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ANNUAL REPORT

Supporting Sleep and Circadian Researchers

MISSION:

The Sleep Research Society Foundation is committed to the growth and development of the field of sleep research through education and research funding opportunities.



\$2.5 MILLION

Supporting Sleep and Circadian Research

The Sleep Research Society Foundation (SRSF) provides support for growth and development in the field of sleep and circadian research. The SRSF was established in 2005 by the Sleep Research Society board of directors to provide support for investigators to conduct studies that would form the basis of more comprehensive applications to federal agencies, private foundations, and industry partners.

Since its inception, the SRSF has awarded more than \$2.5 million in support for research by 62 early career scientific investigators specifically for the SRSF Career Development Award, plus additional funding to recipients of various other grants and scholarships. The SRSF has helped investigators obtain NIH and other government funding through research supported by SRSF awards.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, **SAIRAM PARTHASARATHY, MD**

The Sleep Research Society Foundation (SRSF) is pleased to share good news and updates of the Foundation's activities in 2022.

The Foundation announced the tenth solicitation for the SRSF Career Development Award, receiving 24 high quality applications. This SRSF award is an important stepping-stone to the future success for many of the recipients. We are extremely grateful to the Scientific Review Committee, chaired by Mark R. Zielinski, PhD, for undertaking the review of these proposals. The review process aligned with the NIH grant review model, scoring each of the submissions for scientific merit, mentoring, environment, and research plan. The Sleep Research Society Foundation Board of Directors gratefully accepted the Committee's Report and selected 4 of these proposals to fund. All awards were on the broad topic of sleep and circadian research. The proposals selected represented a broad range of topics and approaches including:

- "Effects of Inorganic Nitrate Supplementation on Sleep Quality" by Joshua Bock, PhD
- "A Clinician Training Program to Integrate Digital Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Insomnia into Routine Psychotherapy" by Niki Gumpert, PhD
- "Airway Epithelial Circadian Rhythms in Pediatric OSA" by Weston Powell, MD, PhD
- "Developing Epigenetic Markers for Irregular Sleep Timing" by Danielle Wallace, MPH, PhD

These projects help to increase the knowledge of sleep and circadian science and change the way we think about the impact of sleep within public health. Funding for these awards would not be possible without committed pledges of support from SRS members and corporate partners through the Funding Our Future Scientists Campaign.

We are thrilled to report that since the inception of the Funding the Future Scientist's Campaign in 2017, and as the Campaign concluded in 2022, we secured \$267,249 from 93 committed SRS members and \$1,328,000 from 13 committed corporate partners, totaling \$1.5 million! Their generosity made it possible to fund 22 SRSF Career Development Award recipients between 2017 and 2022. This international fundraising initiative provided funding for the SRSF Career Development Award,

which helps early-career sleep and circadian investigators with resources to further their research and launch their careers to make significant advances in sleep and circadian science. SRS members and industry have demonstrated their unprecedented support of the SRSF. The success of the Campaign's effort would not have been possible without the leadership of Allan I. Pack MBChB, PhD, dedicated members of the National Steering Committee, and the generous support of our corporate partners and Sleep Research Society members. Although the Campaign has ended, we still need your help to continue funding the innovative research of our early-career members.

The 2022 Annual Appeal raised funds for important programs beyond the flagship SRSF Career Development Award. These programs include the SRSF Mentor-Mentee Award, the SRSF Small Research Grant, and travel awards and scholarships to specialized meetings, including the 2022 SLEEP Meeting Undergraduate Award, and the SRS Foundation's scholarship to attend the 2022 Young Investigator's Research Forum. We are happy to share that the 2022 Annual Appeal raised over \$40,000 from SRS members. Thank you for supporting these early-career investigators!

We are grateful to our corporate partners for their strong support of the SRS Foundation efforts. Over the past year alone, we have secured \$825,000 from our corporate partners that supports sleep and circadian science research by our grant awardees.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Philip Gehrman who will take over these efforts in June 2023 as the incoming President of the Sleep Research Society Foundation. It has truly been a pleasure to serve the Sleep Research Society membership. I hope that the initiatives the Sleep Research Society Foundation has implemented over the past two years will be the cornerstone for future programs that continue to advance sleep and circadian science.

The importance of these career development awards and programs for the advancement of scientific careers cannot be overstated and cannot be achieved without your support. If you have not donated to the SRS Foundation, I personally urge you to support the important work of the SRS and its Foundation. Now, enjoy the success stories told in the 2022 annual report.



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The SRSF is pleased to support these early-career investigators so they can continue to learn and grow as sleep and circadian researchers. Thank you to the many 2022 Annual Appeal donors who made this possible!



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This grant is designed to support the research of trainees and early career investigators who otherwise do not have the institutional resources to support new studies and/or do not have a sustained record of external funding. This grant provides seed funding to support research to ultimately allow individuals to successfully apply for or complete career development grants (e.g. K-awards). Annual Award: **Up to \$5,000 per award**

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AASMF Young Investigator's
Research Forum

2022 SCHOLARSHIP

The SRSF partners with the AASM Foundation to provide scholarships to attend the annual Young Investigator's Research Forum that is aimed at providing guidance, tactics, and strategies to better position young investigators for a successful career in sleep and circadian research.

Sydney Aten, PhD - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/
Harvard Medical School

Leandro Brito, PhD - Oregon Health and Science University

Ian Greenlund, PhD - Mayo Clinic



SLEEP Meeting

2022 Undergraduate Trainee Travel SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships fund undergraduates to attend SLEEP.

Amy Janis - Purdue University

Matt Gratton - University of Kansas Medical Center

Akshay Krishan - Penn State University



In 2017, the Sleep Research Society Foundation embarked on the Funding Our Future Scientists Campaign, an international fundraising initiative to raise support to fund early-career investigator awards, specifically the SRS Foundation's Career Development Award. This award is critical to launching the career of sleep and circadian researchers allowing them to make significant advances needed to understand and treat sleep disorders.

With nearly \$1.5 million promised in individual pledges and corporate support to be fulfilled over 5 years, SRS members and industry have demonstrated their unprecedented support of the Sleep Research Society Foundation and its mission.

The 5-Year Campaign Sunsets (2017-2022)

\$267,249

from 93 members

\$1,328,000

from 13 corporate partners

22

award recipients

Thank You to the Supporters of the Funding Our Future Scientists Campaign!

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Tamara Boto, PhD

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Identification of dopaminergic circuits that modulate circadian sleep and neural plasticity.



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Lauren M. Hablitz, PhD

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Beyond the SCN: a role for VIP and AVP regulation of lymphatic function.

We are confident that these early career stage investigators will increase our knowledge of sleep and circadian science and change the way we think about the impact of sleep in public health.

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- Did you have a mentor that helped you navigate your path early in your career?
- Was applying for your first grant an overwhelming experience?
- Do you think an additional \$50,000 in research funding would have helped jump-start your career?

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