmonella, enterococci, and staphylococcus, are potential threats to both animal and human welfare if they become resistant to antibiotics. Dr. Kerro Dego and his team are examining area dairy farms, looking for evidence of antibiotic resistance. In his research, Dr. Kerro Dego collected samples from six conventional dairy farms and three organic dairy farms. He intends to use his preliminary findings to procure a grant from either of the following sources: the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health, or the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Pierre-Yves Mulon

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Book Chapters: 2 in

2017

Presentations: 4 in 2017

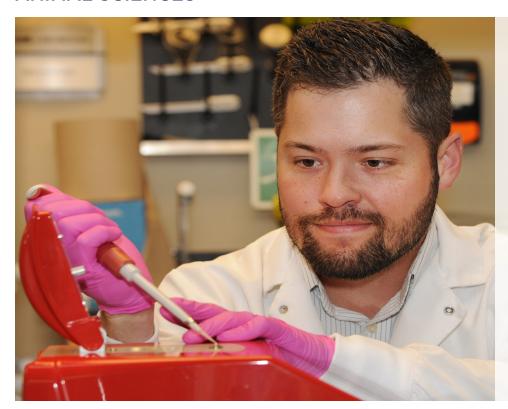


Building Strong Bone Implants

After receiving orthopedic surgery, it is imperative that any biomedical implants inserted into the patient are sufficiently integrated into the surrounding bone structure. However, the weakest point for bone-implant interface is osseointegration. Osseointegration causes the loosening of the orthopedic implants and creates significant pain for the patient. It can also require the surgery to be reversed, adding undo stress on the patient. If osseointegration can be strengthened, it would improve the likelihood of sufficient implant integration and enable proper patient healing. Dr. Mulon and his team are examining ways to strengthen the bone-implant interface, specifically looking at graphene as a bonding agent. Graphene is a monolayer of carbon atoms in a compact honeycomb pattern. This design would ultimately strengthen the bond between the implant and bone. Dr. Mulon hopes to use these preliminary studies funded by the Center of Excellence to submit biomaterial grants to multiple federal funding agencies. In addition, he hopes that the incorporation of graphene will lower the costs of orthopedic surgeries and enhance the post-surgery comfort for patients.

Dr. Phillip Myer

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Collaborators: Drs.
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Publications: 4 in 2017

Feeding Clover to Counteract Fescue Toxicosis

Tall fescue is a foraging plant utilized on beef cattle pastures throughout the state of Tennessee. It is found on more than 3.5 million acres in Tennessee. Although fescue offers great nutritional value for beef cattle, it is also susceptible to a fungus, *Epichloë coenophiala*, which can lead to fescue toxicosis in cattle. Symptoms of fescue toxicosis include decreased weight gain, decreased reproductive ability, and decreased ability to tolerate heat. Because the illness causes a decrease in cattle productivity, it costs cattle producers over \$2 billion in profit each year. Currently, there has been significant research on the reaction of the fungus on cattle and the symptoms. However, there is a lack of research on the treatment of fescue toxicosis, especially the use of clover and other isoflavones to counteract the symptoms of the illness. Dr. Myer and his team are examining how the red clover interacts and counteracts with the side effects of fescue toxicosis. Dr. Myer has already established a working relationship with PharmaCare Laboratories, Inc. and intends to use this findings to garner future funding from this organization.

Dr. Naveen Rajasagi

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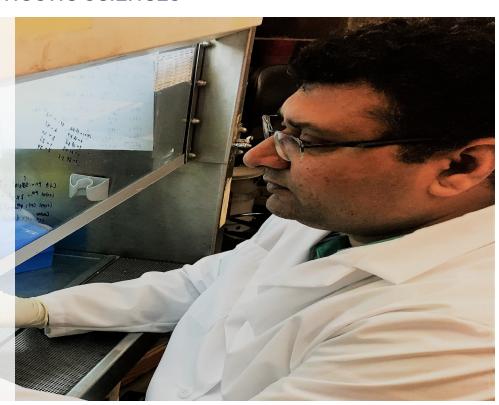
PhD | Louisiana State University

Supported by: National Institutes of Health

Collaborators: Dr. Barry

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Publications: 2 in 2017



Hope for Adults Suffering with Herpes

n the United States, more than 50% of adults have experienced infection from the herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV-1). Although many infected individuals do not have symptoms, others experience lesions in the skin, eye, and, in rare cases, the brain, which can be life threatening. Because there is no vaccine for HSV-1, researchers have uncovered other elements to help block the infection. Dr. Rajasagi and his team are evaluating the importance of glucose in mediating CD8 T cell defenses against HSV-1. CD8 cells acquire energy from glucose. Therefore, combating this disease requires a hard look at glucose metabolism. Dr. Rajasagi intends to use the findings to submit a R21 grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Brian Whitlock

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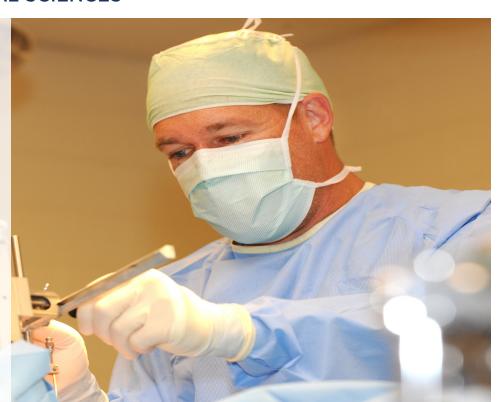
DVM, PhD | Auburn University

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Publications: 6 in 2017



Kissing Infertility Goodbye

nfertility is often a challenge for both humans and animals. In regards to food animals, infertility has a severe economic impact for both producers and consumers, which threatens global food security. Kisspeptin and its receptor, Kiss1R, are critical components for reproduction in fish, birds, and mammals. Kisspeptin resides in the hypothalamus, and it contributes to the release of follicle stimulating hormones that contribute to reproduction. Dr. Whitlock and his team believe there may be stressors, such as heat, inflammation, or metabolic stress, contributing to a decline in kisspeptin. Furthermore, Dr. Whitlock believes kisspeptin is reduced due to an increase of heat stress proteins. By utilizing a mouse model, the team can simulate conditions triggering stress in the hypothalamus and observe the reaction to kisspeptin. In the future, Dr. Whitlock intends to use the data collected with the help of the Center of Excellence funding and submit a grant to the United States Department of Agriculture to further his research.

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David Anderson	Multiscale technology for rapid, enhanced bone regeneration	US Department of Defense	7/1/17- 6/30/18	\$462,563	\$681,704
	Supporting Early Career Veterinarians in Rural Practice in Tennessee	USDA NIFA	7/1/17- 6/30/18	\$14,600	\$3,077
Marc Caldwell	The Impact of Three Weaning Methods on the Microbial Diversity of the Nasopharyngeal Cavity in Beef Calves	USDA Animal Health	7/1/17- 6/30/18	\$0	\$10,611
	Validation of VIDAS® Anti-Müllerian Hormone Assay in Cattle	BioMerieux	6/4/18- 6/3/19	\$0	\$0
Maria	Detection of COX-2-expressing bladder cancer by fluorocoxib A	National Institutes of Health	8/11/14- 7/31/18	\$91,126	\$61,744
Cekanova	Grading Mast Cell Tumors	AB Science	8/1/14- 12/31/18	\$13,612	\$8,399
Mei-Zhen Cui	Novel mechanism mediating LPA-induced smooth muscle cell and vascular responses	National Institutes of Health	7/1/17- 3/31/18	\$460,967	\$190,175
Mei-Zhen Cui	Pathogenic role of the novel mitochondrial apoptotic protein PSAP in ALS	National Institutes of Health	9/1/16- 3/31/18	\$183,750	\$116,885
	2018 Boehringer Veterinary Scholars Research Program	Boehringer	5/1/18- 4/30/19	\$5,000	\$1,890
	UTCEM graduate student sponsorship	Egyptian Cultural & Educational Bureau	7/29/15- 7/28/19	\$22,057	\$21,703
Stephen Kania	Development of a live animal serological ELISA assay for detection and surveillance of Parelaphostrongylus tenuis in cervids	Tufts University	3/15/16- 12/31/18	\$0	\$1,833
	Immune response to parasite vaccine	East Tennessee Clinical Research	4/1/16- 6/30/18	\$0	\$17,366
	Development of a live animal serological ELISA assay for detection and surveillance of Psoroptes mites in elk	Pennsylvania Game Commission	8/1/16- 7/31/18	\$0	\$805

Investigator	Project Title	Funding Agency	Project Period	2018 Receipts	2018 Expenditures		
Stephen Kania	Clinical Trial of Virulence Factor Vaccine for Staphylococcus pseudintermedius Canine Pyoderma	Univeristy of Tennessee 1/2/18-Research 10/6/18 Foundation		\$15,000	\$6,144		
Pierre-Yves Mulon	Site Savo Break away device	Lineus	7/1/17- 6/30/18	\$3,169	\$3,846		
	Intake and in-field stability of monensin-containing 20 RU pressed tubs (BGT6882) fed to stocker cattle grazing summer pastures	ADM Alliance Nutrition	9/7/16- 3/6/17	\$0	\$5,267		
Phillip Myer	Evaluation of ruminal bacterial and protozoal populations from steers differing in residual feed intake	Ascus Biosciences, Inc.	7/25/16- 7/14/18	\$0	\$121		
	Effects of native rumen microorganism supplementation on acidosis tolerance of Heifers	Ascus Biosciences, Inc.	11/29/17- 11/28/18	\$102,649	\$22,622		
	Effects of native rumen microorganism supplementation on acidosis tolerance of Heifers	Ascus Biosciences, Inc.	11/29/17- 11/28/18	\$0	\$44,500		
	Effects of native rumen microorganism supplementation on acidosis tolerance of Heifers	Ascus Biosciences, Inc.	11/29/17- 11/28/18	\$0	\$7,516		
Naveen Rjasagi	Mechanisms of Herpetic Keratitis Institute Healt		2/1/17- 12/31/20	\$448,710	\$362,610		
Brian Whitlock	Is Orosomucoid a Mechanistic Link between Inflammation and Impaired Intake During the Transition Period	USDA	7/1/17- 6/30/18	\$83,867	\$78,950		
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Actual, Proposed, and Requested Budget

	FY 2017-18 Actual		FY	2018-19 Prop	osed	
	Matching	Appropr.	Total	Matching	Appropr.	Total
Expenditures	\$188,320	\$376,639	\$564,959	\$258,025	\$516,050	\$774,075
Salaries						
Faculty			\$0			\$0
Other Professional	\$11,060	\$22,121	\$33,181	\$4,169	\$8,338	\$12,507
Clerical/ Supporting	\$36,287	\$72,575	\$108,862	\$64,461	\$128,922	\$193,383
Assistantships	\$1,424	\$2,848	\$4,272	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000
Total Salaries	\$48,772	\$97,543	\$146,315	\$72,630	\$145,260	\$217,890
Longevity (Exclude from Salaries)			\$0			\$0
Fringe Benefits	\$11,232	\$22,465	\$33,697	\$6,947	\$13,894	\$20,841
Total Personnel	\$60,004	\$120,008	\$180,012	\$79,577	\$159,154	\$238,731
Non-Personnel						
Travel	\$5,687	\$11,373	\$17,060	\$5,865	\$11,730	\$17,595
Software	\$175	\$350	\$525			\$0
Books & Journals	\$0	\$0				\$0
Other Supplies	\$80,188	\$160,375	\$240,563	\$234,466	\$468,931	\$703,397
Equipment	\$14,221	\$28,441	\$42,662	\$64,995	\$129,991	\$194,986
Maintenance	\$2,460	\$4,921	\$7,381			\$0
Scholarships	\$0	\$0				\$0
Consultants		\$0				\$0
Renovation			\$0	\$316,667	\$633,333	\$950,000
Other (Specify):						
Gas, rentals, insurance, misc	\$1,965	\$3,929	\$5,894			\$0
Prining, publications,postage	\$3,158	\$6,316	\$9,474			\$0
Contract/special services	\$17,119	\$34,239	\$51,358	\$12,237	\$24,473	\$36,710
Professional services/member- ships	\$3,343	\$6,687	\$10,030			\$0
Total Non-Personnel	\$128,316	\$256,631	\$384,947	\$634,229	\$1,268,459	\$1,902,688
GRAND TOTAL	\$188,320	\$376,639	\$564,959	\$713,806	\$1,427,613	\$2,141,419
Revenue						
New State Appropriation		\$506,284	\$506,284		\$516,050	\$516,050
Carryover State Appropriation		\$841,407	\$841,407		\$971,052	\$971,052
New Matching Funds	\$253,142		\$253,142	\$258,025		\$258,025
Carryover from Previous Matching Funds	\$420,704		\$420,704	\$485,526		\$485,526
TOTAL REVENUE	\$673,846	\$1,347,691	\$2,021,537	\$743,551	\$1,487,102	\$2,230,653

	FY 2019-20 Requested				
	Matching	Total			
Expenditures	\$300,671	\$601,342	\$902,013		
Salaries		•	•		
Faculty			\$0		
Other Professional	\$4,377	\$8,755	\$13,132		
Clerical/ Supporting	\$67,684	\$135,368	\$203,052		
Assistantships	\$4,200	\$8,400	\$12,600		
Total Salaries	\$76,262	\$152,523	\$228,785		
Longevity (Exclude from Salaries)			\$0		
Fringe Benefits	\$7,294	\$14,589	\$21,883		
Total Personnel	\$83,556	\$167,112	\$250,668		
Non-Personnel			•		
Travel	\$6,158	\$12,317	\$18,475		
Software					
Books & Journals					
Other Supplies	\$81,442	\$162,883	\$244,325		
Equipment	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000		
Maintenance					
Scholarships					
Consultants					
Renovation	\$91,667	\$183,333	\$275,000		
Other (Specify):					
Gas, rentals, insurance, misc					
Prining, publications,postage					
Contract/special services	\$12,849	\$25,697	\$38,546		
Professional services/ memberships			\$0		
Total Non-Personnel	\$217,115	\$434,230	\$651,345		
GRAND TOTAL	\$300,671	\$601,342	\$902,013		
Revenue					
New State Appropriation		\$541,851	\$541,853		
Carryover State Appropriation		\$59,489	\$59,489		
New Matching Funds	\$270,926		\$270,926		
Carryover from Previous Matching Funds	\$29,745		\$29,745		
Total Revenue	\$300,671	\$601,342	\$902,013		



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